



WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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WFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Because of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the WFA Board of Directors canceled the plans for their spring meeting in Lexington, VA. At the same time they voted to plan their fall meeting in October for the same location. Below is the necessary information for making plans to attend that meeting.

PLACE: Holiday Inn Express
880 N Lee Highway, Lexington, VA 24450
540-463-7351

DATES: October 21 & 22

ROOM INFO: A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of the WFA Family Association which provides the special rate of \$99.00 per night for either a king or two doubles.

Make your plans now to join the board and find out about the work being done by your organization! A good time will be had by all! We would love to have some member participation in our meeting.

More information will follow.

The WFA Board of Directors voted a couple of years ago to include some info about its various members in the upcoming newsletter editions so that members would have names and faces for their leaders. This month's BOD member is a relatively new, but exceedingly important addition to the board. He's a perfect example of someone who answered a plea for help.

ARLISS WHITESIDE

"Solver of Puzzles"



I like solving puzzles; while solving a puzzle, I am not aware of anything else. Growing up, my father shared a goodly collection of

bent wire and other mechanical puzzles. And I remember many hours helping my mother assemble jigsaw puzzles. I thus enjoyed my engineering, and am now enjoying genealogy. I also solve several SUDOKU puzzles each day.

I was born in 1933, at the height of the great depression, and grew up in Illinois, with a 6 year detour in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After college, I lived in North suburban Detroit for 23 years, where I married and our two children were born. Then we lived for 9 years in Melbourne, Florida, and 20 years in San Diego, California. To be near our daughter, we moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2009, where my wife Marion died in 2013.

I had an interesting 51 year career, ending as a Computer Systems Engineer. I earned Electrical Engineering degrees from Purdue and MIT. I first programmed a computer in 1958, a year after college. I applied computers in larger systems, mostly systems for making maps and digital map data from aerial photographs. The computer unscrambles the camera geometry and corrects for photo imperfections, to produce map data highly accurate in ground coordinates.

Don Whiteside contacted me in 1964, and I sent him some ancestor information. I became more interested in genealogy in the early 1990s, when my Aunt Verna gave me some of the data she had collected. She gave me my Whiteside grandparent's bible, which included birth, marriage, and death lists, plus some loose pages with related information. She also gave me mimeographed copies of two documents, one on our Whiteside ancestors and the other on the Alvin Potter family, which included my great-grandmother Mary Potter. (I included the data I received from Verna in a Sources document I posted on the WFA website.)

I volunteered to help with the WFA website about five years ago, in response to a call for volunteers. Bob Whiteside had managed the website for many years, but his health was declining. Although I had never worked with a website, I (correctly) assumed I could handle one, because I knew most of its Internet background. I have written a bunch of procedures of how to work with the WFA website; I hope they are useful.

This same article has appeared in several editions of the newsletter, but the same needs still exist and we NEED some individuals to step up and agree to help with some of these tasks. Since everyone has been home for a while looking for things to do, perhaps you have realized that you really do have some time to commit. PLEASE step up and give your family some help!



The vitality of the WFA depends upon volunteers to do some important tasks. There are some critical needs listed below. Please study the list and see if you can support the work in some way—they don't require huge amounts of time or attendance at meetings.

1. **DNA Manager**—work with Bill G. Whiteside to oversee the Whiteside DNA project; recruit individuals to participate in the project
2. **Website Editorial Support**—help to write articles for the website; work in cooperation with Arliss Whiteside, webmaster
3. **Assist with editing** Dan Boucher's work in preparation for placing on the website
4. **Backup treasurer** to support Jim Whiteside and cosign on the bank accounts
5. **Data entry** to create a table of contents for the states with research listed. Contact Arliss Whiteside, webmaster, for further info.

These are positions that the board has recognized, but if you have a skill set not mentioned here that you are willing to share with the organization, please contact William G Whiteside at wqwhite-side@gmail.com

RESEARCH PROJECT LIST

Remember to check the WFA website for the updated list of research projects in which members of the WFA are engaged. Not all of these are being done by the board of directors, but by many of the members. For further information contact Richard Soard at rsoard@mindspring.com.

This article came from WFA President Bill Whiteside in late April. This is a wonderful opportunity. We encourage people to take advantage.

From the UK National Archives:

We are making digital records available on our website free of charge for as long as our Kew site is closed to visitors.

Registered users will be able to order and download up to 10 items at no cost, to a maximum of 50 items over 30 days. The limits are there to try and help manage the demand for content and ensure the availability of our digital services for everyone.

THE WHITESIDE MERCHANTS OF PHILADELPHIA

These notes present not only some of the family history of family 0193 but also Whiteside involvement in the shipping industry at the time of the Revolutionary War. The principal surnames are Whiteside, Bamber, Hurry, and Morris. This research was shared with the WFA by Dan Boucher.

October 1, 1798, Eliza Ann Whiteside, the eldest daughter of William Whiteside, of Philadelphia, married Samuel Hurry. Samuel Hurry, along with William Whiteside and his brother Peter Whiteside and Robert Morris were jointly the originators of the American East Indies Company that traded directly with the Eastern Hemisphere (India and China) by the up-to-then un-attempted southern passage. The firm took rank among the first American merchants and ship owners of the day. Their fleet included the "John and Alice" the largest ship up to that time launched in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Eliza Ann (Whiteside) Hurry was a woman of great force of character, and who was a member of the family of Whiteside, of Poulton le Fylde, in Lancashire, England, where the family had long been in a position of influence. On her maternal side Mrs. (Whiteside) Hurry was descended from Dr. John Bamber. "The Bamber Estate" of ten thousand four hundred acres below Lakewood, New Jersey, is so named after Dr. Bamber. John Bamber, M.D., a native of Kent, was a surgeon and practiced as such for many years in London and realized a large fortune. On the 12th of April, 1725, he was created a doctor of medicine at Cambridge, per literas, Regias, as a member of Emmanuel College and coming again before the Censors for examination, was admitted a Candidate 18th October, 1725, and a Fellow 30th September 1726. He was Censor in 1730 and 1731; and dying November 7, 1753, was buried in Barking church, Essex.

Mrs. (Whiteside) Hurry was a handsome and dignified person and was very prominent in Philadelphia society. As a young girl she was present at the last ball given by Washington and danced with the President since she was one of his favorites. She died in New York, August 8, 1860, at the age of seventy-nine, retaining to the last the noble character traits for which she had been so conspicuous. The seven eldest children of Samuel and Eliza Anne Hurry were born in Philadelphia.

Peter Whiteside distinguished himself as a great ally to Washington and Morris. He was named financial advisor to FRANCE. Here he became friends with the Marquis De Lafayette. Don Whiteside has recorded this as family 0193. **There has been documentation that three sons of Thomas Whiteside of Lancashire came to Philadelphia about 1665-1700. They were John, James, and William. A younger brother Peter joined them later. These brothers were in some degree cousins of William Penn.**