

Whiteside Family Association

The newsletter for "those of Whiteside" – family, researchers, and friends

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The stone circle at Castlerigg is situated near Keswick in Cumbria, North West England. One of around 1,300 stone circles in the British Isles and Brittany, it was constructed as a part of a megalithic tradition that lasted from 3,300 to 900 BC, during the Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Ages. It is situated near the mountain peaks of Whiteside and Helvellyn. Photo courtesy of Davis and Jean Whiteside Lancashire.

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About the WFA

We are a non-commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers. Annual membership of \$10.00 US or equivalent allows access to the extensive Member's Research section of our website.

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Greetings from the WFA

Research is alive and well at the WFA and exciting discoveries are happening regularly. Please read our more detailed "Message from the Board" on page 3. Nancy Torphy also details on page 5 in this issue how she arrived at the identification of a photograph of her ancestor, Samuel Hayes Whiteside of Virginia and Ohio.

Make your plans now to join the WFA in Lexington, VA on October 20. Come prepared to "pick other people's brains"! Bring your research problems and share with all the Whiteside "cousins".

Many heads and hands make light work!

WHERE: Holiday Inn Express
880 North Lee Hwy, Lexington, VA 21742
WHEN: Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Business meeting begins at 10:00 AM
Research roundtable will follow the business meeting

Call the hotel directly at 540-463-7351 for reservations; request the Whiteside Family room block at the price of \$109.99/night plus tax. See you there!

William G. Whiteside
President (outgoing), Board of Directors



In Future Issues

Recap of the October WFA meeting in Lexington, Virginia

A Whiteside Family Heirloom by William G. Whiteside

Whiteside Origins from County Tyrone

Volunteer Opportunities - Research Queries

The Whiteside Family Association Foundation Fund has been established for supporting the work of the Association. There is no required minimum contribution: we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Treasurer to make a donation to this fund.

Board of Directors

Meeting Overview

The two main pillars of the WFA are the origin of "those of Whiteside" and our connection to each other. The Board discussions revolve around these two points and how we can add new information to our current understanding. A brief article in this newsletter summarizes that between the years 1230 and 1291 there is documentation that numerous Whitesides were residing in Warwickshire, Cambridgeshire and Hampshire, England. This information is presented in further detail in Publication #40 on the website.

The Board also decided at a recent meeting that in order to further our research into our origins, we will be sponsoring a couple of FTDNA DNA kits for research purposes. Through the identification of new terminal SNPs we may be able to find more explicit ancestry back in time. There are several studies underway to show how various family numbers are indeed part of the same family. Although this is ongoing work, we will report on results on the website as they become available. An example of this is the collaboration between Arliss, Graham, and Ozzie on families 0193 and 2800. Another example, and a more recent undertaking, is that we have been communicating with a genealogist-historian who lives in Tyrone, Ireland. His research entitled "The Family of John Whiteside of "Flower Hill," Gortin, County Tyrone (c1739-1823)" will be uploaded to the website. This family descends from Thomas Whiteside, born 1545, in family 2000. The tree shows Lawrence, Peter, Ellen and also the Whiteside-Whitsitt connection. The pictures of grave markers, houses and maps are most informative. We are indebted to Jonathon Gray of Castlecaufield, Tyrone for his informative research.



Board Meeting Minutes

Nancy Torphy, Secretary

A meeting of the WFA Board of Directors took place June 24, 2021 via Zoom and was called to order at 9 AM Eastern. Present: Barbara Olson, Richard Soard, Nancy Torphy, Rachel Trousdale, Arliss Whiteside, Jim Whiteside, Bill G Whiteside, Paul (Chip) Whitesides. Reports were taken for Newsletter, Communications (blog and emails), Research, Website & Social Media, Membership & Finance, and DNA. Full meeting minutes are available on the WFA website at whitesideancestry.org/about-wfa/meeting-minutes. Plans continue for the October in-person meeting in Lexington, Virginia. Chip Whitesides will be setting up the agenda for this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Research Queries

ISO proof of children of William Montgomery & Rebecca Whiteside, dau. Moses, m. 1784 Rockbridge Co. VA. Wm in Rockbridge Co. to 1810 C., Botetourt 1820 C. on, d. p. 1840 C. Contact Rachel rmtizz@gmail.com

ISO DR "Polly Arthur" (Arter, Artur?) p. 1850 C. in Botetourt Co. VA, b. ca. 1780 in VA. Contact Rachel rmtizz@gmail.com

WFA members can submit research queries to the Newsletter Editor. Subject to editing for length and clarity.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the lifeline of any group. The WFA is in search of volunteers who might be interested in the following commitments:

- Website assistance
- Potential research project: "Whiteside Women"
- Facebook group co-moderator

Please contact Jim Whiteside, Membership if you are interested in these projects or any others.

Whitesides Here & There

Excerpted from *The Caledonian Mercury*
Edinburgh, Scotland
22 Jan 1862

SKETCHES OF BRITISH STATESMEN No. VIII MR. WHITESIDE

The Right Honorable James Whiteside, M.P., LL.D., is an Irishman, not merely by birth, but in feature, form, speech, and character --- in short, from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot, from core to skin, in body and mind, essentially an Irishman.

[...] HIS ORIGIN AND CAREER

Mr. Whiteside was born at Delgany in 1806. He is the son of the Rev. William Whiteside, a Protestant clergyman, and brother to Dr. Rev. Whiteside, the vicar of Scarborough in Yorkshire, a fine portly man, who is often seen in the lobby of the House under the gallery. Mr. Whiteside is then in his 55th year. He was educated at Dublin University, where he graduated M.A. with honours. He also obtained premiums in the first law class which was formed in the University of London. He was called to the Irish bar in 1830, and is now a Queen's Counsellor

This anonymous biography of M.P. Whiteside continues for two more columns, describing his celebrated court cases and his entry to Parliament in 1851 from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

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I think "being called to the Irish bar" might mean something else nowadays....
-Ed.

The Geographic Origin of the Whiteside(s) Family

by William G. Whiteside
based on original research by Don Whiteside

The earliest references to the family in England were in the southern counties. Unfortunately, there is a gap of nearly 200 years before Parish Registers became common and 500 years before the Civil Registers began. Any genealogical connection between these early listed Whitesides and those listed in later sources and in Lancashire is now lost.

The following Whiteside names and dates were found in English records dating to the 1200s.

1230 Robert Wyteside – listed in the Pipe Rolls, Warwickshire

1250 John Witside – listed in the Book of Fees, Hampshire

1273 Richard Whiteside (as Ricardus Blawnc-Coste) – listed in the *Routuli Hundredorum* (The Hundred Rolls) in Cambridgeshire.

1274 Jhon Whytsyde – listed in Hundred Rolls, Cambridgeshire, as a taxpayer on land he owns.

1274 Richard Whyteside – listed in Hundred Rolls, Cambridgeshire, as a taxpayer on land he owns.

1289 Robarte Whytside – fined in a lawsuit in the Fine Rolls of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambridgeshire.

1291 Richard De Whiteside – listed as one of those taxed, in the Close Rolls, Cambridgeshire.

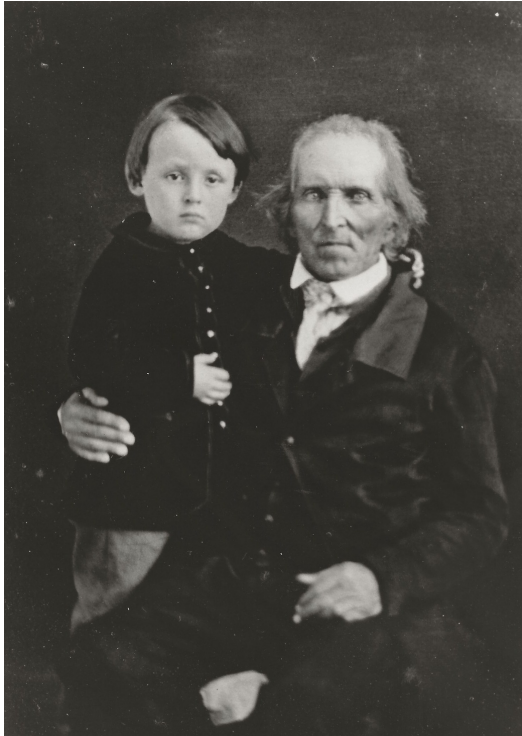
1306 William Whiteside – murdered at Dunstable (?), Bedfordshire, by Joan, wife of Robert de Lasseles.



Leap of Faith Genealogy

by Nancy Torphy

Editorial note: Samuel H. Whiteside is a member of WFA Family #1015.



Black and white photograph taken from a negative made from a daguerreotype; exact date and place unconfirmed; from the personal collection of Nancy Torphy, Milwaukee, Wis.

This image is possibly of Samuel Hayes Whiteside, taken in Cincinnati, Ohio, sometime before his death in 1851. The child is possibly Amandus Silsby, Whiteside's grandson. He certainly looks to be about 5 years of age, having grown out of a stocky toddler's body but still retaining the soft face and round cheeks of a very young child. The boy wears a type of jacket known as a "roundabout," a close-fitting waist-length jacket with a round neck, buttoned from neck to waist, that became popular boys' attire in the late 1840s and the turn of the 1850s. The elderly man wears a black, loose-fitting single-breasted frock coat, with the shortened lapels of the late 1840s. For neckwear, he wears a modestly sized, soft, white stock, tucked into his vest front. This fashion seems to evoke more the 1820s and 1830s than the 1840s,

but as an elderly gentleman, he shall be given the pleasure to dress, as many older folks might, in a slightly old-fashioned style.³ If he learned to tie his own stock 20 years ago, he might still be tying it that way today...

There are times in the course of really knotty genealogical questions when one must stop overthinking the problem and simply make a leap of faith. This is one of those times.

The photograph shown above was discovered in a wooden travel or keepsake box which was in the possession of Anna Stewart Whiteside, wife of Samuel Hayes Whiteside, at the time of her death. Samuel was the son of Moses Whiteside and his wife Margaret Hayes Whiteside. The Whiteside family lived in Rockbridge County, Virginia and Samuel was born there on January 16, 1780. Samuel married Anna Stewart of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania on September 27, 1811 and following their marriage, the couple moved on to Cincinnati and settled there. Five children, 4 sons and 1 daughter, were born to them in Cincinnati.

Their daughter, Amanda Melvina Whiteside, was married to John Silsby in Cincinnati on March 20, 1844. The couple's only child, son Amandus, was born on June 26, 1845 and tragically for the entire family, Amanda died a short while later on July 18.

Samuel Hayes Whiteside died on October 20, 1851 and is buried, like Amanda Whiteside Silsby, in Wesleyan Cemetery in Cincinnati.⁴ His will expresses clearly his affection for young Amandus Silsby, instructing his widow, Anna S. Whiteside, to pay out all fees and expenses for Amandus' future tuition to the Farmer's College in Hamilton County, Ohio.⁵ But these future plans were not to come to fruition. John Silsby, Amandus' father, remarried in 1848 to Sarah M. Cook,⁶ and with his new family moved on and eventually settled in Wisconsin. The 1860 Census records John and Sarah Silsby family -- with Amandus, age 15, and children Edwin, Sarah, and John ages 8, 4, and 2 -- in Buena Vista, Wisconsin. Samuel's widow, with the family of her son, Addison Hayes Whiteside, moved on to Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois. Anna died there on New Year's Day 1865,⁷ and is buried in the Onarga Cemetery along with many other Whitesides.

The relationship between the two families, that of John Silsby in Wisconsin and Anna Stewart Whiteside in Illinois, did continue to be strong despite the distance -- evidenced by the letters from Amandus which were also found in the box in Anna's possession.

In July of 1862, Amandus enlisted in the 24th Wisconsin Infantry, just barely past his 18th birthday. He attained the rank of sergeant and served until July 30, 1864 when he died as the result of wounds he received at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in the Atlanta Campaign. Amandus' regiment, the 24th Wis. Inf., was engaged at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia on the 22nd of July, and ordered up to the line of skirmish. "Owing to some misunderstanding, the line on their left did not advance, thus exposing the regiment to an enfilading fire which compelled them to withdraw[.]"⁸ Amandus is buried in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the National Cemetery.⁹

Anna Stewart Whiteside passed away only a few months after Amandus' untimely and without a doubt tragic death on the battlefield, and she kept letters from him in a wooden case inscribed on the lid "A. M. Whiteside Chest 1834" along with this daguerreotype,¹⁰ like a shrine of grief for a young life cut short; and given that Anna's husband, Samuel Hayes Whiteside, clearly felt deeply for his young grandson, as indicated by the inclusions in Samuel's 1851 will; then it seems likely that this charming portrait, of an elderly man in a sensible frock coat and old-fashioned tie and a young boy of about 5 or 6 years of age, is of Anna's deceased husband Samuel Hayes Whiteside and their grandson Amandus Silsby.

Endnotes

1. Joan L. Severa, *Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion, 1840-1900* (Kent State Univ. Press, 1995), pp. 23-24. See also the roundabout jackets -- albeit on older boys -- in the plates on pages 66 and 67. The young boy in the plate which is the subject of this piece is not old enough to wear the soft neckties seen on the older boys.
2. Compare the elderly gentleman here with the extremely fashionable gentleman at the middle of the trio on page 57 of *Dressed for the Photographer*: "a frock coat with a notched velvet collar, as usual buttoned only at the top, and sporting the very large buttons typical of the forties. The dark silk vest, which shows slightly, has small brass or gilt buttons."
3. See, for example, almost any gentleman's portrait by Gilbert Stuart, particularly his portraits of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe from the early 1820s, or his portrait of John Adams from 1826.
4. Amanda M. Silsby, *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50987510>) and Samuel H. Whitesides [sic], *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/124175355>).
5. "Ohio, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1786-1998," Hamilton > Wills, Vol 9-10, 1860-1884 > img 440 (Ancestry).
6. Silsby-Cook, FHL Film # 004254599, "Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2016," Franklin County, Marriage index and records 1846-1852 vol 5, img 78 (FamilySearch).
7. "U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970," Illinois > Onarga > First Presbyterian Church > Baptisms, Births, Marriages, Deaths > 1860-1895 > img 221 (Ancestry).
8. E. B. Quiner, *Military History of Wisconsin* (Chicago: Clarke & co., 1866), pp. 730-31. Wisconsin Historical Society digital collection "Wisconsin in the Civil War," <https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/>.
9. "U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," S > Silikovitz, Isadore Jack - Simermeyer, Harry J > img 185 (Ancestry). Note the death dates which are in disagreement with each other: July 30 in early written sources and August 31 on the headstone and in the interment control forms. The Union Army had established field hospitals at Chattanooga, about 100 miles from the battlefield at Kennesaw, after the Battle of Chickamauga the previous year. The August date on Amandus' headstone may be a re-interment date following a hasty late-July burial, or may be nothing more than a bookkeeping (and engraving) error. Quiner's history of Wisconsin military, having been compiled only 2 years after the fact in 1866, is likely the more reliable date for Amandus Silsby's death.
10. Wooden case, c. 1830s, American, in the possession of Nancy Torphy, Milwaukee, Wis.