



# Whiteside Family Association

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

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Colne Lancashire, England, past and present home of several Whiteside families. Settlement in the area can be traced back to the Stone Age. A Mesolithic camp site, a Bronze Age burial site, and stone tools from the Bronze and Stone Ages have been discovered at nearby Trawden. There are also remains of an Iron Age fort from the 6th c. BC above Colne at Castercliff. From the early 6th c. to the late 10th c., Colne came under Northumbrian and then Viking rule, finally coming firmly under Norman control in the 11th c. Then, from the 1090s until 1311, the area was controlled by the de Lacy's of Pontefract from their outpost at Clitheroe Castle.

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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.

The Association is led by a President and a Board of Directors:

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## Greetings from the WFA

Many thanks to William G. Whiteside for revitalizing the WFA. After giving many years of service to the WFA as its President, Bill has moved to full-time management of the Whitesides DNA project with FTDNA. It is hopeful that Bill's work will help fill many of the gaps and solve many questions about our family connections. As more Whiteside descendants connect their DNA to the DNA Project, the picture of those connections should become clearer. Please contact Bill with any questions you might have regarding the benefits and technical aspects of DNA testing.

Personally, I have learned so much from Bill and I am sure I will continue to learn much more from his efforts.

Unfortunately, due to the lingering pandemic, the Board of Directors elected to not meet in person in Lexington, VA this past October. We did, however, hold a productive Zoom meeting instead, the minutes of which are available on the WFA website. Highlights of the meeting included a membership report from Jim Whiteside relating that although our membership numbers are down a bit over the past two years, we remain financially solid. Research Director Richard Soard's report was quite positive, showing active research being undertaken by multiple WFA Members. Please see his report in the minutes, on the Website, and some highlights later in this newsletter

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## In Future Issues

*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.

## President's Message

*(continued)*

Newsletter editor Rachel Trousdale was unable to attend the virtual meeting, but continues to work hard producing our Quarterly Newsletter. This newsletter contains information valuable to all.

Arliss Whiteside, our webmaster, reported that the website is secure and a WFA blog has been added to provide more frequent news to the Membership. Arliss is also busy making connections with various Whiteside families. As mentioned above, Bill G. continues to manage the Whiteside DNA project.

The Board also discussed reviewing our bylaws and bringing them up to date in the near future. Any changes or amendments to the bylaws will need to be approved by the WFA membership as a whole.

Finally, in line with the mission of the WFA, Nancy Torphy and Barbara Olson are planning to do some Zoom seminars aimed at facilitating research on our Whiteside Family and its connections. This will be a very important project.

In summary, the Association is busy on many levels and as always, new members and volunteers are welcome.

Watch the next newsletter for information on our next membership meeting this spring. Hopefully we will get together in person!

Cheers,  
Paul "Chip" Whitesides



## Board Meeting Notes

*by Nancy Torphy, Secretary*

A meeting of the WFA Board of Directors took place October 20, 2021 via Zoom and was called to order at 9 AM Eastern. It was decided at this meeting to make meeting minutes available to only Life and currently-active Annual members. Please contact the Membership Director to be sure that your membership account and contact information are up to date. **THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR LIFE MEMBERS!** Please log in to the website and update your profile as needed.



## Research Queries

ISO proof of children of **William MONTGOMERY & REBECCA WHITESIDE**, dau. **MOSES**, m. 1784 Rockbridge Co. VA. William in Rockbridge Co. until 1810 Census, Botetourt 1820 Census on, d. p. 1840. Contact Rachel rmtizz@gmail.com

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

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

## New WFA Members

*by Jim Whiteside, Membership*

A hearty welcome to the following new members:

Paula O., Texas, Family # 7500

Joseph W., Pennsylvania, Family # 5800

## Whitesides Here & There

Excerpted from *The Newton Enterprise*  
Newton, North Carolina  
23 Feb 1888

### NEWTON CONGRATULATED

I would congratulate the citizens of Newton and Catawba county upon their good fortune in having Dr. **J. C. Whiteside** locate among them, that they may avail themselves of his professional services. The doctor came to Bridgewater twelve years ago quite a young man and commenced the practice of medicine. He afterwards graduated at the University of Maryland and took a post graduate course of three months in the city of New York[...]. As a man the doctor is sober and upright and a christian. He built up a very large practice and practiced his profession among us for twelve years with wonderful success, which has rendered him very dear as a friend and a physician.

To show with what reluctance the people give him up, I quote from a letter received today. "I write this to enquire if doctor Whiteside is still at Bridgewater. When I saw him last he spoke of going to Newton. If the doctor is gone I feel as if the people in my neighborhood were almost ruined." This letter was from a citizen 14 miles away, north of Morganton. To all who may need the doctor's professional services I would say that you may safely entrust your case in his hands feeling that you are in the hands of a physician who is a sober christian man, a thorough graduate and fully posted in all new discoveries pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery, and that all will be done for you that medical science can do.

Respectfully, T. A. Seals  
Bridgewater N.C., Feb. 13 1888

## 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.



from *The Hickory Press*, Hickory N.C.  
22 Nov 1888

Married, on the eve of November 21, at the house of the bride's father, Miss **E. C. Geitner**, of Hickory, to Dr. **J. C. Whiteside**, of Newton. The relatives only were present.



# Research Project List Update

by Richard H. Soard, Director of Research

The WFA website contains an enormous amount of information compiled over decades of research by Don Whiteside (DW) and countless other WFA members. It includes publications, genealogies, documents, family tree charts, and much more which have been extremely helpful to those studying the Whiteside surname. We believe it is the largest single repository of Whiteside information anywhere...but it doesn't reflect the ongoing research today by many dedicated, active members.

The WFA publishes a list of current research called the "Research Project List (RPL)" which is also available to the membership on the WFA website (<https://www.whitesideancestry.org/>) and the WFA Google Group (whiteside-family-association@googlegroups.com). The list identifies each project, its objective, researcher(s), and the WFA family number of the research leader(s). The list is updated following each semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting.

One month prior to Board of Directors meetings, I send the Research Project List (RPL) to the WFA Google Group with a request for updates or additions. Responses had been poor the last nine iterations, so I suggested to the Group membership that the RPL would be discontinued due if there was not sufficient interest.

Happily, the membership indicated that they want the RPL to continue! I received 10 responses compared to just a few responses on each of the previous nine requests. Here are some of the responses from active researchers:

1. Rhonda McMillan Kemp -- Family # 0958. Added more information on **ABSALOM WHITSETT**. **ABSALOM WHITSETT** was one of the earliest settlers in Middle Tennessee along with his **McADAMS** cousins from Orange Co., NC. He was born c 1770 and died 1814 during War of 1812. Married **Elizabeth KIDD** and had 2 sons, **JAMES** and **ABSALOM JR**. Absalom's descendants remained in Lincoln/Bedford/Marshall Counties in Tennessee, where many still live.

(*Absalom cont.*) In addition to his connection to the **McADAMS** family of Marshall Co., Absalom's other kin included the **ORR** family and the **KIDD** family.

## **Richard's Note: This was an RPL Success Story!**

During the Board of Directors meeting we discussed the responses, and after I mentioned that Rhonda McMillan Kemp had never been able to identify her Whiteside family number in DW's research, Chip was curious to see if he could assist. After the meeting, he dug into the WFA website and found Rhonda's family and her family number -- 0958 -- assigned by Don Whiteside. There wasn't any "new" information for Rhonda, but with collaboration we were able to identify the family number which she did not know. This is a simple but *great* example of the value of the RPL when our membership takes advantage of it.

2. Ann Crow -- Family # 3300. Wanted to know more on her 3300 line; referred her to fellow 3300 descendants and added to the RPL.

3. Benjamin White -- Family # 3100. Edited the description of his project. Great-grandfather **WILLIAM L. WHITESIDES** born 1848 in Clark Co., Indiana to **JAMES HOPKINS WHITESIDE**. Unknown why William changed surname to WHITE and claimed to be born in Scotland.

4. John Elwert Whiteside -- OH 141. Great-grandfather **JOHN WHITESIDE** b 1834 Ireland m **Jane McFARLAND**. Arrived United States 1855, died 1907 Hubbardton OH. Research is temporarily frustrated due to genetic matches delivering no conclusive results.

5. Dan Boucher -- Family # 6900. "Silent" research continues!

6. Bill G. suggested some deletion of obsolete info from his project description. Projects of Bill's include identifying the parents of **HUGH WHITESIDE** (c1738-1802) who m. **Margaret LUSK** in South Carolina.

7. Frances Thompson -- 001 Canada. **WILLIAM J.** and **Martha (Thompson) WHITESIDE** from Belfast, Ire. to Huron, Ont., Canada in 1873. Added to RPL.

8. Joan England Burton -- Family # 9000. Long time member grateful for the efforts of the WFA. **Robert KIDD's** daughter **Delilah** m. **HIRAM WHITESIDE**, whose g-grandfather was **WILLIAM WHITESIDE** m. to **Betsy STOCKTON**. ISO info connecting Hiram to parents **DAVIS** and **Rachel X WHITESIDE**. Davis was son of **JAMES WHITESIDE** 1745-1790 'died in the wilderness'. Two of Delilah's sisters also m. two of Hiram's brothers, all in IL.

9. Jenny Kepner -- Family # 3400. Responded to say her research is complete and thanked the WFA. **SIGMON** and **SETTLEMEYR** NPES.

10. Catherine (Whiteside) Garland -- Family # 4661. Wanted to know the family number for **JOHN WHITESIDE** c 1745 and **MARGARET BICKERSTAFF** c 1749 of Poulton-le-Fylde, England. Bill G. and Arliss both responded with #4661. Added to the RPL.

## New Google Maps with Layers

Chip Whitesides has been assembling and experimenting with using custom Google Maps to visualize Whiteside information. He has two maps projects ongoing, one for Whiteside migration and one for the locations of WFA members. All maps are works in progress and not all families are represented just yet because of the large number of Whiteside families.

For family-specific migration maps, contact Chip directly at [chip.whitesides@gmail.com](mailto:chip.whitesides@gmail.com)

The second map showing the geographical distribution of membership of the WFA, is available only through the WFA Members website.



## NAMES IN THIS ISSUE

*Ed. note: This is a new feature we are trying out, sort of like an index. Hopefully, it will help WFA members and researchers find at a glance the newsletter issues that might help them with their family research. Names in the newsletter will be set in **bold face**, to be readily located. The names below are in alphabetical order by surname and then first name.*

Arthur, Polly (Botetourt Co., VA)  
Bickerstaff, Margaret (1749, Poulton-le-Fylde, Eng.)  
Geitner, E. C. (Hickory, NC)  
Kidd, Delilah (dau. of Robert)  
Kidd, Elizabeth (m. Absalom Whitsett)  
Kidd, Robert  
Lusk, Margaret (m. Hugh Whiteside)  
McAdams Family (Orange Co. NC)  
McFarland, Jane (m. John Whiteside, 1834)  
Montgomery, William (Botetourt Co., VA)  
Orr Family (Tennessee)  
Settlemeyr Family  
Sigmon Family  
Stockton, Betsy (m. William Whiteside)  
Thompson, Margaret (Belfast Ire. to Ontario, Can.)  
Whiteside, Davis (s. James Whiteside)  
Whiteside, Hiram (poss. s. of Davis Whiteside)  
Whiteside, Hugh (1738-1802, SC)  
Whiteside, J. C. (Newton, NC)  
Whiteside, James (1745-1790)  
Whiteside, James Hopkins (Clark Co., IN)  
Whiteside, John (1745, Poulton-le-Fylde, Eng.)  
Whiteside, John (1834, Ire. to Hubbardton, OH)  
Whiteside, Moses (Rockbridge Co., VA)  
Whiteside, Rebecca (dau. of Moses)  
Whiteside, William  
Whiteside, William J. (Belfast Ire. to Ontario, Can.)  
Whiteside, William L. (1848)  
Whitsett, Absalom (NC and TN)  
Whitsett, James (s. Absalom)  
X, Rachel (wife of Davis Whiteside)