



THE
WHITNEY
NEWSLETTER
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What is the purpose of this newsletter?

The purpose of this newsletter is very simple, and basic. This newsletter is intended to reach people whose surname is Whitney. The authors of this newsletter are members of The Whitney Research Group, an internet community comprised of normal, everyday people who are solely devoted to studying the Whitney surname. We are enthusiastic to reach out to others in hopes to obtain clues that are not yet available or no longer exist via historical recorded document. The primary objective is to connect modern day Whitney families to their respective immigrant.

Who are the three principle immigrants?

There are three principle immigrants who came to the United States during the 17th century. These three are the progenitors of almost all Whitney's in the United States today.

1. John Whitney: A son of Thomas, and Mary (Bray) Whitney, was baptized 20 July 1592, in St. Margaret's Westminster, England. He died 1 June 1673, in Watertown, MA, at 80.
2. Henry Whitney: Although his parentage is unknown, he was born about 1615, probably in England. He died in Norwalk, CT, between the date of his will, written 5 June 1672, and the date of his inventory taken on 8 Nov 1673.
3. Samuel Whitney: His parentage is unknown, but he is perhaps a son of Brooke Whitney of Hanborough, Oxfordshire, England. He was born about 1615 in England, and died about 1674, in The Bermuda Islands.

How can I get involved?

Please feel free to send in your lineage to the Whitney Research Group. We are interested in all Whitney and allied families so that we may learn from each other, and find connections between the families. Our goal is to help each other find out as much as possible about our respective families. If you would like to send in your lineage or research problem; such as not knowing who the father of your oldest Whitney ancestor was, or not knowing the spouse of a Whitney relative, please send those to:

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Also, if you have an interesting story you would like to share or a family legend, pictures, obituaries, or anything relating to Whitney genealogy, please feel free to send it in.

Whitney DNA Testing

Have you ever wondered where your Whitney ancestor came from, but do not know? This is not an unusual problem to have since many records in the Southern US have been destroyed over the years due to the Civil War or burnt courthouses. (The Walker County, Alabama courthouse where Tara's ancestors lived, burned three times over a period of thirty years). Sometimes when paper records no longer exist for your ancestor, or you have no idea where to start looking, DNA is the answer. The Whitney Research Group has tested the three major lines of Whitneys in the US, and some lines in foreign countries, so odds are, you can find which ancestor you belong to!

The DNA test for the Whitney line can only be taken by males. This works through Y-DNA testing in which male Whitneys, for example, grandfather passes the Y-DNA to his sons, then those sons pass it on to their sons. The Y-DNA test can be done through Family Tree DNA, a lab based in Houston, TX that does only genealogy testing. The test are simple, and painless mouth swabs that do not tell any information other than which line you belong to. There is no paternity or health information gathered by this type of test.

If you are interested, you may take advantage of this program through the Whitney Research Group, by getting a discounted rate for testing. You may find more information on Family Tree DNA's website at:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/whitney>

List of present Whitney research interests

The following Whitney's are of significant interest due to their time period, and location.

NAME	BORN	DIED
Joseph Whitney	1760-1770	1837, Howard Co., Missouri
Elijah Whitney	1760-1761 Virginia	1832, Trigg Co., Kentucky
John M. Whitney	1811-1820 Virginia	About 1850, undetermined
James Montford Whitney	1827 Tennessee	1870-1880, Tennessee or Mississippi
William Olney Whitney	Before 1775, unknown	Oct. 23, 1822, Bedford Co. Tennessee
Arthur J Whitney	1800 North Carolina	Aug. ?, 1858, Drew Co., Arkansas
David Daniel Whitney	1803 North Carolina	Dec. 26 1881, Hempstead Co., Arkansas
Daniel Whitney	1800 South Carolina	After 1870, South Carolina
Hiram C. Whitney	1805 South Carolina	Sept. 13 1839, Walker Co., Alabama
John Whitney	1818 South Carolina	About 1881, Miller Co. Arkansas

We are looking for descendants of the above Whitney's who will be willing to participate in our Whitney DNA project. Due to the fact that these men died well over 100 years ago there may be very few males left to test, which is why it is very important that any male Whitney consider joining us in our search to bridge gaps in the past before proofs, and clues vanish forever.

Lineage of the authors

At present there are only two individuals involved with the publication of this newsletter, Grady L Whitney, and Tara Whitney Bellomy, who have been proven by DNA, to be genetic cousins.

- **Grady L. Whitney**, is a son of Charles Kenneth Whitney, and Charlotte Ann Sanders. Charles Kenneth Whitney is a son of Milton Jordan Whitney, and Mable George Davis. Milton Jordan Whitney is a son of Charles Glenn Whitney, and Etta Lee Alexander. Charles Glenn Whitney is a son of John Whitney, and Amanda Speer. These Whitney's were from Talco, Texas.
- **Tara E. Whitney Bellomy**, is the granddaughter of Sherman and Helen Virginia (Coy) Whitney. Sherman is the son of Thomas Hearn and Charlsie (Chumley) Whitney. Thomas H. is the son of Elhannan William "Toney" and Romelia Catherine "Mealey" (Falls) Whitney. Elhannan is the son of Hiram C. and Minerva (Jones) Whitney. Hiram and his known brother, Isaac L. Whitney, were from Orangeburg, South Carolina and Walker County, Alabama. Most of the Whitney descendants from this line settled in Alabama, Arkansas, And Texas.

Whitney's & DNA

- Test results matching **SAMUEL WHITNEY** of Bermuda.

California	Ronald Whitney
New York	Donald H. Whitney
Kentucky	Michael R. Whitney
Arkansas	Charles E. Whitney
Arkansas	Adam L. Whitney
Texas	Grady L. Whitney
Michigan	Charles L. Whitney

- Tests that are currently being processed by Family Tree DNA™

Georgia	Roy Whitney
Kansas	Todd Whitney
Texas	Clayton E. Whitney
Ohio	Donald R. Whitney

We hope this publication has not reached you in error. All mailing addresses were obtained from searches done over the internet, which is readily available to persons aware of how to search for that type of information. It is not our intentions to upset anyone who has received this publication. We are only trying to reach people of the surname Whitney in hopes that they will be willing to participate in our project so that we may unlock some mysteries hidden to us for well over 100 years.

We will not acquire any financial gain whatsoever from your response or interaction. In fact we have spent money from our own pocket to get this newsletter to you. This is entirely a hobby. We can only hope that you the recipient will feel comfortable that this is no scam, and that you will understand what we are trying to do.

We would be most interested to hear from you. Please fill out the leaflet, and send it back to me. Thank you for taking time to read our offering to you.

Kind regards,
Grady, and Tara - Members of The Whitney Research Group