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A deed recorded at Pomfret, Conn., dated Nov. 18, 1728, a copy of which is appended to this article, affords the link by which a numerous group of Whitney and related families are joined to the parent stem of John and Elinor Whitney's already much-branched and fruitful tree whose roots, according to Henry Melville in his "Ancestry of John Whitney", go back to the year 1066 to Turstin the Fleming, son of Rolf, one of the followers of William the Conqueror, who was given, among nine different tracts of land, the castle and lands of Wytteneye on the Welsh border. For a few generations the family name was "de Wytteneye", later "de Whitney" but the "de" was later dropped, the name persisting as "Whitney".

In the deed mentioned, Ezekiel Whitney pays his respects to his mother, Anna Whitney, relict of Ebenezer Whitney, deceased, and quit claims certain rights to his brothers and sister, sons and daughter of Ebenezer Whitney, whom he names as follows: Zachariah, Enoch, Israel, Ebenezer and Anna.

Pierce, in his "Whitney Genealogy", lists Ebenezer³ Whitney, (Richard² John ¹) and records that he married Anna _____ and had Zachariah

and Esther, who married Wm. Bigginton and died Oct. 19, 1727. This death record of Esther is found at Pomfret, Conn., accompanied by the statement that her death and the fact that she was daughter of Ebenezer Whitney were recorded at the request of both Zachariah Whitney and William Bigginton.

It is shown, therefore, that Ezekiel, Enoch, Israel, Ebenezer and Anna may now be added to Pierce's record of Zachariah and Esther as the children of Ebenezer and Anna.

It is Enoch among these children of Ebenezer in whom the writer is especially interested. For several years he was the earliest known progenitor of this group of families. He was married in Plainfield, Conn., and lived in that town, in Preston and later in Kent. The records of his marriage and of the births of his children were in the vital records but his own origin was shrouded in mystery until the existence of the deed mentioned was recently discovered at Pomfret by the writer.

The writer's record of the line from Enoch Whitney down follows:

References:

- (v) Vital Records of town named: (a) Pension Papers of Hezekiah Whitney
- (b) Record written in 1874 by Jason Frost Whitney in possession of writer. (f) Family Records in possession of writer.

Enoch⁴ Whitney (Ebenezer³, Richard², John¹)

- b. c 1708 (He deeded certain rights April 30,1730 hence must have been of age then)
- d. m. Dec. 21, 1732 at Plainfield, Conn., Thankful Parke ^(v)d. of William and Jane (Bordwyn) Parke of Plainfield, Conn. She b. June 27, 1717 at Plainfield, Conn. (v)

Children:

(1) Samuel, b. May 24, 1734, Plainfield, Conn. (v) d. Sept. 30, 1812, Woodbury, Conn. (Age 77) (v) m. -----, Sarah ----- (d.Sept. 14,1796, Woodbury. (v) Ch: Samuel, b. 1772, d. 1776, Woodbury. (v) Reuben, b. 1777, d. 1796, Woodbury. (v) (2) Susanna b. Mar. 13, 1739 at Plainfield, Conn. (v) (3) Rosanna b. Aug. 29, 1740 at Plainfield, Conn. (7) (4) Asa b. July 10, 1742 at Preston, Conn. (v) (5) Thankfulb Apr. 8, 1747 at Preston, Conn. (v) (6) Hezekiah (see below) (7) Joseph b. June 18, 1753 at Kent, Conn. (▼) (8) Sarah b. June 18, 1756 at Kent, Conn. (▼)

Note: That the Hezekiah Whitney of Washington, Conn., was the Hezekiah born to Enoch Whitney is covered by an affidavit among the pension papers of Hezekiah Whitney at Washington, D.C.

Hezekish⁵ Whitney

- b. Dec. 26, 1748 at Preston, Conn. (v)
 d. Dec. 20, 1827 at Washington, Conn. (a)
 m. Olive Knight "in Fall of 1774 at Plainfield, Conn., by Rev. Alexander Miller" (a) She b. Mar. 17, 1756 at Norwich (v) dau. of John and Eleanor (Wood) Knight. d. Dec. 7, 1849 at Washington, Conn. (v)
- Note: Hezekiah's Pension papers at Washington, D.C. give the information marked (a) above and below and the informa-

tion that after his marriage he removed from Plainfield to that part of the Society of New Preston that in 1779 became part of Washington, Conn.; that he served two consecutive enlistments in the Revolution, a total of 6 years; that he was at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratga and at West Point when Major Andre was captured. In their later years both he and his wife were badly crippled with rheumatism. In 1818 he applied for and got a pension. In 1837 his widow applied for and received his pension, giving her age as 81. Joseph Whitney of Warren, Conn., by affidavit attested to his brother Hezekiah's war service and thereby identified himself as a son of Enoch.

Children:

- (1) Elisha (see below)
 - Note: Affidavit of the Town Clerk of Washington, Conn., in Hezekiah's Pension papers mentions Elisha (whose birth was not recorded) as being Hezekiah's son and older than Squire whose birth was recorded.
- Sept. 3, 1778 at Washington, Conn. (v) (2) Squire: Ъ. June 27, 1824 at New Preston, Conn. (church record) d. (wife's name not known but death of n. his child is recorded at the church at New Preston)
 - He enlisted from New Milford and served in the War of Note: 1812.
- (3) Thomas: b. Apr. 19,1779 at Washington, Conn. (v) (was living at New Preston in Oct. 1815 when a child of his, 7 mos. old, died. Recorded at church in New Preston).

(4) Betsey: b. Nov. 4, 1782 at Washington, Conn. (v)

- _____ at Washington, Conn. (6) David: Ъ. d. Apr. 23, 1858 at Washington, Conn. (age 65) (v) (Was living at New Preston 1828 when his child died. Rec. at church at New Preston)
- ____ (living with parents in 1818 as mentioned (7) Diadama: b. in her father's pension affidavit)

Elisha⁶ Whitney

b. c 1775 at Washington, Conn. (In 1800 Census he was under 26 years but at death in 1862, his age was given as 89)
d. April 12, 1862 at Naugatuck, Conn. (age 89) (v)
m. c 1800 at Washington, Conn., Rachel Frost (v) dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Cooper) Frost (b) Mar. 27,1772 at Waterbury, Conn. (v) d. June 23, 1838 at Washington, Conn. (Age 66).(v) (At Washington the fact of his marriage to Rachel Frost is registered but the date is not given. He was married at time of the 1800 Census.

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Children:

- (1) Marshall Frost (see below)
- (2) Laura Marilla: b. Mar. 9, 1805 at Washington, Conn. (v)
 d. Sept. 30, 1826 at Washington, Conn. (Age 22) (v)

Marshall Frost⁷ Whitney

b. Nov. 9, 1802, Washington, Conn. (v)
d. Jan. 6, 1871 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v)
m. (1) Apr. 12, 1826 at Litchfield, Conn. Esther Betsey Warner (v) dau. of Daniel Henderson and Hannah Jennette (Mitchell) Warner (b) b. May 10, 1807 at Woodbury, Conn. (b) d. July 28, 1828 at Washington, Conn. (v)

Children:

(1) Oscar F.: b. Feb. 13, 1827, Washington, Conn. (b)
 d. Feb. 21, 1827, Washington, Conn. (v)

- (2) Esther Betsey: b. July 6, 1828, Litchfield, Conn. (b)
 d. June 16, 1891, Torrington, Conn. (v)
 m. Feb. 21, 1853, Naugatuck, Conn. Hollis Wooster (v)
 - m. (2) Oct. 7, 1829 at Woodbury, Conn. (by Mr. Chas. Sherman) Roxy (Huldah Roxanna) Warner (v) dau. of Daniel Henderson and Hannah Jennette (Mitchell) Warner b. Jan. 24, 1810 at Hazel Plain, Woodbury, Conn. d. June 22, 1886 at Naugatuck, Conn. (Age 76) (v)

Children: (by second marriage)

(1) Laura Marilla: b. Dec. 22, 1830 (b) at Washington, Conn. (v Naug.)
 d. Dec. 2, 1914 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v)
 m. Oct. 13, 1855 at Naugatuck, Goodell Lines (v)

Ch: (1) Charles Fremont: b. Aug. 6, 1856 đ. ____ at Laredo, Tex. Oct. 28, 1881, Naugatuck, Conn. m. Alice Crich ch: May, m. M.H. Morgan, Laredo; Carl, d. about 1938 at Washington, D.C. Alice, m. _____ living at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1940. (f) (2) b. Aug. 3, 1858 at Naugatuck (v); Carrie Edith: m. (1) Nov. 15, 1883 at Naugatuck, Dr. Manaton (v) m. (2) June 7, 1900 at Naugatuck, Archie Egan (v) (2) Antoinette Rachel: b. May 18, 1833 at Washington, Conn. (b) d. about 1908 at Torrington, Conn. Dec. 1, 1856 at Naugatuck, Conn. (David Tucker) () m. (1) Mary Louise, b. Oct. 21, 1866 at Seymour, Conn. ch. d. Dec. 28, 1926, Torrington, Conn. m. (1) Major William Spittle, Jan. 1893 (2) Walter Hopkins, 1920, Torrington, Conn.(f) (2) Jennie Augusta, b. Mar. 4, 1871, Seymour, Conn. m. (1) Joseph Jarvis, Dec. 28,1887 ch. Ethel Corrine and Oreita Antoinette Both died young; Earl T., b.June 2,1894 at Torrington. m. Elmina A. Robertson, July 15, 1924 at Danbury, Conn. (f) m. (2) George Thomas m. (3) William Weatherbee, April 7,1909 at Bridgeport, Conn. (f) (3) Harry Sheldon, b. May 4, 1876 at Seymour, Conn. d. Jan. 30, 1940 at Bridgeport, Conn. Jennie MacLaughlin, Nov. 29,1905 п.

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at Bridgeport. (f)

(3) Hannah Marcella b. Feb. 3, 1835 at Washington, Conn. (b)
 d. Mar. 11, 1886 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v)
 m. Dec. 24, 1857 at Naugatuck, Conn. Luther M. Baldwin (v) (No children)

(4) Marshall M.
 b. June 14, 1838 at Litchfield, Conn. (b)
 d. Dec. 31, 1912 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v)
 m. Jan. 21, 1860 at Naugatuck, Conn. Ann Howgate (v)

Ch.: Frederick, b. at Naugatuck, m. Mary Leonard at Naugatuck (ch. Laura and Frederick)

(5) Jason Frost (see below)

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(6)	Frederick C.		May 31, 1846 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v) Oct.16, 1847 at Naugatuck, Conn. (v)
(7)	Mary Elizabeth	b. d. m.	April 30, 1935 at Torrington, Conn. (v)
	Ch.:	(1)	Katherine Louise, b. Aug. 14, 1871, Torrington, Conn. m. May 15, 1890, Edwin R. Fellows, Torrington, Conn. ch.: Russell Miller, b. May 10, 1892, Springfield, Vt., m. June 29, 1916 Margaret (Pearl) Angell (ch.: Edwin Russell 2nd, b. Aug.4,1917, Springfield, Vt.)
		(2)	Maude Edith, b. Dec. 18, 1873, m. May 12, 1892, Charles H. Lawton, Torrington, Conn. (f) ch.: <u>a</u> , Charles Kenneth, b. Feb. 2, 1893, m (1) April, 1914, Laura M. Brooks, Waterbury, Conn. (ch.: Whitney Brooks, b. Dec. 13,1917, Torrington, Conn.) m (2) Nov. 1925, Ethel Handorf, Toronto, Canada (ch.: Charles Richard, b. Aug. 23,1926, Toronto) <u>b</u> Katherine Miller, b. March 17, 1895, Torrington, m.Oct.28,1917. Floyd Thoms, Torrington. (ch.: Adeline V., b. Nov. 15, 1922, Torrington) <u>c</u> , Virginia Florence, b. Jan. 29,1914, m. Dec.15,1934, Torrington, Charles B. Cheney (ch.: Benjamin Lawton, b. April 16, 1937) (f)
		(3)	Edward Whitney, b. May 26, 1880, Torrington, Conn. m. June 20, 1907, Grace Spencer, Ch.: <u>a</u> Edward Spencer, b. April 23, 1908, Springfield, Vt., m. May 20, 1938, Juanita Fownes (ch.: Edward Fownes, b. Feb. 19,1939, Lynn, Mass.) <u>b</u> Adrianne, b. Jan. 2, 1912, Springfield, Vt. m. Oct.15,1938,

David O. Collins; <u>c</u>, Marilyn, b. March 18,1919, Springfield, Vt.; <u>d</u> Marjory, b. July 19,1923, Springfield, Vt. (f)

Jason Frost ⁸ Whitney

-). May 13, 1841 at Litchfield, Conn. (b)
- d. Oct. 16, 1882 at Torrington, Conn. (v)
- m. Oct. 27, 1862 at Montrose, Pa. (by Rev. R. Van Valkenburg) (b) Ellen Lucena Tyler, dau. of Ansel and Isabella (Young) Tyler of Montrose, Pa. and gr-d. of Simeon Tyler whose descent from John and Priscilla Alden is on record with the "Mayflower Descendants".
- She b. Sept. 6, 1839 at East Bridgewater, Pa. (b) d. Sept. 29, 1914 at Bridgeport, Conn. (v)

- Children: (1) Ernest Jay, b. Nov. 28, 1863, Naugatuck, Conn. (v) m. Nov. 16, 1893, Waterbury, Conn. Annie Mary (Mott) Watkins, widow, she d. June 1931, St. Petersburg, Fla. Ch.: <u>a</u>, Robert Judd, b. Ang. 10, 1894, Melrose, Fla. m. Cora Althouse, Perkasie, Pa. (ch.: Bruce, May, Keith, Harlan, Bird and Patricia Ann) <u>b</u> Hazel Ellen, b. June 2, 1896, New Milford, N.Y. d. March 27, 1933, Unmarried. (f)
 - Andrew Clarence, b. Aug. 21, 1865, E. Bridgewater, (2) Pa. (b) d. Mar. 14, 1901, Fairhaven, Conn. m. Dec. 30, 1885, New York, N.Y., Amelia Newman Parrish. (ch.: (1) Jay Hudson, b. Oct. 13,1886, Torrington, Conn. m. Nov. 5, 1911, Jacksonville, Fla. Emma Regina Wiesenfeld. Ch. a Moritz, Stillborn, Jan. 18, 1914, Jacksonville; <u>b</u> Ellen Louisa, b. Feb. 28, 1916, Jacksonville, m. April 18, 1937, Ocala, Fla., Francis Horton Emerson; <u>c</u> Rosemary, b. Mar. 16, 1918, Jacksonville, m. Sept. 30,1939, Jacksonville, Hurdy Edward Stack: d Fanny Amelia, b. Nov. 3, 1925, Melrose, Fla. (2) Clinton Graff, b. Dec. 16, 1388, West Springfield (Merrick), Mass. m. Oct. 19,1912, Detroit, Mich. Margaret Schoenfelner. Ch.: <u>a</u> Mary, b. May 24, 1914, Detroit, m. Herman Content, Sept. 17, 1936, Grand Rapids, Mich.; b Margaret Marian, b. Nov. 21, 1916, Ludington, Mich. m. July 2, 1936, Grand Rapids, Donald V. Clay (ch. Donald Clinton, b. Nov. 8, 1938; Mary Margaret, b. May 11, 1940) c. Barbara Nina, b. Dec. 10, 1929. (3)Ernest Frost, b. May 16, 1891, Springfield, Mass. m. Elizabeth Cargill Bruce, East Haven, Conn. Nov. 27, 1913. Ch.: a, Catherine Lynn (twin) b. July 1, 1916, East Haven, Conn. m. Dec. 25, 1936, Melrose, Fla. Robert Montay Vickers (ch.: Gloria Carol, b. Aug. 15,1938). b, Marian Elizabeth (twin) b. July 1, 1916,

East Haven, Conn. m. Aug. 22, 1937, Melrose, Fla. Albert Edward Durrell, Jr. (ch. Marian Elizabeth, b. Aug. 4, 1938). <u>c</u>. Iva June, b. Nov. 11, 1919, Melrose, Fla.; <u>d</u>. Margery Ruth, b. Aug. 30, 1922, d. April 9, 1923; <u>•</u> Andrew Clarence, b. April 7, 1924, Melrose; <u>f</u>. Dorothy Tyler, b. Nov. 16, 1926, Melrose; <u>f</u>. Ernestine, b. July 30, 1928. (4) Marian, b. Jan. 8, 1894, Melrose, Fla. m. Hiram Alderman, April 2, 1913. ch.: <u>a</u> Kua May, <u>b</u>, Louise. (f)

(3) Mary Winona (see below)

(4) Samuel Frost, b. Mar. 23, 1873, Torrington, Conn. (v)
 d. Sept. 23, 1874, Torrington, Conn. (v) (drowned)

Mary Winona⁹ Whitney

- b. Dec. 25, 1867, Waterbury, Conn. (registered as Alice in Vital Records)
- d. June 7, 1913, Fairfield, Conn. (v)
- Mar. 29, 1885, Melrose, Fla., Joseph Ebenezer Sandiford
 (f) b. Sept. 27, 1861, Barnwell County, So. Carolina (f)
 - Ch.: (1) Winona, b. Sept. 7, 1886, Torrington, Conn. (v) d. June, 1887 (f)
 - (2) Edward Raymond, b. Aug. 24, 1888, Waterbury, Conn. (v) m. Mar. 30, 1917, Newark, N.J. Clara Marie Hose (v) dau. of Henry and Leopoldina (Rummer) Hose. Ch.: Edward Raymond, b. Dec. 21, 1917, Newark, N.J. (v); Roberta Lucille, b. Mar. 24, 1923, Orange, N.J.(v) d. April 2, 1923, Orange, N.J. (v); Robert Eugene, b. April 5, 1926, Glen Ridge, N.J. (v)
 - (3) Josephine Edith, b. Jan. 12, 1892, Waterbury, Conn. (v) m. (1) July 31, 1913, New Haven, Conn., Albert Cullingford. (v) (ch.: Dorothy, b. Mar. 1, 1914, Bridgeport, Conn.
 m. Oct. 27, 1939, Bridgeport, Conn., Harold Savage (v)) m. (2) Feb. 1, 1935, Miami, Fla., William Albert Kabel. (f)
 - (4) Etola, b. Feb. 5, 1894, Waterbury, Conn. (v)
 m. Feb. 6, 1915, New York, N.Y., Edward Columbus Stowell (v). Ch.: Lillian Floravel, b.
 Aug. 29, 1918; Arlene Etola, b. July 5, 1921; Muriel Lucille, B. July 28, 1924 -- all b. at Stratford, Conn. (f)
 - (5) Edna Ione, b. July 15, 1896, Waterbury, Conn. (v)
 m. (1) Sept. 12, 1916, Fairfield, Conn., Edward
 Root (v) Ch.: Frederic Sterling, b.May 23,1917,
 Bridgeport, Conn. d., unmarried, Oct. 10, 1939,
 Bridgeport, Conn.; Heloise, b. Dec. 5, 1918,

Bridgeport, m. Sept. 28, 1940, Frank Masse, Bridgeport, Conn.; Winona, b. Nov. 8, 1923, Bridgeport, Conn.(f)

- (6) Irene Winona, b. July 8, 1898, Waterbury, Conn. (v)
 m. (1) Sept. 10, 1915, Fairfield, Conn., Jean
 Crawford Lackie (v) (ch.: Robert, b.March 12,1916,
 Boston, Mass. m. (2) Feb. 6, 1927, Washington, D.C.
 Vern Dushayne. (v) m. (3) June 9, 1940, New York,
 N.Y., Edwin Katz (f)
- (7) Joseph Ernest, b. August 25, 1905, Waterbury,
 Conn. (v) m. (1) Gladys O'Briant, m. (2).
 Aug. 24, 1940, Galveston, Texas, Gladys Theriot.
- (8) Ralph, b. June 1, 1913, Fairfield, Conn.
 d. Jan., 1920, Fairfield, Conn. (drowned) (v)

TELEPHONE PUTNAM DIV. 236 WILLIS COVELL JUDGE OF PROBATE TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER TOWN AND DISTRICT OF POMPRET PONFRET CENTER, CONNECTICUT Aug. 24,1940. My Dear Sir, -- In reply to yours just received I hand you the copy of Mr E.R. Sandiford, 103 Fulton Street, ed that I whilk you want. I have tried to use the same capital letters and same spelling L nave tried to use the same capital letters and same spelling as is in the deed, but some of the words are so abreviated in the deed that I cannot make them on the typewriter but I think it aimen what as is in the deed, but some of the words are so abreviated in the dee that I cannot make them on the typewriter, but I think it gives what a deed that I think you want. Michbord you want to know. Deed from Ezekiel Whitney to Anna Whitney et al. Recorded in Pomfret Land Records, Vol. 2 Page 6. Know All en By These Presents, that I, Ezekiel Whitney of Pomfret in the County of Windham, in his Majesties Colony of Connecticut in New England, for the love and affection whic I have and do bare towards my Honoured Mother Anna Whitney Relique of Ebenezer Whitney of said Pomfrett, dec' and my Brothers and Sisters hereafter Named Sons and Daughters to said Ebenezer Whitney Deceas' Viz: Zachariah Whitney-Enoch Whitney-Israel Whitney-Ebenezer Whitney-Anna Whitney all of said Pomfrett have Given Granted and forever Quitt Claimed all my right title interest in and unto all the estate of my Honoured father Ebenezer Whitney of said Pomfrett Died Seized on both Real and personal as I the said Ezekiel Whitney am Eldest Son to said Deceased always to be understood I the said Ezekiel Reserving to myself two Shares or a Double portion out of said

estate forever and all the remaining part to be Equally Divided and setled to And amongest them the said Anna Whitney-Zachariah Whitney-Enoch Whitney-Israel Whitney-Ebenezer Whitney and Anna Whitney to be and to them and their Heirs and Assigns forEver from the day of the date hereof and to be Settled according to the usual Custom and Practice of settling of intestate estates in said Government and further to be understood that the above named persons their Heirs Executors and Administrators shall and may forEver Hold all the above mentioned Estate from me my heirs Executors Administrators forever or anyother person by from or under me whatsoever laying any claim thereunto and farther I the said Ezekiel Whitney Do hereby Declare all the above Given and Granted premises to be free from all manner of incumbrances whatsoever by me or by my means whatsoever as witnesses my Hand and Seal this Eighteenth day of November and in the Second Year of his Majesties Reign Anno Dom: 1725. Signed, sealed and delivered his in the presence of Ezekiel X Whitney (S) Timo-Peirce William Mansfield mark In Plainfield the year and day above mentioned then the subscriber hereunto Ezekiel Whitney personally appeared and freely acknowledged this instrument to be his act and deed, before me, Timo Peirce Assistant Recorded November 19th, 1728 By Jehosaphatt Holmes, Town Clerk.

JOHN WHITNEY (c 1592-1675)

John Whitney was born at Westminster (now part of London) in 1592 according to Melville's "Ancestry of John Whitney". His parents were Thomas and Mary (Bray) Whitney. He lived for a number of years at Islesworth, about seven miles up the Thames from London but returned to London for a few years before his emigration to the Massachusetts Eay Colony.

In April, 1635, he, with his wife, Elinor, together with their sons, John, Richard, Nathaniel, Thomas and Jonathan, ranging in age from about fifteen years to one year, registered for passage to New England on the ship "Elizabeth and Ann".

They settled at the new town of Watertown in June,1635, when he bought a 16 acre "home stall" of a settler who was leaving with the group that established the settlement at Wethersfield, Conn.

Before 1642 the town had granted him nine other parcels of land totalling 198 acres. He was made a Freeman of the colony, March 3, 1635-6; was appointed Constable of Watertown by the General Court of the Colony on June 1, 1641. He was Selectman continuously from 1638 to 1665 and in 1655 was Town Clerk.

He died at Watertown, June 1, 1675, aged 84. His wife, Elinor, had died May 11, 1659.

For the many branched tree of descent that has proceeded from this worthy man and Elinor, his wife, who faced with him the hardships of life in the new world, see Pierce's, "Whitney Genealogy". For his ancestry and the ancestry of us who claim him as our progenitor refer to Mellville's excellent and exhaustive, "Ancestry of John Whitney".

It is with genuine pleasure that the writer offers to those who are descendants of John Whitney through his great-grandson, Enoch Whitney, this report of the data establishing our position as part of John Whitney's posterity.

Bloomfield, N.J. Edward Raymond Sandiford 1941.