

## Whittemore Collection

- Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections  
Gerald B. James Library  
Rockingham Community College  
P. O. Box 38  
Wentworth, NC 27375
- Title:** Whittemore Collection
- Accession No.:** 06-061
- Extent:** 18 folders located main floor, Gerald B. James Library
- Provenance:** Following the death of Bill Whittemore on 26 April 2006, his wife, Margaret contacted the Historical Collections at Rockingham Community College. It was agreed that Bill's material would be placed in the files of the Rockingham County Historical Collections. Mrs. Whittemore brought part of the material to the library on 28 July 2006 and the remainder was shipped to the library a short time later.
- Inclusive Dates:**
- Subject Headings:** Browder, Isham  
Browder, Martha, 1783-1854  
Browder, Tabitha Cox  
McCollum, Martha  
Rand, Betty  
Sumner, Carrie Alma, 1896-1974  
Whittemore, Andrew Jack, 1851-1935  
Whittemore, Jr., Clement, 1786-1854  
Whittemore, Sr., Clement, c.1755-1826  
Whittemore, George Settle, 1859-1932  
Whittemore, I. Browder  
Whittemore, James Sterling, 1847-1916  
Whittemore, Jr., James Sterling 1876-1959  
Whittemore, Thomas Ruffin, b.1852  
Whittemore, William M., 1811-1860
- Items Separated:**

**Related Collections:****Preferred Citation:**

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**Descriptive Note:**

For a number of years, Bill Whittemore and his wife Margaret did research on his family roots in NC, VA, and AL. The collection contains material on the following Rockingham County families: Whittemore, Browder, McCollum, Busick, Ellington and Thrasher. There is also research on the Rand family who married into the Whittemore family in Alabama.

The collection contains family charts, computer printouts of some of the families, copies of deeds, tax lists, wills, census records, cemetery records, miscellaneous records and a few photographs of various members of the family.

The material has been divided into different categories by family groups and placed in folders.

Related material includes a taped interview with the late Roy P. Crowder (born 1905) reminiscing about the Whittemore family.

**Family Sketch:**

The Whittemore Family was established in Rockingham County, NC by Clement Whittemore, Sr (c.1755-1826). who moved to the area from Lunenburg County, Virginia ca. 1798 when he purchased a 550 acre farm on Wolf Island Creek.

The next generation of the family was Clement Whittemore, Jr. (1786-1854) who married Martha Browder (1783-1854) of Rockingham County in December 1809. Martha was the daughter of Isham and Tabitha Cox Browder also of the Wolf Island Creek area. Clement Whittemore, Jr. later purchased a 660-acre plantation on Mosses (Massey) Creek west of Wentworth. Here the Whittemores built a home and established a family cemetery that is surrounded by a rock wall.

One of Clement Jr. and Martha's sons was William M. Whittemore (1811-1860) who married Martha McCollum in March 1843. Their children included: James Sterling Whittemore (1847-1916) removed from Rockingham to Florence, Alabama; Andrew "Jack" Whittemore (1851-1935)

owner of a Reidsville hardware store and large tracts of land in the Wentworth area that he inherited from his Uncle I. Browder Whittemore; Thomas Ruffin Whittemore (1852- ) no other information; and George Settle Whittemore (1859-1932) who moved from the Wentworth area to the Burlington-Graham area where he has many descendants.

James Sterling Whittemore, Sr. who left the Wentworth area and moved to Alabama, married Betty Rand and they had a son named James Sterling Whittemore, Jr. (1876-1959) who married Carrie Alma Sumner (1896-1974) and their son Bill Whittemore of Oklahoma is the person who collected this genealogical material with the help of his wife, Margaret Phyllis Isaac Whittemore. Margaret is a native of England.

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**Contents:**

Browder Diary, 1858-1859 (Alabama)

Browder Diary, 1866-1867 (Alabama)

Browder Diary, Index and Family

Browder Family, Rockingham County, NC

Whittemore-Rand, North Carolina and Alabama

Whittemore, Augustus, died 1897 (see death notice in Reidsville Weekly Review issue of 02/26/1897)

Whittemore, Andrew "Jack" d. 1935

Whittemore, Bill, d.2006 and Margaret

Whittemore, Family Charts (1-4)

Whittemore, Family Charts (5-6)

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Whittemore Family, North Carolina & Virginia

Whittemore Family, Trees

Whittemore, George Settle

Whittemore, James Sterling

Whittemore Family, Miscellaneous

Whittemore Family, Rockingham County North Carolina

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