FORWORD

We present to you THE WHITAKER FAMILY INDEX. However, it is more than just an index. It is also comprised of fourteen individual articles and/or information that were not in the first four Whitaker Family Book Volumes.

They are:

[1] Descendants of Robert Whitaker born 1517  P1843
[2] The Mark and Catherine Teague Memorial Story      P1853
[3] The Thomas and Mary Wilson Memorial Story       P1861
[5] The Martha “Patsy” Whitaker Memorial Story       P1877

Kay Bentley produced a typed listing of the Whitaker Family Books Index by name/subject and page number for Volume I through IV. There are 1840 pages in these volumes and a massive amount of work. Bob and Betty Whittaker sorted the index alphabetically and inserted the extra material above. They then made a master to be used to print books. We thank Kay Bentley and Bob and Betty Whittaker for their work.

Roy “Todd” Preston, President
Magoffin County Historical Society
Dear Ancestor
Your tombstone stands among the rest;
   Neglected and alone.
The name and the date are chiseled out
   On polished, marbled stone.
   It reaches out to all who cares
   It is too late to mourn.
   You did not know that I exist
   You died and I was born.
   Yet each of us are cells of you
   In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
   Entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
   One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
   Who would have loved you so.
   I wonder if you lived and loved,
   I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
   And come to visit you.

Author Unknown
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