Prisoners of War 1795 and 1812-15

"Family Search" has recently made a database "Prisoners of War 1715-1947" from documents at The National Archive.

I focused on the early entries and found six Whitehouses. Two of them were British POWs in 1795 from the early Napoleonic wars, presumably having been taken by the French. The other four were Americans taken prisoner by the British during the War of 1812. The War of 1812 (18 June 1812 – 17 February 1815) was fought by the [United States of America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_of_America) and its [indigenous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_peoples_of_the_Americas) allies against the [United Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_of_Great_Britain_and_Ireland) and its allies in [British North America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_North_America).

The two who were 1795 POWs were:

Thomas WHITEHOUSE, a Seaman who was returned from Le Havre in the ship "Britannic" which disembarked him at Portsmouth. The record has a column entitled "Prize Name", in which "Brothers" was entered.

William WHITEHOUSE, a Seaman who was returned from St Malo in the ship "Providence" which disembarked him at Guernsey. The record has a column entitled "Prize Name", in which "Scarab" (poorly legible: interpreted) was entered.

The Americans were taken prisoner in late 1812 or in the first half of 1813. They were as follows:

Asay WHITEHOUSE, seaman, was taken prisoner at Dublin on 7th January 1813, having been brought there on the ship "Hector" according to the Family Search information. He was born at Brookfield, which Family Search say was in Catoosa County, Georgia. He was aged 23, 5 feet 10 inches tall, stout, with a round face and sallow complexion; he had dark brown hair, grey eyes and lacked distinctive marks. He was conveyed to the newly-built Dartmoor prison, arriving there on 2nd April 1813. He was discharged from Dartmoor on 30th July 1813 and sent to Dartmouth to be embarked on the American ship "Jinny" on condition that he would not serve against Great Britain or her allies until "regularly exchanged".

Benjamin WHITEHOUSE, a soldier in the 41st regiment, was taken prisoner at Lake Erie and held at Chilcothe, Ohio, prison. On 16th July 1814 he was marched from Chilcothe to Canada.

Daniel WHITEHOUSE was a novice on the "Imperatrice Reine", a French privateer, which was captured on 13th May 1813 by the British ship "Hotspur". However, the Family Search record says that he was on the ship "HMS Hannibal", before being taken into custody on a prison ship "Bienfaisant" on 29th May. Other records place him imprisoned at Dartmoor and Plymouth. According to one record, Daniel was aged 18, born in New York, 5 feet 4 inches tall, stout, with an oval face and fair complexion, with light hair, brown eyes and no distinctive marks. He was discharged on 28th November 1813, presumably to be sent back to America.

Lewis WHITEHOUSE was a mariner on the American privateer "Sword Fish" which was captured by British ships including "HMS Elephant" on 27th December 1812 after a long sea chase. He was taken into custody on the following day on the "HMS Elephant". The record was taken at Portsmouth, showing that he was discharged on 11th March 1813, to be taken to Chatham on H.M.S.S. "Abundance". He was aged 19, born at Brookfield, 5 feet 7 in. tall. It is not clear whether or not he was stout, the record showing "Wm". He had a round face and a fresh visage, light brown hair, grey eyes and had a scar over the left eye. As he was born in the same place as Asay, they might have been brothers.