

ALBERT WHITLOCKE, GOLDSMITH

In the list of London wills that Marianne Whitlock sent in (R599) there was an entry for 1572 for Albert Whitlocke of St.John Zachary parish in the City of London, Goldsmith. St.John Zachary is a small parish just north of St.Vedast and bounded by St.Leonard Foster Lane, St.Mary Staining and St.Anne & St.Agnes. Unfortunately the parish registers only date from 1693.

We do not know much about Albert but can speculate that his father may have been Thomas Whytlocke, Citizen and Goldsmith also of St. John Zachary, whose will was proved in 1557.

We have three other references, all from the Huguenot Society's publication, "Aliens in London". In 1567 in Aldrychgate Ward lived "James Colman, Dowchman" (Dutchman) who was with Alban Whitlock.

In the parish of St.Anne and St.Agnes, 1568 there is a listing for "James Cromar, servant to Albert Whitlock, goldesmythe, Scottes person".

Lastly in 1571 also in the parish of St.Anne and St.Agnes is an entry for Jacob Colman. "borne in Andwarpe, he cam into England at Bartholomewe tyde was fyve yeares, and hath contynued all the same tyme lacking one quarter in this parish; he cam to see the cuntrye, and to worke for his lyving; he is of our parishe, and servante to Alban Whitlock, goldsmythe. Douche person, English church"

Hopefully the Worshipful Company of Goldsmith's records will yield additional information about both Albert and Thomas Whitlocke and if possible we will eventually acquire copies of both their wills and discover more about them.

Sources: PRO1; R78/259; R599/2