

# JOSEPH WHITLOCK, EXECUTED 1733

The following item caught Marianne Whitlock's eye in the Gentleman's Magazine for December, 1733.

"Saturday, December 8. The Sessions ending at the Old-Baily, Sentence of Death passed upon John Baxter, John Rook; John Collington, John Curphoy, and John Freelove, for the Highway; Elizabeth Rann, for breaking open a chest; William Johnson (a Deer Stealer) for the Murder of James Taaman, by shooting him through the Head with a Pistol as he was attempting to take him; William Brown and Joseph Whitlock, for breaking open and robbing the House of Col. Des Romaines at Paddington, of Goods, Money, Rings, and Plate to the Value of 161 £. John Anderson, James Baker, alias Stick-in-the-Mud, and Francis Ogilby, for breaking open and robbing the House of Thomas Rayner, a Silver-Smith; Elizabeth Wright, and Mary her daughter, for Counterfeiting the current Coin of the Kingdom. Thirty-six were cast for Transportation, and 29 acquitted. Elizabeth Wright pleaded her Belly, but was found not quick with Child. She confessed she had practised Coining for 8 Years past."

"Wednesday, December 19. Thirteen Malefactors were executed at Tyburn, viz. John Baxter, John Rook, John Collington, and John Beach, the last declar'd himself innocent at the Tree, for the Highway; Thomas Whitby, for a Street Robbery; Wm Johnson for the Murder of William Taaman, and for Deer Stealing; William Brown, and Joseph Whitlock, for robbing Col. Des Romaine at Paddington; John Anderson, James Baker, and Francis Ogleby, for Burglary; John Brown and Elizabeth Wright for Coining, who were drawn in a Sledge; Brown being hang'd, was slash'd a-cross the Body; and Wright was chain'd to a Stake, first strangled, and then burnt."

These items appear in the "Monthly Intelligencer" among day to day items of interest. Where the King was dining, storms off Southampton, birth announcements, East India Company business, South Sea Company share trading, the Prince of Orange's illness and disputed wills. A slice of life in 1733!!

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