

RICHARD WHITLOCK, PAINTER-STAINER

In the List of Testamentary Records for London that Marianne Whitlock sent in (X1262) was an administration I had wanted to have a look at for several years. The record concerned Richard Whitlock who, with several of his family, died of the plague in 1665. Richard was a member of the Painter-Stainers guild and I felt he was the most likely candidate to be the father of John Whitlock, Stationer whose apprenticeship record showed his father was Richard Whitlock, Citizen and Painterstainer. Richard lived the parish of St. Michael Bassishaw and while several of his children were baptised in this parish there was no mention of a John. The record Marianne found states administration was granted to Rose Dove, widow and aunt of John and Ann Whitlock, children of Richard!!

I also believe this Richard is the one mentioned in Margery Whitlock's will of 1658. Margery was the daughter of John & Agnes (Planner) Whitlock of Wokingham in Berkshire. She mentions two Richard Whitlocks in her will, calling both of them "cozen". One is "Doctor" Richard Whitlock (1616-1666) (See: Vicar of Ashford article WFN Vol.6:3:3) and the other is called "Richard Whitlocke of London, Painter" and I believe is this Richard.

Richard's wife Mary and was probably the Mary Laurants who married Richard Whitlock at St. Peter Pauls Wharf, London October 26, 1647. Richard and Mary appear to have had six children and four of them were buried between July 28 and September 1, 1665 along with Mary on July 30 and Richard August 26.

We have still to determine how Richard is related to Margery Whitlock and how he fits into the Whitlocks of Wokingham family but I think we have a good indication that he does. Margery had six brothers and several nephews named Richard and as the word "cozen" was also used for nephew I am sure one of them was this Richard. (One of Margery's nephews was the Thomas Whitlock (1615-1659) who settled in Rappahannock, Virginia and I believe we will eventually find that James Whitlock of Ware Co., Virginia is another nephew, probably a son of Margery's brother William.) It may be that the mention in the Administration of Rose Dove may provide us with a clue. It is unfortunate the records of the Painter-Stainers Guild do not appear to extend back to the 1630's when it is assumed Richard would have been apprenticed as that would have given us his father's name. Bit by bit this is coming together and our thanks again to Marianne for unearthing the latest clue.

Also included in the information Marianne sent was the administration of John Whitlock of St. Martin, Ludgate 1696. John was the son of Richard and we have quite a bit of information on him. I will do an article for the September 1992 Newsletter on him.

Sources: X1262; PRO8,9; R78/260; X910; R112/185,215