

WHATLOCKS OF RATTLEDEN

In the records of Suffolk there are 11 Whatlocks, Whytloks, Whytlaks shown in the 1524 Subsidy Roll living in places such as Lavenham, Okynham, Bawdesey, Stanstead, Herkested and Codynham. There is a Whatlock family living just north of these places in Rattlesden in the late 1500's and it is likely they are descended from one of these. Thomas & Joane Whatlock were married in 1560 and had four children, Roger 1561, Robert 1564, Martha 1568 and Dorithy born 1572. The family appears to have prospered in Rattlesden and Thomas and his wife, Joane lived there until their deaths, Thomas in 1608 and Joane two years later in 1610.

The youngest daughter, Dorithy died young in 1574. The eldest son, Roger appears to have gone to Norfolk as his brother Robert mentions in his will "the house in Norfolk my brother Roger Whotlock gave me". Robert became a "knacker" which at that time probably was a harness maker. He was married twice but his will of 1622 does not mention a wife or any children. Robert does mention his sister Martha Skott and his kinsmen Thomas & Roger Skott. Also mentioned is kinswoman Ursula Kemball. Henry Skott witnessed the will.

Martha Whatlocke married Henry Scott July 25, 1594 at Rattlesden. Henry was the son of Sir William & Lady Mary (Howard) Scott and was grandson of Sir Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham. Henry Scott was a yeoman farmer and his will is dated September 24, 1623 and proved January 10, 1624. Henry mentions his Kemball grandchildren and his sons Thomas & Roger Skott. Ursula Skott married Richard Kimball and in April 1634 they left Ipswich, England and settled in Ipswich, New England.

Numerous American families trace their lines from the Scott and Kimball descendants of Thomas Whatlock including Douglas Lee Whitlock of Rancho Santa Margarita, California. [See Main Line 132 included with this issue.]

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