

QUAKERS OF YORKSHIRE & PENNSYLVANIA

New information sent in by Ruth Ann Edney may shed some light on the ancestry of Isaac Whitelock (1711-1781) of Pennsylvania and Delaware. According to our records Isaac was from Leeds, Yorkshire and came to America in 1740's. Isaac was a Quaker. There are many references to him in the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting records but I have never seen anything that would indicate who his parents were.

The information Ruth has sent in comes from the Knaresborough Monthly Meeting records and relates to a William Whitelock and his wife Dorothy Rhodes who were married in 1660. The records show the births of their children between 1661 and 1674. The place is likely Ripon although it is not completely clear where they lived. Unfortunately our Ripon records only cover the period 1574-1628.

There was an obvious connection to the Wall family as two sons married Walls, Isaac Whitlock married Sarah Wall 1m (March) 1, 1705 at Skipton, Yorkshire and William Whitelock married Deborah Wall 3m (May) 31, 1709. Ruth has also advised us that Isaac & Sarah (Wall) Whitelock had a son Isaac Whitelock born 12m (February) 9, 1711.

With the Quaker connection and Ripon being within a few miles of Leeds I would say it is likely that this is the Isaac Whitelock who came to America. The Knaresborough MM records have been filmed by the LDS and are available on film 0588423. Ruth mentions that William Whitelock is shown as a frequent visitor from the Netherdale Preparative Meeting in Dacre to the Knaresborough Monthly Meetings.

Our thanks to Ruth for sharing this data. These type of finds are invaluable and serve to give us all additional hope that that elusive clue about our family is out there somewhere.

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