

# WHITLOCKS OF PAULERSBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Robert Sangster wrote regarding his research into the Whitlocks of Paulersbury, Northamptonshire. His descent is from Joseph Whitlock born about 1801 in Paulersbury. He married Mary Hurst (Hunt?) Feb.12,1827 also in Paulersbury.

Northamptonshire is one of three areas I keep separate in my records. (The other two are Maine/New Brunswick and Australia/New Zealand) This means I have all these families together in one place and it is fairly easy to search through them for clues.

Joseph and Mary were still alive in 1881 and show on the census. Joseph, age 80 a farm labourer, was born in Paulersbury and Mary a laundress age 70 was born in Pottersbury. Working back they also show in the 1851 census for Paulersbury. Joseph Whitlock age 41 was a Groom and M(ary) age 40 was a Lacemaker as were the two eldest daughters M(ary) A(nn) age 10 and S(arah) age 8. Given their age it was assumed Joseph and Mary had other children that had left home by 1851. This is born out by their marriage being Feb.12,1827 in Paulersbury.

There were other couples having children in Paulersbury at the same time as Joseph and Mary Whitlock so it is not so easy as finding Whitlocks born in Paulersbury. George Whitlock born Paulersbury about 1813 is shown with children born in Paulersbury between 1839 and 1848. William Whitlock born Paulersbury 1851 who married Harriot Brain about 1888 is shown as a child of Joseph and Mary Whitlock.

There are many Northamptonshire Whitlock families having children between 1790 and 1810 and Joseph is not an uncommon name in this area. There are only two likely couples to be Joseph's parents that show in our files so far. The first and most unlikely is Jonas Whitlock and Ruth Sharman who were married May 29,1781 at Stoke Bruerne. They are shown having a son Joseph but no dates are given. The more likely is John Whitlock and Mary Pointer who are married at Paulersbury Nov.9,1797. Their son Joseph Whitlock is baptized Feb.5,1804. While the date doesn't exactly fit the age given in 1881, Joseph's age being 80 and Mary's being 70, they are not likely exact ages. Particularly when in 1851 Joseph was 41 and Mary 40!!

As usual the sources for this information have been sent in by many different researchers over the past six years, but pooling all this detail together has enabled some educated estimates of where to research next to find the proof required. Many of the Northamptonshire families are detailed on the WHITLOCK77 chart and I am sure as more research is done we will connect more of these families together. Good luck to Robert as he works on this family and our thanks for sharing your research so far.

Sources: X2007/6; X2075/2; X4157; R2034/18