

# WHITLOCKS OF BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE

Art Cole sent in an interesting extract relating to Banbury, Oxfordshire. It consisted of a few Whitlock entries from the parish registers from the 1590's plus extracts from the will of Isaiah Showell Dd June 21,1622. Isaiah Showell was buried at Banbury June 24,1622 and his will was proved July 19,1622.

Isaiah Showell's will is interesting for several reasons. He mentions "My mother's mind was to have given 40/- to my cossen Richard Whitlock, that 40/- to him." There are also two references to Virginia in the will: "I give unto my brother Benam, all such lands goods and tenem'ts as I have or of right ought to have in Virginia to have and to hould to him during his life and after death to his sonn John Benam and to his heyres for ever." Also: "Said brother [Nethiah], lease of Einsham: 'only I except owt of this gyft to my brother the lyttle fetherbed I brought owt of Virginia, which I give to Sara Norman'" These references indicate an early connection to Virginia.

Isaiah Showell was born March 6, 1597 so was a fairly young man when he made his will. He was the son of Henry Showell and Mary Knight. Mary Shewell, widow of Henry Shewell died March 20,1622 shortly before her son. Isaiah mentions that it was his mother's request to leave 40/- to Richard Whitlock which would indicate that the Whitlocks were likely connected to her family, the Knights. On checking our files I find there is a John Whitlock married to a Hellena Knight May 23,1569 at St.Mary's, Banbury, Oxfordshire. In the information sent in by Art Cole is a chart of persons mentioned in the will of Isaiah Showell. This includes John Knight, Baker and his four children. William Knight married Elizabeth Fennys, Mary Knight married Henry Showell, Alice Knight married Edward Eden and Joyce Knight married Thomas Whately.

It appears obvious that the Hellena Knight who married John Whitlock was likely related to the Mary Knight who married Henry Showell but what it connection is is not clear. Hellena Knight would have likely been born in the 1540's There is only one child shown for John Whitlock and Hellena Knight. This is Isabell Whitlock baptised June 16,1583. In the material Art Cole sent there are also three burials shown. Alice Whitlock, July 6,1591, Joane Whittlocke August 31, 1599 and Ellsabeth Whittlocke September 19, 1599. How these three connect to John Whitlock and Hellena Knight is unknown. We can assume that the Richard Whitlock mentioned in Isaiah Stowell's will was likely a son of John Whitlock but there is no proof of that either.

Of the other families the Whately (Whatley) family also has connections to Virginia in the 1700's [See WHITLOCK33 chart]. The chart Art sent shows Thomas Whately and Joyce Knight had a son William Whately who was the Vicar of Banbury, 1611-1639. Whether this is the part of the Whately family with connections to Virginia is also not clear.

Lots of possibilities without any certainties in this set of documents. I could also not determine if this Richard Whitlock shows elsewhere in our files. Hopefully this information will spark some thought and possibly connect to other information elsewhere. Our thanks to Art for this material.

Sources: R2320; X1509/4; R78/492