

JOHN WHYTELOCK, ALWINGTON, DEV 1524

In "Alwington's Millennium Book" John R. Whitlock found a very interesting reference to the Whitlock family.

"Court Leet of Manor of Alwington held this penultimate day of March 15 Henry VIII (1524) Geoffrey Enggelet and James Meddelond have a day for repairing a road at Whyttebrugge.

Baliff in mercy because he did not distrain Geoffrey Enggelet and Richard Wythergge to crop the trees hanging over the road at Baretteys brugge to farecrosse and because he did not distrain the rector of Alwyngton to clean his gutter on the south side of Ferecrosse and John Enggelet to have John Whytelock, William Beapull to have Walter Raymore, Nicholas Babbecombe to have Thomas Pruste and John Lake (his lodger) to be sworn to 'status' and assize of the king."

This John Whitlock shows on the 1524 Devon Subsidy Rolls for Shebbear Hundred, Alwington as John Whitlock Sr. The late Jim Whitlock in his letter of August 13, 1987 (X657) speculates that if John Whitlock was known as John Whitlock Sr. there was likely a John Whitlock Jr. John Whitlock also appears on the 1544 Devon Subsidy Rolls. There are several John Whitlocks in Devon at this time and we have not been able to sort them all out:

Records of Chudleigh mention a John Whitlok in the 1430's

Izackes Antiquities of Exeter 1484 list John Whitlock, Bailiff. There are many records regarding his son William Whitlock, Saddler of Exeter over the years 1473-1515.

The Churchwarden's accounts at Dartmouth refer to a John Whitlocks, bell ringing, mending a bell wheel and repairing various houses 1529-1539

There are two John Whitlocks who appear on a jury in the Langtree Manor records 1536-37.

John Whitlock son of John Whitlock is baptized at Parkham October 2, 1539 (He married Mary Styll 1563)

John Whitlock son of William Whitlock and Christian Lake born 1539 died West Woolfardisworthy February 1, 1607 This Johes Whytloke was "of Wollsworthie" and appeared at Great Torrington on October 13, 1579. He was 40 years old and had lived at Wollsworthie for 20 years.

There is a John Whitlock of Merton shown on the 1544 Devon Subsidy roll.

John Whitlock married Mary Styll September 5, 1563 at Parkham

John Whitlock son of John Whitlock & Mary Styll baptized at Parkham, June 28, 1564. Another son John was baptized Feb. 16, 1569.

John Whitlock who shows on the Visitation of Devon 1564 married to Anne daughter of John Kelley & Dorothy Wood.

There is a will shown for John Whitlock of Langtree, 1565. Unfortunately no copy of this will appears to have survived.

John Whitlocke who shows on the Devon Muster Roll of 1569 in the Hundred of Hartland, Wolsworthe Parish (Woolfardisworthy?)

John Whitlock shown on the 1581 Subsidy Roll for Langtree

Hopefully as more records are uncovered we will be able to piece together which John Whitlock is which.