

WHITLOCKS OF POLAND

The following message was received from Roxanne (ROGUE8357@aol.com):

Hello.

I'm hoping someone can help me. Until a few years ago, I had been told that my great-great-grandparents were Joseph Powell & Julia Waytalia. Joseph's name was supposedly changed for various reasons, depending on who's telling the story, & no one seems to know his original one. About 5 years ago, I heard Julia's name was actually Wojtyla (with a lot of emphasis on the fact she was born in the same town as the Pope as well) and it was eventually changed to Whitlock/Whitelock.

Well, I just received their marriage application, & their names are listed as Joseph Palowsky & Juliana Waztilak. Are there such names? Who would've filled out the form? Could someone else have filled it out for them (in case they couldn't read English?) and spelled things phonetically? I thought that -sky ending names were usually Russian, & Joseph came from Prussian Poland (& according to one family story, was actually a German orphan raised by a Polish family). Does Waztilak sound anything like the way Wojtyla or Waytalia would be pronounced by someone Polish (or was she saying Whitlock or Whitelock with a heavy accent?). And, finally, could Waytalia be some kind of misspelling of Wojtyla?

Thank you in advance.

Roxanne

There are Polish Whitlocks. A family went from London in the 1580's and settled in Gdansk (Danzig). I can trace various branches down to the 1850's but loose track of them after that. Some appear to have come to America and show in the census records as born in Poland. The cigar maker Philip Whitlock (1838-1919) was born in Kovall, Poland.

Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632) in his *Liber Famelicus*, p.11 says: Richard, my second brother, was sent over sea, being about the age of sixteen yeares, unto Christopher Colte, my mother's brother, to Dansk, and lived withe him in travail in those estern countries untill he came to man's estate; and afterward maryed a gentlewoman of that country, on Katharin Dambits, by whome he hathe many children. He hathe tasted of many varieties of fortune, sumtime good and sumtime bad, and hathe traveyled over many countries, and the the uncerteynty of trafique hathe susteyned great losses in his estate. By reason that his wife had a good patrimony of land by enheritance from her father, he abidethe at Elbing and those partes, whear she was born and her land lyethe.(R63/11)

This Richard Whitlock (1564-1624) appears to have applied to retain the Arms of his London family. Apr.20,1592 Arms confirmed to Richard Whitlock, gent, son of Rich. Whitlock, gent., by W.D(ethick), G(arter) (R1935)(GH64)

The descent from Richard that we have been able to trace, as extracted from the WHITLOCK02H chart is as follows:

G2)Richard Whitlock -M- Katherine DAMBITS

H1)Katherine WHITLOCK-M-Anthony SMYTH

I1)Richard SMYTH

Feb? 1654-5 London, 115. Like certificate (by Wm. Ryley, Norroy King-at-arms) as to the descent of Rich. Smyth of Prussia, from a knightly family of Smyths, his father being Ant. Smyth, of Cuerdley, co. Lancaster, and his mother, Catherine, one of the

daughters and heir of Rich Whitlock, whose elder brother, Sir. James, was one of the Justiciaries of the King's Bench. (Latin, 2 1/2 pages)(GH136)

H2)**James WHITLOCK** b.Feb.1601

Liber Famelicus, p.88 In September, 1620, I received from my brother Richard Whitlocke, resident at Elbing, James his sun, whome he toke from Leopolis, whear he was taughte grammer by the Jesuits, and sent him to me to bring up heer and to provide for him, and according to his request, I sent him to Oxon., to Magdalen halle,...he was born at Elbing in February, 1601.(R63/88)

H3)(female) **WHITLOCK-M-Christopher POTLEY**

I1)**Andrew POTLEY**

One of Bulstrode Whitlocke's retinue on the Swedish Embassy(R468/270)

H4)**John WHITELOCKE** b.1614?-M- ??

I1)**John Jacob WHITELOCKE** b.1657 d.1724?-M- ??

J1)**Clement WHITELOCKE-M-Marie BEHMER de METZDORPH**

K1)**John WHITELOCKE** b.Sep.13,1744 d.Jun.3,1790

The Landed Gentry, p.1224 Lloyd - Major in the service of the King of Sweden, and Knt. of the Order of the Sword...killed by a cannon ball while commanding a ship of the line against Russia (X492/8) -M- **Marie LINDMARK**

L1)**Charles Otto WHITELOCKE** b.Sep.27,1789
d.1840?Florence

Aide-de-Camp to the King of Sweden (X492/8)

K2)**Paul WHITELOCKE** b.1748 d.1810

Major in the artillery of Sweden, Knight of the Sword (X492/8)

K3)**Charles WHITELOCKE** b.1754 d.1780 -M- **Sophie LINDMARK**

L1)**Gustave WHITELOCKE** b.1776

left Sweden, and has never since been heard of.(X492/8)

H5)**Richard WHITLOCK**

Sep.9,1651 - Dantzic, 36.i. Citation of Jacob Schell, Administrator Fiscal and Secretary to the King of Poland, Sweden Ex., to Gamaliel Acton...Rich. Whitlock...and their children, to appear for not having been obedient to the constitution of the Kingdom, concerning subsidy for the King of England, and whatever else is contained in a certain citation of the Instigator Regni already sent to them.- Dantzic, 6 September, 1651 (copy 3/4 page)(GH134)

H6-H16?

Strangely the name seems to have retained its spelling over the years but the records we have logically come from a part of the family that retained some wealth and position and could read and write. How the name could have evolved as parts of the family became absorbed into the Prussian and Polish culture, particularly if they lost the ability to read and write, would be interesting to speculate. Hopefully as more records are uncovered will we learn the origins of the some of the Polish names that appear to sound like Whitlock.

I have also wondered if it could Richard Whitlock (1564-1624)'s descendants who came to America in the 1630's and settled in Gloucester Co., Virginia. They would have known their connection to Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632) and would have called their cousins "Kinsman" as shows in the records from the 1680's. We never have determined what happened to the young James Whitlock born 1601 who was sent back to England to be educated by his uncle Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632).

The Whitlocks seem to have spread to all corners of Europe. See the Sept 1986 issue of WFN for an

article about the Swedish Whitlocks. In the next issue of the Newsletter I will do an article on a Norwegian family that is trying to trace their possible Whitlock origins.