

THOMAS WHITLOCK OF PITTON, WILTS 1575

In the 1980's the late Pearl Olson of Salt Lake City donated copies of her 30 years of Whitlock research to our collection. Included in this package of over 800 pages was a reference to a will of a Thomas Whitlock of Pitton, Wiltshire dated 1575. As the parish registers in Pitton start in the 1670's and this item was more that 100 years earlier than we had been able to trace, it was never investigated. With the Wiltshire record office starting to make their will collection available on-line this was one of the first batch of wills that are now available to download to anyone interested.

In the intervening years since Pearl sent us her material much information has come to light including the fact that the huge New Jersey family descends from a Thomas Whitlock from Salisbury, Wiltshire born about 1618 who came to America in 1641. While we do not know that this Thomas came from Pitton, we know Pitton is the source of most of the Whitlocks in Wiltshire and Hampshire and there is a very good chance he was connected to the families in Pitton.

1575 is less that 50 years before Thomas' birth in 1618 and it would not be inconceivable that Thomas who died in 1575 could be the younger Thomas' grandfather or great grandfather. This is made even more plausible because we know at least two of Thomas' children were less than 21 in 1575.

It appears from the Thomas' extensive inventory that is attached to the will that Thomas was a fairly wealthy man. In particular he lived in a "Hall" which is the equivalent of a Manor House. I assume the families fortunes declined in the next hundred years as the Whitlocks do not have such a prominent place in Pitton life in the 1670's. They are certainly the most dominant family in the the village with the majority of families having the name Whitlock by the 1800's.

The one thing this will demonstrates is that there are still important documents out there that we have not seen yet. Hopefully as more come to light we will be able to fill in the missing years and connect some of these families together.

The will and inventory shown below are transcribed just the way they were written. Hopefully there are not too many errors as many of the words were not familiar to me. My latin is pretty minimal so not sure about that part at all. Amounts are all in roman numerals and pounds (£) shillings (s) and pence (d).

I hope you find the will and inventory of interest and I look forward to comments on my speculation.

WILL OF THOMAS WHITLOCK 1575

In the name of god Amen the first daye of June in the yere of our Lord god 1575 I Thomas Whitlocke of Pytton in the countie of Wiltes husbandman beinge sick of bodye but p'fitt of

remembrance (thanks be to god) do make my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my sowle to almightie god my maker and to Jesus Christ his sonne my redeamer and to the holy gost my sanctyfier and my bodie to the Earthe to be buried in the church yard of Pitton Item I geve unto the church of the blessed virgin Mary in same a vjd Item I geve to the church of Pitton a ewe shepe Item I geve to evry one of my godchildren a iiijd apice Item I geve to my daughter Sybell fyve pounds and a fether bedd Item to my daughter Elizabeth I do geve fyve pounds Item I geve to my daughter Johan fyve pounds Item I geve to my daughter Edithe fyve pounds an aker of wheate and an other of barley not of the best nor worste all the w'ch my legacies geven and bequeathed to my daughters I will itt to be delyvred to eyther of them att the day of their mariages. Item I geve and bequeath to my sonne John vj£ xiijs iiijd And I will that my executors shall bring him upp in ferminge and game the use thereof and of that that ys his due untill he do come to the age of xxj yeres. I give to my sonne Richard vj£ xiijs iiijd the w'ch w'ch the rest of his due to be delyvre when he ridmythe(?) to the aige of xxj yeres Item I will that if any of my children do dye before they come to the age of xxj yeres or before the day of mariage then I will that their portion so dyinge shalbe equally devyded betwene the rest lyvinge Item geve to Humphry Gandy his howse without payinge any fyne payinge the ... rent so that he do helpe my wife att her neade my wife payinge him for his worke by the daie accordinglie and he to have the same howse for tenn yeres all the rest of my goodes my debts paide my legacies peformed and my funeral d'n I geve and bequeath to Edithe my wife and George my sonne whom I make my whole executor my Avrsears I make John T...., John Pruatt, William Phillippes and Humphrey Gandy and either of them to have for their paynes a vs Wittnes here of Richard Noble, Walter Spenser and Richard Moere and the said Richard Noble and Walter Spenser either of them to have a busshell of barley and the same Richard More to have a busshell of wheat p me Ciriam loe virarnd De Alwardburye

Probat fuit...supra ... Thome Whitlocke defunct nup de Pytton infra p'am de Alwardbury peculiaris ... de Alwardbury... suis membris Anno Deputat none die mensis Julij Anno 1575

INVENTORY OF THOMAS WHITLOCK 1575

The Invetory of all and singler the goods chattals and Debts of Thomas Whitlocke Deceased late of Pitton in the Countie of Wiltes husbandman taken and praysed by Michaell Batten, John Edmunds, Willm Phillippes and John Leache the xxvixth of June in the yere of our lord god 1575

In the hall

Imp'mis one Counter table borde and one	ijs vjd
Joyned forme	
Item one other table bord	xviijd
Item one old carpett of drnex	xviijd
Item one Cobbard	vis viijd
Item one cheyre and vj quysshens	xijd
Item iij little anndyrans one fier shovell	
iij brandyrans iij pothangers one gredyron	

iij or yrons and one hanyinge barr of yron	ixs
Item vj brasse potts and two skilletts	xvjs
Item ij chaffers of brasse	vijs
Item xj small panes of brasse	xxs
Item ij chaffing dishes	ijs
Item v olde latten Basons	vs
Item x olde candlesticks and iij old latten pottes	vijs
Item two litle olde Cawdrons and two olde frynge pannes	iijs iiijd
Item one puppan one skym and one fleshhoke	viijd
Item two bowles of tree and iij chese fates	vjd
Item one peyre of shepe sheres one old syethe and vi olde reipe hokes	xxd
Item xx platters of pewter and one charger of pewter	xxijs
Item xvj olde pottengers and xvij saucers of pewter	viijs viijd
Item two dsen of trenchers one ladell and xij dishes of tree	xd
Item viij spones of tynne	iijd
Item ij saltes of pewter	iiijd
Item one olde painted clothe	vjd
Item iij or bottells of leather one bottell of Tynne and a pez quernt	ijs vjd
Item one mustard pott and iij cruses	iiijd

In the chamber

Item two bedsteads w'th ij olde testars	iijsiijd
Item iij old fetherbedds iij bolsters and iij or pillowes	x£
Item v keverlette & ij payre of blanketts	xxs
Item vj curtyns & ij old carpetts of dornex	xiijs iiijd
Item v peyreof sheats and v table clothes	xxiijs
Item iij lynnenn bestars	xs
Item v table napkins and one towell	iijs iiijd
Item iij pillow tyes	iiijd
Item v cheste and coffers	vijs
Item iij wykere basketts	xijd
Item Two silver spones and one arrowe of silver	vjs viijd
Item his apparrell	xxxs

Sum viij£ ijs viijd

In the bakehouse

Item ij barres of yron two prange and two bills	iijs iiijd
Item ij old axes and iij old woodhoks	xijd
Item one bushell for wheate two payles two cowles one powdringe tubbe and v ale hoggetts with one pecke	vjs

In the ketchen and backhowses

Item two pikeaxes & iij shovells	ijs
Item one payre of kales w'th a beme of yron	iijs
Item xv weights of ledd wheyings xlb	vjs
Item an yron chayne w'th an yron pott hangings	ijs
Item one prange and v old rake	vjd
Item one Boultinge whitche a lever and a slte	iijs iiijd
Item three bornes with other trayshe and a peyre of cards	iijs iiijd
Item one brewinge f..nyne of brass	iijs iiijd
Item a weight and ha... of wooll wth xv pownds of lotts and ...am	xxxvs
Item sertaine old yron w'th other trashe	vs
Item an old hea... and an old wyndwringe sheate w'th v old sacks	iijs
Item iij broches w'th and racke of yron	xs
Item vj peyre of shoke bands for a carte and a d..aloyght sh...	vjs viijd
Item one whitche and one gurner w'th an old Cuntinge hutche w'th other trashe	xs

Sum iiij£ xvs vjd

In the stable

Item iij horses one mare and colt their apparrell	vj£
Item an yron bounde carte w'th a lade Item ropes to the same	x£
Item one dunge carte	vjs viijd
Item one sullowe w'th two peyre of yrons for the ... one yoke w'th chaynes and croke to the same	xiijs iiiijd

Item iiij ox slde harrowes	iijs
Item ij hammers and two spinsers	viijd
Item two kyne iij bullocks of iij yeres of aige and two calves	vj£
Item xviiij shepe and lambes	liijs iiijd
Item viij kyne hoggs and vi wenlings	xxxxs
Item xvij ducks and mallards	iiijs vjd
Item wood and tymbire	vs
Item one quarter of olde wheate	xiijs iiijd
Item a halfe a quarter of Maulte	iijs

Sum xx£ xvijs xd

Come in the fielde

Inxmis of Wheat xj akers	vij£
Item of patches iij akers	xxxxs
Item of barley xvii akers and a halffe	vx£
Item of otte one aker	vjs viijd
Item one pease one aker	vis viij

Sum xviiij£ iijs iiijd

Sum tolis Lviiij£ xs vd

Debts dew by the saide Thomas Whitlocke att the tyme of his decease

Imprimis to Alexander Thytelthwaite th elder for money that was borrowed	iiij£ xs
Item to Willm Hardinge	vj£
Item to Peter Haywarde	x£
Item to the church of Pitton	xiiijs viijd
Item to Willm Burge for v busshells of barley	vs
Item he ...th the said church of Pitton w'th he receyved of micha.....man	xs
Item to the pore mens boxe	vjs viijd

Sum xxi£ vjs iiijd

Exhibit ... Editha whitlocke
Executricem &c nono die July
1575 & veco jubetario &c

CONDITIONS PLACED ON EXECUTRIX EDITH WHITLOCK

The condition of this p'sent obligation ys such that if the w'thin bounden Edith Whitlocke uppon her costs chardges and expenses do well honestlie and vertuslie educate and bringe upp or cause so to be educated and brought upp John Whitlocke and Rycharde Whitlocke the natural and lawful children of Thomas Whitlocke deceased late of Pytton in the Countie of Wiltes husbandman fyndinge and gevinge unto them and bothe of them good holsome necasarie and convenient food lodginge and apparral until they and both of them shall come and be of lawfull age And then without ... guyle or deceit or any other und...meanes do satisfie relent and paye or cause to be satisfied contented and paid unto them and bothe of them all suche goods cattalls and somes of money as are willed geven and bequeathed unto them and bothe of them by the last will and testament of their father the foresaid Thomas Whitlocke deceased that then this p'sent obligation to be voide and had for nought or else itt to stand and abide in full strength effect and vertue

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...nos Editha Whitlocke de Pitton in Com Wilter Vidua Michaelem Batten de eadem mi eodem cond yoman dt Johem Pruett de Wynterborn Erles Juniorne in Com Wilter ...husbandman teneri et fu...obligari magn.. Joh...James chro officiali peculiaris Jur'mis de Alwardburie ni Cond ...quad raginto m'ris bono et legalis monole Anglia holbenie erdem magro Joh....James aut no cert Attoe nnat Exemtoeibris Ad qua quidem solursem bene et fidlrobligamus nos et quomletet insolie hereles Execntoes et admustatoressigillis ...sigillat Dat nono die Julij Anno Regni Dne mie dne Elizabethe die gra Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regme ...defenfor ..decimo Septimo

.....Batte...