

JOSEPH WHITLOCK OF PITTON 1741

In September I received the following email from Quintin White:

“Peter, Found what appears to be an error in FILE: WHITLOCK 50. K7 son of John & Martha Whitlock shown as bpt 4 Nov 1702 married to 1st to Sarah Fry 2nd Martha Blake. It is my understanding it was Joseph Whitlock, bpt 29 July 1703, son of George who married Martha Blake.”

This set me on a fairly lengthy analysis of everything we know about these two Joseph Whitlocks. Based on the assumption the one who married Sarah Fry is different from the one who married Martha Blake I attempted to divide our information into two separate files, WJO1 for the Joseph who married Sarah Fry and WJO14 for the Joseph who married Martha Blake.

Some things were obvious. The grave marker for Joseph Whitlock (1703-1741), Martha Whitlock (1703-1769) and their daughter Mary Whitlock (1725?-1751?) in the Pitton churchyard. The Will of Joseph Whitlock, 1741 (See pg...) naming his wife Martha as executrix. The will of Martha Whitlock, 1769 (See pg...). All WJO14.

Then I came to the notes by Ralph Whitlock on the 1851 census extracts. “There was a Joseph Whitlock (wife’s name not recorded) who was producing a family between 1725 and 1740. The children are:- Mary (1725); Anne (1727); Thomas (1731); Esau and Joseph (1739); Martha (1740). Actually the parentage of Esau and Joseph is not recorded, but it seems reasonable to suppose that Joseph above would have named one of his sons after himself. Again there are no marriages recorded, but we can assume that Joseph who was the father of the above children was probably in his twenties when the eldest, Mary, was born in 1725. Checking back to the right period, we find that Joseph, the son of John Whitlock, was born in 1702.” This appears to be the first reference to Joseph who married Martha Blake and assuming he was the one born 1702.

In 1716 there is an apprenticeship record for Joseph the son of John Whitlock of New Sarum, Wilts, Yeoman. Joseph was being apprenticed to Samuel Woodyer for £5 16s to be a blacksmith. This Joseph would therefore be WJO01

The Manor of Pitton records of a court held May 16,1739 show a reference to Jos Whitlock as one of the Homagers for that court.

The manorial documents for May 16,1739 also show:

We present Jos: Whitlock for making an Encroachment and making a Hedge to farring Highway in a Close against Black Lane and that the sd Hedge shall be removed in its proper place by ye sd Joseph Whitlock in Six Months time under ye penalty of Forty Shillings.

In the Manorial records for Jun.21,1764:

Also we present Martha Whitlock to find a Tythingman for the Year ensuing and Thomas

Whitlock her son is sworn accordingly. This would be WJO14.

In the Manorial records for Jun.12,1766:

Also we present Thomas Whitlock to be Hayward for Pitton for the year ensuing and is sworn accordingly.

The Survey of the Manor of Pitton 1766

Lease Dd Mar.25,1726

Leasee: Joseph Whitlock of Pitton, Deceased (in 1766)
Martha Whitlock of Pitton
Mathias Whitlock of Pitton Son of Martha
Esau Whitlock of Pitton Son of Martha

Lease Dd Sep.15,1735

Leasee: Joseph Whitlock of Pitton, Yeoman
Thomas Whitlock, son

Lease Dd Apr.20,1781 (Former Deed Dd Oct.29,1756)

Leasee: Elizabeth Whitlock 32 of Pitton, Widow
William Whitlock 6 son of Pitton
Martha Whitlock of Pitton, Widow, deceased (former leasee)
Joan Rolfe 42 Wife of Josiah Rolfe of Wilford, clothier, formerly Whitlock

Deeds of Farley Manor

May 29,1754

Leasee: Martha Whitlock 99 year lease
Matthias age about 17 and Esau age about 16, her sons. Then to Joseph Whitlock,
Martha his wife and Mary their daughter

In the Manorial records for Jul.11,1771:

Also we present Esau Whitlock to be Hayward for Pitton for the year ensuing and he came and was sworn accordingly.

The Survey of the Manor of Pitton in 1776:

Leasee: William Whitlock with sister Joan, wife of Isiah Rolf

Leasee: Esau Whitlock

Fox Strangways Collection

Feb.12,1710 George Whitlock of Pitton from William Smart son of William Smart late of Newton Toney and Anne wife of John Williams of Swiford in the County of Southampton, yeoman, lately called Anne Toomer, spinster. Also George Whitlock the younger, son of George Whitlock

Sep.17,1711 George Whitlock of Pitton, yeoman and his sons Joseph and George. Also mentions George Whitlock his father.

Mar.25,1726 Joseph Whitlock of Pitton, Yeoman. George Whitlock and Anne his wife.

Sep.11,1730 Joseph Whitlock, George Whitlock his son & Francis Edmonds

Sep.15,1735 Joseph Whitlock, Martha his wife & Anne their daughter

After reviewing all this information about the two Joseph Whitlocks a couple things become fairly clear. Firstly the vast majority of the information relates to the Joseph Whitlock who married Martha Blake. Joseph son of John Whitlock shows in his apprenticeship records in 1716 and his marriage to Sarah Fry in 1722. All the rest of the data appears to relate to the family of Joseph Whitlock who married Martha Blake. We know Joseph & Martha's daughter Joan married Josiah Rolfe and there are several references to this Joan. The clue that I think clinches Quintin's theory is the deed dated Mar.25,1726. You will note above there are two references to this deed. One in the Strangways Collection that shows Joseph Whitlock of Pitton on the same deed with George Whitlock and Anne his wife. The second reference appears in the Survey of Pitton, 1766 which refers to the original 1726 deed and shows the leasee as Martha Whitlock and her sons Mathias and Esau. The George Whitlock referred to is the one who married Ann Mallory Apr.17,1682 at Alderbury, Wiltshire. George and Ann had two children, George b.1685 and Joseph b.1703. Think this is a fairly good indication that George Whitlock was the father of the Joseph Whitlock who married Martha Blake.

Our thanks to Quintin White for bringing this error to our attention. I have made the necessary changes to the charts. I have now moved all the descendants of Joseph Whitlock from the WHITLOCK50 chart to the WHITLOCK03 one. If you have any questions about this change, please email me.

SOURCES:PH0274; R0001; R0047; R0079; R0411; R0557; R0597; R0598; R0642; R0788; SAL5,6,7; SOG162; UBC12,13; X0035; X0105; X0128; X1424; X1670; X4292;X6075