

WILLIAM WHITLOCK, BAKER OF BURNHAM, ESSEX (1776-1800)

In Jackson's Oxford Journal for Saturday February 22, 1800 there is a curious little story about a fire.

"Fire - On Thursday fo' night a fire broke out in the dwelling house of Mr. Whitlock, baker at Burnham, Essex which at first threatened very *fatal consequences*. Mr. W. having been confined to his bed by a severe indisposition, about ten o'clock in the evening, whilst the nurses were administering his medicines, by some means the candle caught the curtains by the bed, which was instantly in flames, but by the activity of those in the house, and the kind assistance of the neighbours, fortunately no considerable damage ensued."

Although:

In the Ipswich Journal also for Saturday February 22, 1800 there was a couple of lines in the Chelmsford news section:

"Last Sunday week died Mr. Whitlock, baker of Burnham, in this county"

So while there may not have been much damage, William Whitlock did not survive the ordeal!!

William died February 16, 1800 and his burial in Burnham, Essex is recorded on February 18.

This William Whitlock was baptized in Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire March 10, 1776 and was the son of James Whitlock of Pitton, Wiltshire and his wife Sarah Spink. James is shown as a dog feeder to Colonel Thornton and his wife Sarah was the daughter of William Spink, a farmer of Kirk Deighton.

On April 20, 1796 William Whitlock married Hannah Cutts at Goldhanger, Essex. Hannah was the daughter of Thomas Cutts and his wife Mary Boltwood of Witham, Essex.

There were two children who died in 1801, William and Mary Hannah. Hannah's will from 1845 indicates that only one child from this marriage survived, Hillery Charles Whitlock who was born about 1800. In 1804 Hannah married William Garrington at Burnham, Essex and there were several Garrington children.

This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK67 chart with connections to both the WHITLOCK15 chart and the WHITLOCK50 charts.

Our thanks to Colin Mills for sending in these interesting Newspaper extracts that help explain why William Whitlock died at the young age of 23.

Sources: NP1136; NP1137; X1231; X1230; X1093