

WILLIAM WHITLOCKS in the 1400's

I met recently with Robert Walter Whitlock, a descendant of the Whitlocks of Wokingham family (WHITLOCK02H). Rob is now retired and looking to do more Whitlock Family research. I suggested he might like to take on the medieval families. We have a fairly large collection of miscellaneous entries from the 1200's to 1538. He thought that might be interesting and I suggested he start with William Whitlock of Calais as I think he might have connection to Rob's family.

There are several entries for William Whitlocks for the 1400's in our files and while they are likely several different persons it will be interesting to see what Rob can uncover about each of them.

1. *Calendar of Patent Rolls held by the Guildhall, London*

P.323 - May 16, 1415 - Westminster - Membrane 19

Whereas Robert Aissehefeld by licence of Richard II enfeoffed master John de Ixworth... of the manor of Lytelhause, co. Suffolk.... it was found that Robert died seised in his desmesne as of fee in the manor and Robert son fo John Assehefeld was his kinsman and heir viz. son of John his son, and of the age of twelve years and more at time of his death...afterwards [when Robert came of age pmw] the said John Ixworth and others released their right to him and his heirs and assigns without licence; the king, for 10 marks paid in the hanaper, pardons the trespasses in this, and grants licence for Robert to enfeoff Thomas Pepyr and William Whitlok of the manor and for them to re-enfeoff him and Eleanor his wife of it, to hold to themselves and the heirs of their bodies. GH104

2. *The Soldier in later Medieval England*

First Name	De Surname	Status	Rank	Captain Name	Sub-Captain	Commander Type	Date	Duration
Location	Reference	Membrane	Place	County	Occupation	Nationality		

William	Whitlock	Belton, John, Sir	Protection	1423.02.22	Montreuil TNA	C76/106	m19	Kent
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The above entry for Feb.22,1423 is for Montreuil in the Pas de Calais and is likely the first reference we know of that obviously relates to William Whitlock. X6840

3. *Chudleigh, Devon*

28/1/1427 at Chudleigh "West Ogwell" On the death of Sir Luke Stoke, Sir John Mongwill, Chaplain, was instituted (at Chudleigh, above date) Patrons, *hac vic* Master Michael Lercedekne, Sir Matthew Downe and William Whitlock X2796

4. *Hampshire, The Manor of Manydown (In the parish of Wootton, St. Lawrence, and Hanmington)*

P.218 No.212 - Hanytone. Comptus Willelmi Whitlok firm. 1B. afo. S.Mich. Arch. A.D. 1430, usque iden fm. tunc prox. sequens A.D.1431, et conf. Dni. Thomae Prioris septimo decimo. SOG250

5. *Calendar of Patent Rolls*

P.369 - Jul.7,1450 - Westminster - Membrane 11

...William Whytelok.... of Renham [Rainham co. Kent pmw]
...John Whitlokke... All of Great Waltham, co. Essex.

(General pardon to John Mortymer, at the request of the queen, though he and others in great numbers on divers places of the realm and specially in Kent and the places adjacent of their presumption gathered together against the statutes of the realm to the contempt of the king's estates...) [what the above was concerning P.338 Jul.6, Westminster Membrane 13 pmw] GH106

6. Calendar of Papal Registers 1198-1492

Vol. X 1447-1455

P.525 - 1d Aug.1451 - St.Peter's Rome - f.289 - (De Altaribus)

To William Witlock, nobleman, lord of the place of Wihlokkesplace in the diocese of Terouane (Morinensis), and Margaret his wife, noble woman. Indult to have a portable altar. Sincere etc. Datum (as usual) (O. And Marcellus. I.O. xii Pontancis). GH096

Terouane (Morinensis) is in northern France in the Pas de Calais - half way between modern St.Omer and Bethune.

7. Calendar of Patent Rolls

p.484 - May 4,1459 - Westminster - Membrane 3

Grant to William Whitlok, late lieutenant of John, lord of Stourton, captain of the town of Risbank,[Tower of Wisbech?] of £122.9s.4¼d. yearly from Michaelmas last from issues of the lordships of Mark and Oye in Picardy, until he be paid a sum of £367.7s.9¾d., where of £277.7s.9¾d. are due to him for his wages, as is contained in the account of Gervase Clyfton, knight, treasurer of the town and march of Calais, remaining in the Exchequer of record, and by as bill of 'debetur' of the said treasurer, and £90. are due to him of the wages of Fulk Vernon, knight, late treasurer of the said town and march, remaining in the Exchequer of record, and by another bill of debetur of the said Richard; which bills William has surrendered into the Exchequer to be cancelled. By p.s. etc. GH107

8. Calendar of Fines

p.176. Mar.20,1466 - Membrane 23

(writs of "diem causit extremum" after the death of the following persons, directed to the escheators in the countries named)

William Whitloc; Calais (the mayor and escheator) GH087

9. Exeter Mayor Court Roll 1473

Recording the admission of William Whitlock to the Freedom of the City of Exeter. The entry states that William was the son of John Whitlock and that he was apprenticed for seven years to William Jamys and

Margaret his wife to learn saddlery.

Monday 13 September 13 Edward IV 1473

X0397

10. Exeter Records

William Whitlock, Bailiff of Exeter 1485

X0802

11. Unknown source

51/1/5/4 21 November 1488 (4 Henry VII)

Exeter (St.Mary Steps) Feoffment to the uses of a will

Robert Russell to Nicholas Prous & John Sayer

Tenement in Exeter, situated between the tenement of the parish church of St. Mary Steps on the south and the tenement of the Warden and College of Vicars Coral of the Cathedral, on the east and north, and on the High Street on the west. To hold for ever of the chief lords of the fee clause of warranty.

Attorneys: William Wytlock' and Richard Duke

Witnesses: Richard Clerke, mayor, George Chapman, John Rugg..way, John Ector and William Osett, bailiffs

Round red seal of Robert Russell representing a bell, broken.

R0156

12. Letter from Jim Whitelock Dd Aug.13,1987

I will move a bit further afield now. Whilst I was in Exeter I came across a record containing the medieval Council of Exeter... The Mayor's Rolls state that William Whitlock was elected councillor for the years 1495,1496,1497,1498 & 1499 and the receivers rolls record that William Whitlock was appointed Receiver of the Corporations monies (Taxes, rates etc) for the same years.

I think it is fairly clear that these entries relate to two or more William Whitlocks. William Whitlock who shows in Calais, France from as early as 1423 appears to have distinguished himself and by 1451 is shown as a nobleman with Margaret, his wife; "late lieutenant" of Lord Stourton by 1459; and Mayor of Calais by 1466.

The William Whitlock of Exeter appears quite separate. He was apprenticed as a Saddler and is referred in several documents as a Saddler. He was also too young to have been in France in the 1450's as he was only apprenticed in 1473 when he was likely about 13.

Hopefully we can uncover additional records that will enable us to determine how these William Whitlocks fit into the known families. It is not clear if William of Calais returned to England and the reference to a William Whitlock who died in Flanders in 1520 seems too late.

We wish Robert success in working on these records and look forward to seeing what he can uncover.