

THOMAS WILLIAM WHITELOCK (1816-1885)

SURGEON-MAJOR

Vicky House recently sent me several references to Major Thomas William Whitelock a surgeon in the employ of the India Medical Service.

The Indian Medical Service files record his service beginning in 1840. #1047 Whitelock, Thomas William jr. born Apr.4,1816, MRCS 1839 d. London, 27 April 1885.

In 1841 the Register for Madras shows him as an Assistant Surgeon. He is doing duty at Presidency General Hospital and has been “appointed to afford medical aid to detachment of 44th N.I., proceeding to Moulmein in barque *Ann*, and to return with relieved detachment of 40th N.I.”

In January 1854 Assistant Surgeon T.W. Whitelock is shown with the 3rd Infantry in Bolarum as a surgeon.

On August 12, 1861 T.W. Whitelock in Europe, now Surgeon Major is recorded as a officer permitted to retire from the service.

Thomas William Whitelock is included in the 1881 census living at 6 Chalcot Crescent, St. Pancras, London. He is a lodger in the home of Mary M. Forde, occupation Surgeon, Not Practicing. He was 64, unmarried and his place of birth is shown as Manchester, Lancashire.

The British Medical Journal for May 2, 1885 included a short obituary. “Surgeon-Major T.W. Whitelock, formerly of the Indian Medical Service, died at Regent’s Park, on March 27th, in the 70th year of his age.”

The India Medical Service records show him as “Thomas William Jr” but we have not been able to confirm who his parents were or place him on one of our family charts. Our thanks to Vicky for passing this information on to us.

SOURCES: SOG403; R3014-7; 1881 census