

WHITLOCKS OF BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE

Over the past 43 years a great deal of information has been sent in and Birmingham has shown up in quite a few of the records. It has become evident over time that there are quite a few different Whitlock families with branches who headed off to Birmingham.

One of these is the WHITLOCK74 family headed by William & Ellen Whitlock. We know they were in Middlesex in the 1820's but in Birmingham by the 1840's when their son William married Mary Ellis in 1849 at Aston Juxta Birmingham. We recently discovered that William Sr. was born in Bampton, Oxfordshire, the son of Elisha Whitlock who is part of the WHITLOCK20 family, The Whitlocks of Oxfordshire. The WHITLOCK74 branch sent family to the furthest corners of the world, with lots of descendants in Australia. Even some of the Whitlocks from this family came to the area of British Columbia where I live. This family also includes the artist Roger Dennis Whitlock. Roger lives in Oahu, Hawaii but still has family in the Seattle, Washington area just south of me.

The second family is the WHITLOCK77 one, The Whitlocks of Northamptonshire. This "Also from Northamptonshire" line is headed by James Whitlock of Silverstone, Northamptonshire who married Sarah Holloway in 1799 at Ravenstone, Buckinghamshire. His son Joseph died in Birmingham in 1857 and Joseph's son, Henry Joseph Whitlock founded the Whitlock photography business in Birmingham. A recent contact from this part of the family is Naomi Arimura from Japan.

The third family with Birmingham connections is the WHITLOCK08 family, the Whitlocks of Essex. One of the "Also from Hertfordshire" lines includes John Whitlock of Barley, Hertfordshire who married Sarah Franklin in 1873. Their son John Samuel Whitlock was born in Birmingham in 1877 and died in Victoria, BC in 1948. Much of the research on this part of the family has come from Chris Geoghegan of Australia.

On the WHITLOCK18 chart, The Whitlocks of Somerset, there is the family of Humphrey Whitlock and Ann James who were married at Dudley, Worcestershire in 1852. By 1859 the family is living in Birmingham.

There is also a small connection with the WHITLOCK48 chart, The Whitlocks of Bideford, Devon. Thomas Whitlock and Elizabeth Isaac were married in Stoke Damerel, Devon in 1811. Their son William Henry Whitlock and his wife Hephzabah Emily are living in Birmingham when their daughter Annie is born in 1865.

While each of these families' time in Birmingham was different, many of them and their descendants were living there at the same time. Even in my own family I have a branch of my mother's family that spent some time in Birmingham in the 1850's to 1880's and there is a photograph of two of them taken by Whitlock Bros of Wolverhampton during this period.