

WHITLOCKS OF CHOLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE - UPDATE

We have speculated that several Whitlock families in America originate in Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire. In the December 2005 issue I included an article regarding this theoretical connection and unfortunately since that time we have not been able to confirm or deny the theory proposed at that time.

It is my intention to concentrate on this over the next few months. I understand the parish registers for Cholesbury are available from 1583 and I will be going to the local LDS library to see if I can get access to them.

As well Tom Glassel, a Baldwin researcher has advised the Bucks Record Office has a collection of manorial records that may be of assistance to us:

The Manorial Court Records covering 1300-1600 are:

Aylesbury Bierton Court rolls 1548-1549 Ref: D/X 617/1-2

Court Rolls 1487-1488; 1490-1491; 1508; 1561-1587 Ref M 39

Accounts and rentals 1350-1700 Ref: M 39

Cholesbury Court Rolls 1599-1738 Ref D/BASM 20/1-6

I have written to my cousin John Lawson Whitlock who lives in Chesham, Bucks to see if he can determine the ability to get access to these records and if any of them have been indexed or printed.

I have also written to a few of the Baldwin researchers to determine if there are any references to Whitlocks in any of their records. I do feel the clue to resolving this is likely through the connection to the Baldwin family. I think the clue to the Whitlock connection in Buckinghamshire is through the Baldwin family there. I am convinced the reason the Whitlocks first came to Massachusetts before John Whitlock headed to Connecticut was because Joseph and Hannah (Whitlock) Baldwin went to Massachusetts. Rose Whitlock stayed in Massachusetts and married Abraham Parker in 1644.

If anyone has worked on any of the Cholesbury records, email me and let me know. I am hoping by gathering together as much research as we can we will be able to determine if our theory has merit or is pure speculation.