

ORIGINS OF THE NAME WHITLOCK - UPDATE

Over the years I have done several articles on the origins of the name W(h)it(e)lo(c)k(e)(s). First in the December 1993 issue and again in the September 2008 issue. I won't repeat any information here as both these articles are available on the website if persons wish to know more. I still like the "location" theory of "white enclosure" as the most likely origin of the name.

My reason for this article is to relate some interesting information that I recently received from Bjorn Witlox of Holland. Bjorn has worked extensively on his family and is a member of the WHITLOCK90 family that traces their descent from Johannes Witloc b.1300.

Bjorn has come across two more words that have Whitlock connections.

The first is Hvit-lok which is the Swedish word for anemone nemorosa, a small white flower and is common in Holland.

His second word is Vitlok which means garlic in Swedish. Bjorn provided a link to the International Genealogical Index, listing many Hvitlocks living in Sweden between 1660 and 1860.