

# THE LANDLADY AND THE SWEEP

The following newspaper article was sent to Dianne Sutton by a friend who knew her interest in Whitlocks. It is from the Bucks Herald, Newport Pagnell of Oct.25,1856

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Petty Sessions Oct 22 nd (Before Mathew Knapp Esq, Rev A Chester and Rev Dr Langley) The Landlady and The Sweep - Frederick Whitlock, chimney sweeper of Wavendon, was charged with assaulting Mary Lee, who keeps the Fir Tree public-house, in the same parish, on the 3rd of October. The case having been adjourned from the last Petty Sessions in consequence of the complainant being too ill to attend. Complainant now stated that the defendant drove up to her door about ten o'clock on the night of the 3 rd inst., just as she was in the act of closing the door. He called for a quart of beer; she saw he was intoxicated and refused to admit him or draw any beer. He forced himself into the house, and, with very abusive language, said he would not go until he had some beer. The old lady, who is sixty five years of age, said that she thought she would show a little spirit, so she took the poker and ordered him out; he instantly snatched it from her and knocked her down with it. Francis Lee, her son, stated that he was in bed, but hearing the disturbance, he came down. His mother was lying on the floor, bleeding very much, and the defendant had the poker in his hand, and threatened to serve witness in the same way, but witness succeeded in getting the poker from him and turning him out. A neighbour was sent for, who came and put Mrs Lee to bed. She had a severe wound on the head, the ear being cut through; she has been under surgical treatment ever since. Mr Jones appeared for the defence, and called the defendants lad, who was sitting in the cart at the door, and who stated that Mrs Lee struck defendant with the poker first. Mr Jones stated in mitigation, that the defendant had offered to make any compensation to Mrs Lee that she might require, immediately after the assault. The defendant was convicted in a penalty and costs of £4, or one months imprisonment.

Dianne also sent in this item showing Frederick was in trouble again 12 years later:

Northampton Mercury - Saturday 13 June 1868

“Fredk. Whitlock, of Woburn Sands, chimney sweeper, was charged [by] Charles Bowler of Hurstbourne Crawley, with stealing three dozen cabbages from his garden, on 23rd May.—The case occupied some time, and defendant was ultimately convicted, and fined 10s. and costs, which was paid for him by friend.— Mr. Stimson of Bedford, appeared for Whitlock.”

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Frederick Whitlock was baptized Nov.25,1821 at Wavendon, Buckinghamshire and buried at St.Michael's, Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire Aug.10,1897. He was the son of Mary Ann Whitlock the daughter of Thomas & Sarah (Lester) Whitlock. Frederick's father was likely Thomas Collins as Thomas & Mary Ann had banns of marriage read in July 1821 in Aylesbury but the marriage never took place. (Although it is equally as likely that the reason the wedding did not take place was because Thomas discovered Mary Ann was already pregnant by another man.)

Frederick married Jane Hudson at Woburn, Bedfordshire Oct.30,1842 and they had three children born 1843 to 1848. The Keech family of Toronto, Ontario, Canada descends from their daughter Mary Anne Whitlock (1845?-1884)

This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK42 chart, The Whitlocks of Buckinghamshire, England

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