

ALICE WHITLOCKE'S WILL 1616

In the name of God Amen I Alice Whitlocke of London widow being sicke & weak in body but of p'fect memorie (thanks be to god) doe ordaine & make this my last will & testament in forme followinge Imprimus I bequeath my Soule to almightie god & my body to the earth to be buried in the p'sh church of St. Marie Steyninge london, Item I doe will & bequeath to Thomas Whitlocke & Alice Whitlocke children of my sonn Henry Whitlocke Deceased the some of ten pounds to be equallie devided betwixt them Item my will & desire is that the Lease of my dwellinge house shalbe sould by my executor hereafter named to the best value & that all my goodes & implement of Houshold shalbe appraised & sold by my said executor & that the money ther uppon growinge the said legacie to the children of my sonne Henry Whitlocke & my burial charges beinge discharged shalbe equallie devided betwixt & amoungst my sonne Richard Whitlocke, my Daughter Alice Baldey widowe & my Daughter Thamasin Hodgekins wife of John Hodgekins, Item I doe ordaine & make my welbeloved Friend William ?arthwarke of London Bricklayer & Tyler sole executor of this my last will In Wittnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seall Dated the three & twentieth day of Julii Anno Dom 1616

the marke X of Alice Whitlocke

Sealed & acknowledged
to be her last will in the p'sence
of us Wi Meredith
The marke of I Isbell Bynny
The marke of R R...Meredith

Alice's will was proved August 7, 1616. This will fills in several blanks in our records and provided information that there were at least four generations of Whitlocks who were goldsmiths in London in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Alice's maiden name was Jonson. She married Thomas Whitlock November 24, 1551 in Uxbridge, London. Thomas was a goldsmith. His will was made May 3/4, 1609 and proved May 15, 1609 St. Mary Stainings. London. One of the witnesses to his will was his daughter Alice Bauldrey. Their son Henry Whitlock, also a goldsmith died in 1608 in St. Mary Stainings, London. Henry was married to Blanch Williams December 3, 1593 at St. Gregory by St. Paul, London. Another son, Richard Whitlock, goldsmith of St. Vedast was having children 1596-1609. There is also Richard Whitlock, goldsmith who died in St. Andrews Holborn, London in 1670. His will mentions his brother Hugh Whitlock which confirms him as a son of Richard Whitlock, Goldsmith of St. Vedast. This makes three generations of London, Goldsmiths, Thomas Whitlock (1520's-1609), Richard Whitlock (1650's-1619) & Richard Whitlock (1607-1670).

Further information has been received from Sophia Tobin, Library Secretary to the Goldsmiths Company in London. Ms Tobin kindly provided details on the apprenticeship records that they hold. Research by Gerald Taylor indicates that there were two Thomas Whitlocks who were

goldsmiths, a father and son. This would indicate that the Thomas Whytlock, goldsmith who died in St. John Zacharies Parish, London in 1557 was the father of Thomas Whitlock who died in 1609. His will is dated October 18, 1557 and is proved in London November 26, 1557. He mentions his "welbeloved wife" Anne and directs "her be good unto her poor children and myne..." This is therefore four generations of goldsmiths in one family.

"T.F. Reddaway who researched the early history of the Goldsmith's Company notes that Thomas as 'sometime apprentice to John Hollowey' in 1560 in Court minute book K, p.114. In the same book, Thomas is described as being at one time a servant of Garreth Waynesick, along with his brother Alberrow or Albert, who was made free by patrimony on 30 August 1560". Albert Whitlock also of St. John Zacharies left a will proved May 20, 1572.

Sophia also mentions Henry Whitlock's apprentice record and that of his brother Richard: "We have a 'Hary (sic) Whitlock', son of Thomas, who was apprenticed to his master Richard Williames (sic) in 1578 (Apprentice Book 1, page 6). It appears he did not become free." "Richard Whitlock, son of Thomas, was apprenticed to Richard Williams in 1582 (Apprentice Book 1, page 42). He was made free on 6 April 1593." This confirms that Richard Whitlock was the son Thomas & Alice (Jonson) Whitlock. Likely Albert was older than Richard by 4 years assuming they were apprenticed at the same age. If they were both apprenticed at 14 Henry would be born about 1564 and Richard 1568.

The last generation also shows in the apprenticeship records. "Richard Whitlock was apprenticed to John Langton and turned over to John Kettle (Apprentice Book 1, page 251). Apprenticed in 1621, he was made free on 19 November 1630". Richard would have been 14 in 1621. He was the son of Richard Whitlock and grandson of Thomas & Alice (Jonson) Whitlock.

SOURCES: R0078/224, 230, 259, 341, 491; R0599/3; R0112/170, 185; R3184; X7297