

JOHN WHITELOCK (1719?-1802) OF STREATHAM, SURREY

My last visit to the LDS library in Salt Lake City concentrated on Wills and this resulted in the amazing find detailed in the December 2012 issue of the Newsletter. I am continuing to catalogue the indexes to the British Wills, 1858-1966 and have made some additional interesting discoveries.

In some cases Wills are probated long after the testator's death and also Wills can be re-probated due to unforeseen events. One such estate is that of John Whitelock of Streatham, Surrey:

1864

WHITELOCK John. 23 January. Letters of Administration of the Personal estate and effects of John Whitelock late of Streatham in the County of **Surrey** Widower deceased who died 29 May 1802 at Streatham aforesaid were granted at the **Principal Registry** to the Reverend Benjamin Whitelock of Groombridge in the County of Kent Clerk and John William Whitelock of Ash House near Midhurst in the County of Sussex Solicitor the Executors of the Will of Benjamin Whitelock the Son of the said Deceased they having been first sworn.

This entry ties three generations together. The Reverend Benjamin Whitelock of Groombridge and his brother JohnWilliam Whitelock are the sons of Benjamin Whitelock and Elizabeth Lane who were married January 2, 1817 St. Olave, Old Jewry, London. This item confirms that Benjamin's parents are John Whitelock and Ann Lutkens who were married at Dulwich College Chapel, Camberwell Surrey May 2, 1749. John was of St. Mary Magdalene Milk St. London, Batchelor and Ann was of All Hallows y Gr. Spinster. The couple were married by Robert Aylmer, Vicar of Camberwell by Licence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Their seven children were baptized at St. Lawrence Jewry & All Hallows, Bread Street, London between 1751 and 1765.

This John Whitelock of Bread Street,. Haberdasher was the executor of the Will of Thomas Cryer of London, Merchant dated June 10, 1763. His daughters Ann & Salome Whitelock are mentioned on a memorial at Wimbledon Parish Church:

"James Meyrick d. 27 Nov 1818 aged 70. Mrs. Ann Meyrick relict of James d. Nov.12,1823 aged 69 Salome Whitlock sister of Mrs. Meyrick who died at Wimbledon Aug.31,1836 Aged 71"

The marriage of James Meyrick and Ann Whitelock May 25, 1779 is mentioned in the Gentleman's Magazine Vol: XLIX -1779. Also the deaths of John Whitelock of Streatham and his widow both in 1802.

From this one probate item we have been able to pull together three generations of this London merchant family and tie in several other items that confirm the relationship and give us a better picture of the life of this family in 18th and 19th century London.

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