

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Richard Whitlock m'chante of the City off London sicke of bodye but whole of mynd do make this my last will and testament w'h is my bodie to be buried in christian burial Also I do make Joane my wyffe and my children full executrix and my goods to be demysed accordinge to the worshipfull order of the Cytie of London (my debts being paid) Also I doe give and bequeath oute of my possion unto ye children of Jerome Whitlocke to saye Willyam & Mychell my godchildren to either of them the some of thre pounds sixe shillings eighte pence good and lawfull money of England to be paied unto them within one yere, Also I do give unto the children of John Whitlocke to either of them xxs lawfull money of England to be paied to them at the daye of their mariage/ Also I do give unto my servante George Spencer the some of vis viijd good and lawfull money of England to be paied unto him at his cominge furthe of his yeres/ Also I do bequeath unot Coops hall the some of iij£ vis viiid currante money of England to be bestowed at the discecon of the worshpfull companye/ Also I do ordeine John Heath the yonger, and John Lendall my overseers to oversee my books and accounts debts and b paymente, And I do bequeath unto either of them for their paynes fortie shillings/ And I doe make and ordaine my frend John Lendall my deputie to receive all suche money as is due to me here in this towne of Burdee And also all suche cllothe as is to come for me in the Ane Frances of London and to sell it to my use And also the sayed John Lendall to have the goverment of all suche money as I have in this towne/ And also I will that the saied a John Lendall shall paye for all such wyne and wares as hath been alredie boughte for my use And for all such money as shall be left I will him to lode it in wyne and to deliver a... accompte unto my wiffe Jone Whitlocke, And he the said John Lendall to have For his paynes tenne french Crownes, And For the rest of my parte (my funerale and gifts aforesaied being payed I doe Give and bequeath it unto my wiffe Jone Whitlocke and my children to saye, my wyffe thone halfe and my children thother, halfe wrytten the xxxth of October in anno 1570/ in the presens of George Lucas and William Lucas marchannts of London and for the true wytnes hereof they have setto their hands the daye and yere above sayed per me Richard Whitlock, Delivered as his dede in the presence of me Willyan Lucas mercer, by George Lucas In the presens of me John Lendall & me Willm May mar't

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Richard Whitlock is shown on the WHITLOCK02h chart, born in 1533, son of Richard Whitlock & Jane Grove of Wokingham, Berkshire. He was the father of Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632) who gives a short account of his life in *Liber Familicus*. "p.4 My father, Richard Whitelock, was the fourthe and yongest sun. He was put to London to be broughte up in the trade of marchandise, and then became free of the best companyes, as of the marchant adventurers, Spayne, Muskovie, and did trafique in all these countryes, and heer in England withe the Italian marchants, but used most trafique in Fraunce. He used to go in parson into foreyne countryes, and, having a purpose to leave that dangerous course of life, was taken away by deathe in that voyage he made accompt shold have been his last. He went from London toward Burdeux in Fraunce, the emporium for Gascoyne wines, 22 September, 1570, and thear fell into a plurisy, 21 October next following, of whiche he dyed 7 November following, and was buryed withe great difficulty; for, by reason that he refused extream unction and sutche popishe ceremonies in his sickness, he was excommunicate as an heretik, and so deprived of christian buriall. But the Englishe marchants that wear then at Burdeux, to the number of a 100 or more, armed withe shot, did carye the corps into the vineyards, and thear did honorably interr it. He made his last will and testament in his siknesse, dated 30 October, 1570, and in it made my mother his executrix, who did prove it and execute it most faythfully and lovingly toward her children. The inventarye was £1221.11s.7d. He was 37 yeares of age when he died, as apeerethe by his picture, whiche was made 1563 and then he was 30 yeares olde, and he died in anno 1570. I have noted his gravitye by his picture, for, being then but 30 year olde, he

ware a cap, a verye small ruffe and edged withe black work, a side coat of fine black clothe, a black satten dubblet, and a Spanishe cape of fine black clothe, furred and edged withe pinked satten, and long stokkins. This apparell now would be thoughte over grave in an elder by ten yeares.”

Unfortunately the portrait that Sir James describes has likely not survived. Their house in Fleet Street was burned in the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Richard married Joan (Colte) Brockhurst February 7, 1563. She was a widow, her husband and only child, a daughter, having died of plague in 1563. Sir James’ account of his mother from *Liber Familicus* p.6 “and leaving his widow of comptent estate, she maryed afterward my father, he being yonger than she, and of no great meanes, but civill, and likely to thrive. My mother being a widow maryed Thomas Price, a marchant of London, that had by her only on sun named George, now living... This Thomas Price proved a notable unthrift, and a verye unkinde and insolent husband, so as my mother, being destitute of frendes, had these burdens lay upon her, the care to avoyd dayly wrongs to herself from her husband, to preserve those portions that wear left to her children, and to finde the meanes to bring them up in lerning and civility.”

Sir James’ portrays his mother as very financially astute. She managed to keep her children’s inheritance away from her husband and invested it successfully enough that each was well educated had a fairly substantial estate when they reached adulthood. Two sons, Edmund and James attended Merchant Taylors School and learned the classics, Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Edmund went on to Cambridge and James to Oxford and then to the Middle Temple to train as a lawyer.

p.16 On the 21st of February, 1606, 4Jacobi, dyed my kinde, godly and loving mother, having lived a goodly time; the certeyn number of yeares she could not tell, but herself and her kindred reconed her neer fourskore...she was buryed in Aldermarye churche in the chauncell thear, 25 February. She dyed in that parishe, and thear preached at her funerall doctor John Done, the parson, that had been my acquayntance when he was of Christ churche in Oxford.

Richard’s wife Joan was pregnant at his death and on November 28, 1570 she gave birth to twins, William and James. Sir James mentions his twin brother in *Liber Familicus*. p.11 William, that was the elder born of us two, was broughte up withe the rest in lerning, but had no minde to it, and therefore was bound apprentice to a marchant in London, but when the Portugall voyage was undertaken, he left maister and thrift and all, and put himself into the action, and so fell from that civill course to a martiall life. He was brought up from shipbord, at his return, in a sheet, he was so extream weak, and did hardly recover again by my mother’s great tendernesse of him, and, when he was well againe, followed the warrs altogeather. He served sir Frauncis Drake in his chamber, and followed him to the Groin, and his other voyages, and behaved himself verye valiantly, to the good liking of his master, and so continued in his service untill sir Frauncis dyed at sea... He followed that course of life, untill at the last, going forthe in a ship of war from London to the Indian seas, he lost his life in a conflict withe the Spanyards. He was a verye tall young man, strong of body flaxen hear, fair of complexion, exceeding wastfull in expence, and carelesse of all worldly matters that tended to thrift. He was about the age of 27 yeares olde when he dyed.

*Liber Familicus* p.11 “Richard, my second brother, was sent over sea, being about the age of sixteen yeares, unto Christopher Colte, my mother’s brother, to Dansk, and lived withe him in travail in those estern countries untill he came to man’s estate; and afterward maryed agentlewoman of that country, on Katharin Dambits, by whome he hathe many children. He hathe tasted of many varieties of fortune, sumtime good and sumtime bad, and hathe traveyled over many countries, and the the uncerteynty of trafique hathe susteyned great losses in his estate. By reason that his wife had a good patrimony of land

by enheritance from her father, he abidethe at Elbing and those partes, whear she was born and her land lyethe.”

We know of at least five of Richard’s supposed 16 children and were able to trace descendants of his son John for 200 years in Sweden. A daughter was married to Colonel Christopher Potley (See article WFA March 2012). It is suspected that some Wittlokes and Wittlakes of Germany and Poland may descend from Richard Whitlock (1565-1624).

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