

WILL OF RICHARD WHITLOCK, 1642

In the name of God Amen The fyfteenth day of August Anno Dui one thousand sixe hundred [forty] and two I Richard Whitlock Citizen and Merchant of London weake in body but of good and perfect memory (thanks bee to God) Doe make and ordanie this my Last will and testame't in manner and... as followinge In primus I commende my Soule into the hands of God my ... hopinge assuredly through the only merritts of Jesus Christ my Savio'r to be partaker of life ever lasting And I commend my body to the earth ... was made to bee buried at the discre'on of my Executors hereafter named as for my worldly goodes I dispose thereof as followeth In primis I ... my sonne Richard Whitlocke during his usual life All that my Manor Beaches my Capitoll messuage called the Holt House with the lands th...adjoyning and belonging, vizt the Cawsy close, the parke, the lan... the Moores, the copice, Higwell meades and all those lands called To let...the great meade the pondchore & hipcoss, And the Tenement all within that either in the ...all occupation of Edward Flyt Richard Seyers, John Marlowe and William Fowley I like wise give my sonne Richard during his life my tenem't and Mills with the Mill land Moore Hill close now in the tenure or occupation of William Murke and ... Marlowe All which said Manor messuage, lands, Tenements and Mills are ... and beinge within the p'ish of Wokingham in the County of Berks I give unto my sonne Richard during his life three acres of meadow lying and being in Sonning Meade in the County of Berks. And after the of my Saide Sonne Richard my will is that the aforesaide Mannor messuage tenem'ts Mills and all other the before mentioned pr'mises shall bee ... unto my sonne Robert Whitlocke for and during the tearme of his life And after his decease the land shall bee and remaine unto my... John Whitlocke for and duringe the tearme of his naturall life A...the decease of my said Robert & John The Same Mannor messuage tenements Mills and and remaine to the heires male of ... of my saide sonne Richard, lawfully begotten And for want of surviving...to the heires male of the body of my Sonne Robert lawfully begotten ... for want of such surviving heires male of the body of my sonne begotten and for want of to the Rt heires of ...the... forever Item I give unto my sonne Robert Whitlocke and to..forever all that my messuage and ...with the appurtenences...all land meadows pasture and wast grounds thereunto belonging... confirming in the whole...and being within the p'ish of Wokingham in the county Wilts and commonly called or knowne by the name of Billhill All which saide Messuage and are now in the occupatio of John Noichoucliffe As for my goods and ... wherewith God of his bounty hath endowed mee withall First I bequeath to the my house of the Citty of London one third p'te thereof to Katherine my loving wife I likewise give unto her all my household stuff in my house my plate...The which plate my will is shall bee equally divided five parts amongst my wife and four children Item I will)accordinge ...order and bequeath to my four children Richard, Robert, John Katherine by equall portions one other thirde p'te of all my goods debts ... chattells provided that yf any of them dye before they possesse the same or is their full age My will is that his or her parte soe dyinge shall be to the survivors of the said children and bequeath the divided amongst them of the other third parte of my same goodes and chattells I give and bequeath following vizt To my Sonne Richard Whitlock fifty pounds, To my sonne ... Whitlock five hundred pounds To my sonne John Whitlock five hundredTo my daughter Katherine Whitlocke five hundred pounds. Item I give my brother Thomas Whitlocke Three pounds To my sister Jane Babe....pounds I ... five pounds ... the five pounds nowe given her To my Sister Conley Three pounds To my sister Margaret Whitlocke three polunds to Aunt Woods for a remembrance forty shillings Item I give to my ...Nephews William Whitlocke and Richard Whitlocke sonnes of ...William Whitlocke deceased five pounds a peece. Item I give to ...Whitlocke John Whitlocke and Beaches Whitlocke the sonnes of my ... Thomas forty shillings a peece Item I give to alol the rest of my brother ... Sisters children which are not before mentioned twenty shillings a peece the children of my Sister Deane and brother Clement but tenn shillings .. peece, havinge given them tenn shillings a peece in ready money at this... Item give to John Hawkins forty shillings for a remembrance to ... Hawkins and Joseph Hawkins twenty shillings a peece Item to the parish of St. Peters' the poore London three pounds Item I

give unto the Company of Skinners of the Citty of London Tenn pounds to bee paid.. Upon plate. I give to my Reverend Pastor Doctor Holdsworth three ... for a remembrance To Peeter Crewe tenn Shillings To the poore of ... Bartholomews hospital five pounds To the Citty prisons vitz Ludg.... the two ... forty shillings a peece I give threescore old ... threescore poore people such as my executors shall think fitt who accompany my Corps to buriall The overplus of the thirde p'te of m....bequeath twenty pounds thereof to....

Unfortunately the above copy of Richard Will is cut off on the right side and at the end so is somewhat incomplete. Richard Whitlock was son of John Whitlock and Agnes Planner of Wokingham, Berkshire. He likely born in the 1590's and married Katherine Burchette in 1615 at St.Andrews Holborn, London.

His Will mentions a great many family members. The Doctor Holdsworth mentioned is Richard Holdsworth (1590-1649) the Rector of St. Peter le Poer London and Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he was succeeded by Anthony Tuckney. Anthony Tuckney's daughter Mary married Richard Whitlock's son John in 1652.

On June 10,1617 Richard with his brother Robert entered into a lease with Henry Montague and Adam Kirkby Executors who held the Manor of Beches belonging to Richard's brother William. The lease was for 21 years and gave him an option of purchase which they appear to have exercised as the Manor became theirs prior to 1642.

Richard is shown attending Merchant Taylor's school where many of his cousins were sent to learn the business of trading and commerce. His commencement date of 1603 would imply he was likely born about 1593 as most of his cousins were between 9 and 10 when they entered the school. He was one of at least 11 children from parents married in the 1560's. Based on this I have adjusted the estimate dates of birth and marriage for John Whitlock and Agnes Planner. I think they are more realistic than Agnes having a child at 56. Possible but not likely. This also fits with earliest know date of marriage for one of John and Agnes' children. Rebecca was married in 1586.

In 1633 there is a petition of Richard Whitlock and many others, merchants of London (89 in whole) to the King. They are informed that some strangers living here have made choice of a postmaster, by whom they have sent their letters, while his Majesty has chosen William Frizell and Thomas Witherings for his postmaster for foreign services, who have hitherto carried themselves carefully. Pray the king to protect them (Frizell and Witherings) and not to suffer strangers to make their own choice.

Richard was buried in St. Peter le Poer church in London November 5, 1642

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