

KATHERINE (WHITLOCK) JORDEN (1622-1690)

Katherine (Whitlock) Jordan was born July 2, 1622 in the Parish of St. Peter Poer, London, the fourth child and only surviving daughter of Richard Whitlock & Katherine Burchett who married November 4 1615 at St. Andrews Holborn, London. Her father, Richard was educated at Merchant Taylor's School, became a member of the Skinners Co. and a successful London merchant. He leased the Manor of Beches from his brother William in 1617 for a period of 21 years, eventually taking ownership. He died a fairly young man at about 49.

Katherine's eldest brother was Doctor Richard Whitlock (1616-1666) author of *Zootomia* and after the restoration in 1660 a fairly troubled cleric. Katherine's nephew James, mentioned in her 1690 Will, was Richard's son, James Whitlock (1650?-1716) of Virginia. Katherine's Will also names her niece Anna (Whitlock) Langford. I think this Anna Whitlock is the one baptized February 4 1647 at St. Margaret's Westminster the daughter of Katherine's brother Richard and his wife Joane. This Joane is mentioned in the Will of Katherine's brother Robert Whitlock in 1670. There is no mention of Joane in Katherine's Will and it is assumed she had died before 1690 and her daughter Anna was likely living with Katherine's brother John Whitlock (1625-1708) of Mansfield. Anna married Thomas Langford May 16, 1671 at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire and like her uncle John Whitlock, Anna's husband, Thomas Langford, was a non-conformist minister.

Katherine's brother, John Whitlock (1625-1708) was the Vicar of St. Mary's Nottingham who was ejected for non-conformity. He became the minister of the Presbyterian Chapel High Pavement, Nottingham. He married Mary Tuckney the daughter of Anthony Tuckney Master of Emmanuel College Cambridge where John Whitlock received his MA degree in 1645. In 1680 this John Whitlock appeared before Sir Robert Clayton to provide proof that Anthony Whitlock of Lambeth, Surrey was the rightful heir of Thomas Whitlock (1615-1659) whose son Thomas Whitlock (1658?-1678) of Rappahannock Co. Virginia died before reaching age 21.

There is a plaque in St. Mary, Bow church in London. *"Near this Place lyeth the Body of Thomas Jordan, of London, Merchant, who married Katherine only Daughter of Richard Whitlock, of London, Merchant: By whom he had issue five Sons and nine Daughters, of which he left living two Sons and five Daughters. He finished his Course in the 62d Year of his age, and yielded up his Spirit unto God April the 9th 1671, Bequeathing his Body unto the Earth, to wait for a blessed Resurrection."* From this memorial we know Katherine had fourteen children of which seven were still alive in 1671 when Thomas died. So far we have been able to determine the names of eight children.

In her Will Katherine mentions six of her children and several grandchildren. Her daughter Katherine and her husband Joseph Burrough, daughter Margaret and her husband Robert Scott, daughter Dorcas & husband John Billingsley, daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Timme, daughter Abigail and husband Godfrey Webster and her son Thomas Jordan. The other son John Jordan must have died between Thomas Jordan's death in 1671 and Katherine's in 1690. Grandchildren include Katherine Burrough the wife of James Clerk, Katherine & Elizabeth Scott, Katherine, Mary & Dorcas Billingsley, children of her daughter Elizabeth Timme (not named) and her grandson Thomas Webster.