

THE WHITLOCKS OF WOKINGHAM AND LONDON CHURCHES

Following his recent trip to England Harry Lee Whitlock put together a summary of his trip for his children and included details on each of the London churches that played a role in his ancestor's lives.

I have taken this concept to create a list of the basic details and family connections for each of the London churches that have connections to the Whitlocks of Wokingham family WHITLOCK02H. Hopefully this will be of interest to any descendants of John Whitloke and Agnes delaBeche who were married about 1454 and enable them to see actual places their ancestors would have been familiar with.

St Andrew, Holborn, Camden, London

Richard Whitlock (-1642) & Katherine Burchett the parents of Richard (1616-1666), are recorded in the parish records as having married 7 November 1615.

The church was rebuilt after the Great London Fire of 1666 and is one of the churches that architect Christopher Wren designed. The church is featured in Charles Dickens' novel Oliver Twist as the church whose bells the evil character Bill Sykes uses to tell time for planning and executing the robberies that Oliver and other kids are involved in. Charles Dickens supposedly attended this church, but there is not any indication of this in any Dickens biography.

Here is a link to a Google map of that location: <https://goo.gl/maps/gWsPZDuzqBR2> and to the Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Andrew_Holborn_\(church\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Andrew_Holborn_(church))

The church's website: <http://standrewholborn.org.uk/> and a link to another website with history/info about that church: <https://www.britainexpress.com/attractions.htm?attraction=1581>

St Botoph without Aldersgate

John Whitlock (1652?-1695) the only son of Richard Whitlock (1614-1665) to survived the plague of 1665 lived in this parish and three of his children are baptized in this church, 1677-1683. John and his wife Elizabeth Taylor were booksellers near Stationers Hall and Elizabeth carried on the business after John's death in 1695.

St Brides, Fleet St., London

The family had a house in Fleet Street before 1600 and Bulstode Whitlocke was born there August 6, 1605. Anthony Whitlock of Lambeth, Surrey, who inherited the Rappahannock, Virginia estate of his uncle Thomas Whitlock (1615-1659) was baptized at St.Brides October 18,1657. Bulstrode's son Stephen Whitlocke (1659-1688) was living in St. Brides parish when he made his Will in 1688.

St Catherine Coleman

In his Will Dd Apr.30,1787 John Whitlocke of Marriage Hill, Rambury, Wiltshire states:

John born Mar.13,1758 Bapt. St. Catherine Coleman Ch. On Mar.22. Reg. As John Brown, Now known

as John Whitlocke. This John Whitlocke became the Gen. John Whitlocke who was cashiered in 1808 for his part in the British losses in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1807.

Survived the fire of 1666 but was closed in 1926 and demolished shortly afterwards. It is now a public garden.

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Katherine_Coleman

St Dunstan in the West, London

John Hearne, was baptized at this church on 1 Jan 1630 by his father Nicholas Hearne. John Hearne is the father of Dorothy Hearne, who married James Whitlock (1651-1716), the Virginia immigrant

Here is a link to Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Dunstan-in-the-West and a link to the church's webpage: www.stdunstaninthewest.org

St Dunstan in the East, London

This church was rebuilt after the fire of 1666 but was left as ruins after the Blitz and is now a small London park.

Sir James Whitlock was baptized here with his elder twin William born in Fleet Street, November 28, 1570. They were the posthumous sons of Richard Whitlock (1533-1570) who had died November 7, 1570 in Bordeaux, France. Richard's widow Joane is married to Thomas Price Nov. 5, 1571 in this church.

Here is a link to a map: <https://goo.gl/maps/cMprZc4XvtJ2>, a link to Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Dunstan-in-the-East and a link to a website about the location (St. Dunstan's Hill, EC3) www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk/history

St Helen's Bishopsgate, London

This church dates from the 12th century and was not damaged during the 1666 fire or the Blitz.

Bulstrode Whitlocke (1605-1675) lived in this parish with his third wife Mary (Carleton) Wilson. Several of their children are baptized here 1651-1657.

Here is a link to Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/MdH63mdBeyA2>, a link to Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Helen%27s_Church,_Bishopsgate and a link to the church website (Great St Helen's, London). <http://www.st-helens.org.uk/>

St Margaret's, Westminster, London

Richard Whitlock (1616-1666) and Joan(e) attended this church. Their oldest child Anna Whitlock was baptized at St. Margaret's on 4 Feb 1647.

Here is a link to a Google map of that location: <https://goo.gl/maps/biugRBkmri42> and a link to the church's website: <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/st-margarets-church>

Wikipedia article on this church: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Margaret%27s,_Westminster

St Michael Bassishaw

All the family of the painter Richard Whitlock (1614-1665) the son of William & Ursula (Beresford) Whitlock except John & Ann died of the plague in July and August 1665 and were buried in this parish. William was Lord of the Manor of Beches who mortgaged the Manor to his brother Richard Whitlock (-1642) in 1617.

Another Sir Christopher Wren church but demolished in 1900. The Barbican Complex now occupies this land.

Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Michael_Bassishaw

St Nicholas Cole Abbey

Bulstrode Whitlocke's youngest son Stephen Whitlocke (1659-1688) married Hester Leche here May 25, 1687.

Dates back to the 1100's. Destroyed in the fire of 1666 and rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren. Underwent considerable reconstruction after the Blitz.

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Nicholas_Cole_Abbey

St Peter Le Poer

All the children of Richard Whitlock (-1642) & Katherine Burchett are baptized at this church 1616-1625. They were the parents of Richard Whitlock (1616-1666) and his brother Robert Whitlock (1618-1671). Robert was baptized in the church on 13 May 1618 as were his first six children with Mary Maddison 1646-1654. In 1644 Richard sold the Manor of Beches to his brother Robert for £300. Also John Whitlock (1625-1708) the non-conformist minister of Nottingham who Anna Whitlock (1647-) went to live with after her father's death in 1666. It was Robert Whitlock's 1670 Will that held the clue to connect James Whitlock (1651-1716) to this family.

Link to Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Peter_le_Poer

St Peter Pauls Wharf

Bulstrode's eldest son James Whitlocke (1631-1701) married the Widow Mary (Pyke) Pitcher here June 18, 1657. Mary had two small children by her previous husband. Bulstrode did not approve of the marriage that was promoted by his son's uncle Richard Benet. His Diary only records a party held the day before the wedding hosted by Richard Benet in which Bulstrode comments "Mrs. Pitcher carryed herselfe & was attended with more state then befitted her condition, att w[hi]ch Wh[itelocke] was lesse satisfied then before, that she would be a suitable wife for his son,, butt he was was too far ingaged to her." In what is obviously a later revision to his Diary he records they were married about the 27th and notes "Mr. Rich[ard] Benet dealt unkindly afterwards w[i]th his Nephew." Also married at this church October 26, 1657 were the painter Richard Whitlock (1614-1665) & Mary Laurents who with most of their children died of the plague in St. Michael Bassishaw parish in 1665. [Note: in his Diaries Bulstrode Whitlocke refers to himself in the third person as "Wh"]

Destroyed in the fire of 1666 and not rebuilt, combined with St.Benet, Pauls Wharf.

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Peter,_Paul%27s_Wharf

Most of these Whitlocks were first or second cousins to each other and they all lived in London at the same time. It is interesting to speculate how many of them knew each other. Our thanks to Harry for the original concept for this item.