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REGISTERS

a micro film of the Bishop's transcripts. They are in two parts, Part 1. 1597-1723 and Part 2. 1726-1812. However they are in a very poor condition, difficult to read and some years are missing entirely. Some pages are totally unreadable. There are several families named there. I.e. COPP, LAKE, ROLLE, SMALE, LEX, DENNIS, TANTON, GALSORTHY, STONEMAN, GLOYNE, JUDD, TYTHERLEIGH & NATION. The Whitlock family are pretty sparse. The first to appear seems to be:-  
 (?? GEORGE) son of Thomas<sup>WT 213</sup> Witlock was baptised 6<sup>TH</sup> December 1607.<sup>h</sup>  
 (?? AGNES) daughter of William<sup>NW 302</sup> Whitlocke was buried 20<sup>TH</sup> May 1629.<sup>d</sup>  
 (?? CHRISTOPHER) (MAXOS OR MOSES)?? married Maryem Whitlocke 6<sup>TH</sup> September 1680-1690 (years as accurate as transcripts can

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be). Then there are the WHITLOCK entries of 1624, 1630 & 1633 which you already know of. There appears to be no Whitlock from 1597-1607 or from 1680-90 till 1723.

In the second set which are in better condition I found only one entry: -  
 Andrew son of Anthony Whitelock and Mary his wife was baptised ?? February 1727. Now as the pages containing the years approx 1650-1700 are either missing or un-readable I will check this section with the registers when I get to Exeter next, but obviously our family weren't centred or in any way dominant in this parish.

I have also done a re-appraisal of West Woolfardisworthy records for which there is a micro fiche. The earliest is 1723. The early records were destroyed in a

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fine at Clovelly Court where they were  
kept, it is thought from the time of the  
Civil War. However from 1723-1837 No  
Whitlock was baptised or married in this  
parish. Those for whom we have burial,  
probate or other parish records even  
earlier than 1723 all concern members  
of our family who originate in Workleigh.

All for Now

Jim