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Peter Whitlock:

Thanks for your reply. We have a copy of the "Certificate of Musters for Buckinghamshire in 1522" Unfortunately, among the missing pages are those for Cholesbury! However, two villages just a few miles away from Cholesbury may shed some light. /\*"Monkenrisboroughe" \*/(Monks Risborough) lists a \*"Rob. WHETOCKE"; \*and /\*"Prynsys Risboroughe"\*/ (Princes Risborough) lists "\*\*Nic. WYTTOKE\*" (assessed for "the harness for one man" and "thirteen bows"), and also "\*\*Thos. WYTTOKE" \*(assessed for thirteen bows). Another village /\*"Haddenham" \*/(Haddenham) lists a \*"Ric. WHITOKKE"\*.

Would these names be possible primitive versions of "Whitlock"?

The "Hilltop villages of the Chilterns" I mentioned in my previous e-mail has this comment:

"/\*Cholesbury:\*/:

In Aston Clinton the separation of the three manors surrounding St. Leonards from their parent Manor can be dated within a relatively short period of time. The Manor of Cholesbury, however, seems to creep into existence unnoticed. At the time of the Domesday Survey its owner was \*Magno le Breton.\*.....Small as it was, however, there must have been some sort of a hamlet at Cholesbury early in the 12th Century as the Church was already in existence, the advowson being given to the Knights Templars about that time. 100 years later the Church was being built or rebuilt as architectural experts date the south porch from the time of Henry III and in 1230 there was clearly a large enough population to justify a resident parson, as one \*Abel\* was instituted with the firm instruction that 'he serve personally' /("Ad eandum admissus est, et in ea canonice persona institutus, cum onera ministrandi personaliter in eadem")/

Abel's parishioners almost certainly included some members of the \*le Breton\* family, and it is possible that Magno le Breton or his heirs separated the Manor of Cholesbury from Drayton Beauchamp in order to provide an estate for one of his sons. At all events, we hear in the "Calendar of Feet of Fines for 1248" of a transfer from Will le Breton to Hugh le Breton of the \*"Manor of Chelwerderbir\* (Cholesbury)\* & 1 caruc. land in Aston....etc."\* This is important as the first firm evidence of Cholesbury as a separate Manor with all the normal manorial rights."

Is this material of any use to the archive? What further research should I attempt? Best Wishes, John.