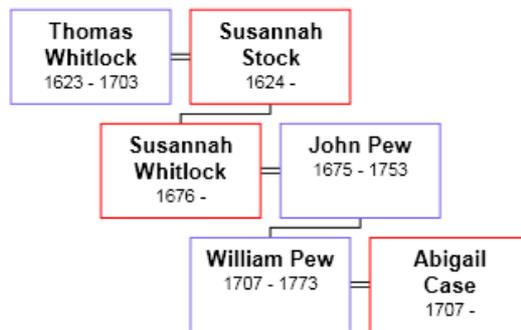


Descendants of Thomas Whitlock



Thomas Whitlock-1 was born in 1623 in Salisbury, Wiltshire, England. He died in 1703 in Shoal Harbor, Monmouth, New Jersey. He married Susannah Stock who was born in England.

From the Wiltshire Emigration Database is the following: Thomas Whitlock of Salisbury, aged 18, Husbandman, emigrated to New England, in 1641. He is believed to be the son of William Whitlock b. Wiltshire, 1604. Thomas was an early settler of Gravesend and Westchester, New York and later a resident of Middletown, New Jersey. His residences in these villages were very large & overlapping. Before he abandoned one he apparently ventured upon another, and, holding lands in each, was confusingly spoken of as a resident of each, and as undivided lands were apportioned to non-resident holders he frequently was granted lands though absent. He also apparently bought and sold property in these settlements as a speculation. It appears that he resided in said towns in this order:

1655 and earlier in Gravesend, Long Island, NY 1664, at Middletown

1666, at Gravesend, where he probably remained until 1672 1673-78, at Middletown

1678-86, at Westchester

1686-1703, at Middletown

Thomas was a prominent in the early settlement of Gravesend. In 1663 he was one of the men, "armed and well-mounted" who joined the English troops at Jamaica (King Phillips War) and in December, 1663 he was a member of the Gravesend scouting expedition to Navesing region, later Monmouth Co., NJ, who, in defiance of the Dutch, intended to buy and settle thereon. Judging by these last 2 actions, he belonged to the discontented English contingent who had sought a home among the Dutch, but who desired to renounce their allegiance with the Connecticut settlements. On Oct. 7, 1666 Thomas and John Griggs were fined fifteen shillings each for bargaining on the Sabbath.

In 1673 Thomas Whitlock and his three sons, took the Oath of Allegiance to the Dutch, who had recently and temporarily re-entered New York and at the same time the Dutch Governor, Calve, appointed him ensign of the Middletown militia company. In 1675 Thomas Seabrook died leaving his widow, Mary, residing in Westchester, NY, whither Thomas Whitlock soon betook himself, and where he must soon have married her.

He was constable there in 1679. *"May the 20th 1680. Rec then of Mr. Thomas witlock the publicke Rates of the towne of Westchester for the year of his being Counstable 1679 it being in full payment the Publick Rates....per me Joseph Leetshew."*

During 1683 Thomas agreed with his son, William, that his former cattle mark should be the latter's, *"hee haveing a new marke ye is one his catel which he bro...from westchester with him"* etc. "On this same date he also recorded his new marke"...Middletown, NJ Town Book.

He was one of the founders of the Baptist Church at Middletown, NJ in 1688 and he received a proprietary grant of one hundred acres at Shoal Harbor bounded by his *"sones meadow."* He bought of John Bowne, of Middletown, *"? acres of meadow and salt marsh lyding at 'Shoale Harbour '"*, in Middletown.

June 10, 1696, Thomas Whitlock, of Middletown, carpenter, for L80, sold to "Daniel Seabrook, my son in law" of Middletown, planter, two hundred and two acres of land at Shoal Harbor, which included his proprietary grant of Jan. 10, 1676; land from John Bowne, March 26, 1689; land from John Pierce, Sep. 4, 1693, and more, by deed February 12, 1692, for which Seabrook paid L80.

His Will: *In the name of God, Amen. I Thomass Whitelock of Shole harber in midletowne in east newjersy yeoman being weake of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordaine this my present Last will and testament in manner and forme following, first I will that that all my debts and funerall Charges be paid and discharged. Item I give to my soon william whitelock ten shillings. Item I give to my soon John whitelock ten shillings. Item I give to my daughter susana pew ten shillings. Item I give to my daughter Sara whitlock ten shillings. Item I give to my daughter abigall whitelock ten shillings. Item I give to my daughter Rebeca whitlock ten shillings. Item all the rest and Residu of my estate that I have in all the world both Reall and personall goods and Chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife mary whitlock full and sole Executrix of this my Last will and testament and to her heirs and assigns forever and do Revoke all former wills by me formerly made and do declare this my Last to be in fors to all intents and purposes as witnes my hand and seale this first day of november one thousand seven hundred. Signed sealed and delivered in presents of John bowne , Cordwainer , Richard Comten , his mark, John Bowne , Providence Comten, his [her?] mark. The testator signed by his mark. Will proved Nov. 11, 1703, before Lord Cornbury.*

Susannah Whitlock-2 (Thomas-1) was born in 1676 in Freehold, Monmouth, New Jersey, USA.



Thomas Whitlock

The first house on this site in Port Monmouth, New Jersey was built by Thomas Whitlock between 1664 and 1668, although the oldest part of the extant house probably dates to the early 18th century. The Seabrook-Wilson House, known locally (but inaccurately) as the "Spy House," is considered the first house built on the Jersey shoreline.

Thomas Whitlock, who built the original house, was "the first permanent settler of record in New Jersey under British rule, who scouted the land in 1663."⁽¹⁾ First known as Strawberry Hill, the house was later called Shoal Harbor; today it is known officially as the Seabrook-Wilson House.

Thomas Whitlock's specter who announces his presence by the aroma of his pipe tobacco and is blamed for stealing cigarette packs from the staff and then putting them back. This ghost is notorious for following visitors to their homes. One skeptical guest invited Tom's phantasm to come to his house. The man saw a shadowy form in his bedroom which was accompanied by an icy cold spot and called the museum's staff for help in getting the wraith to leave.