

Lightfoot/Whitford Register Report

It's pretty easy to see the evolution of this name in just two generations: Lightfoot (and its variations) became Whitefoot became Whitfoot (and it's variations) and finally became Whitford. Blancpied (*French for "Whitefoot"*), interestingly enough, was a later variation. I find it interesting that 19th & early 20th century genealogists omitted references to the more native-sounding "Lightfoot" in favor of the decidedly English-sounding "Whitford" when discussing this family. It made research difficult until the advent of vital records on CD-ROM. Be sure to check under both names when researching these first few generations of this family.

Name variations include: Blancpied, Lightfoot, Lightfoote, Littfoot, Whitford, Whitefoot, Whitfoot, Witfoot, Witford. A Danvers line later shortened this surname to White.

First Generation

1. **William¹ LIGHTFOOT/WHITFORD** was born in 1632^[1]. He is mentioned in the estate inventory of John Bartoll of Marblehead on 29d:9m(November):1664: "William Littfoot" was owed £2 by the estate^[2].

William also signed a "Petition Against Imposte" (basically protesting customs duties) with other men of Marblehead in October of 1668...including "Moses Mavericke, Samuell Cheever [and] Samuel Mauericke" Note, he actually *signed* his name, indicating a good level of education^[3].

William's parentage of John is an educated guess on my part. It looks like this family spent some time in New Hampshire as well, so perhaps the connecting records are there.

William married **[Mary?] [BARTOLL]**, in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[1,4,5,6] as "Lightfoot, William". Torrey says that she was born in 1642^[1] and also provides all the brackets & question marks around her name. She must be a Bartoll, though, as William was mentioned in what would have been her brother John's will.

They had one child:

2 i. **John**

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1916/1917

Second Generation

Family of William LIGHTFOOT/WHITFORD (1) & [Mary?] [BARTOLL]

2. **John² LIGHTFOOT/WHITFORD** (*William¹*) was born circa 1660. All the children of his first marriage had their births registered as "s. or d. of John".

In May 1680 when John was 20, he first married **Elizabeth SWASEY**, daughter of **Joseph SWASEY & Mary [surname not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,7,8,9,10,11,12] Torrey has them listed as "Lightfoot, John & Elizabeth Swasey" **and** "Whitfoot/Whitefoot/(Blancpied), John". The Salem, Essex co., MA vital records list them as "Swasey, Elizabeth and John Lightfoot, John and Elizabeth Swasey,".

They had the following children:

3 i. Joseph
4 ii. Samuell
5 iii. **Margery**

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 958/959

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On 17 November 1692 when John was 32, he second married **Elizabeth FORTUNE**, in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[1,14,15].

They had the following children:

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| 6 | i. | William |
| 7 | ii. | John |
| 8 | iii. | Mary |

Third Generation

Family of John LIGHTFOOT/WHITFORD (2) & Elizabeth SWASEY

3. Joseph WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born on 14 April 1683 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[16,17]. In the vital records, his birth is recorded as "Whitfoot, Joseph" **and** "Lightfoot, Joseph, s. John and Elizabeth (Swasey)".

4. Samuell WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born on 23 October 1685 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[16,17]. In the vital records, his birth is recorded as "Whitfoot, Samll" **and** "Lightfoot, Samuell, s. John and Elizabeth (Swasey)".

5. Margery³ WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born on 12 February 1690/1 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[18]. In the vital records, her birth is recorded as "Whitfoot, Margery". She died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 21 April 1758; at the age of 68^[19]. Her death record reads "Hawke, Mary, wid., fever and comsumption, April 21, 1758 in her 67th year". Notice that she was "Margery" at birth and "Mary" at death.

On 12 August 1710 when Margery was 20, she married **John HAWKES Jr.**, son of **Adam HAWKES & Elizabeth PRATT?!**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Hawks, John and Mary Whitford"^[20,21,22]. An intention was also filed in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 12 August 1710 as "John Hawkes & Mary Whitford, both of Lynn". An intention of marriage for John & Mary was also filed in Salem, Essex co., MA on 21 April 1711.

They had the following children (*surnamed HAWKES*):

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| i. | Eve |
| ii. | Mary |
| iii. | John |
| iv. | Eunice |
| v. | Adam |
| vi. | Lydia |
| vii. | Elizabeth |

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 478/479

Family of John LIGHTFOOT/WHITFORD (2) & Elizabeth FORTUNE

6. William WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born in 7 [October?] 1694/5 in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[24]. His rather confusing birth record reads, "Lightfoot, W[illia]m, s. John and Elizabeth, 7 br. 8, 1695".

7. John WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born on 9 November 16[95] in Marblehead, Essex co., MA as "Lightfoot, John"^[24]. John was baptized in Marblehead, Essex co., MA on 11 October 1696^[24].

8. Mary WHITFORD (*John², William¹*) was born on 29 March 16[97] in Marblehead, Essex co., MA^[24]. A notation in BR says "after 1696".

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