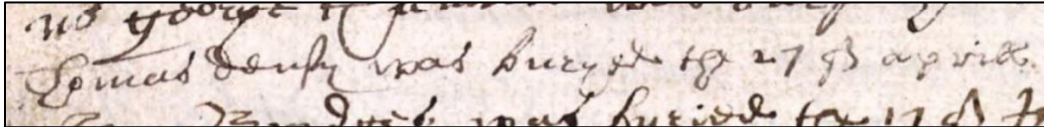


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS DENSIE AND ELIZABETH GYLL

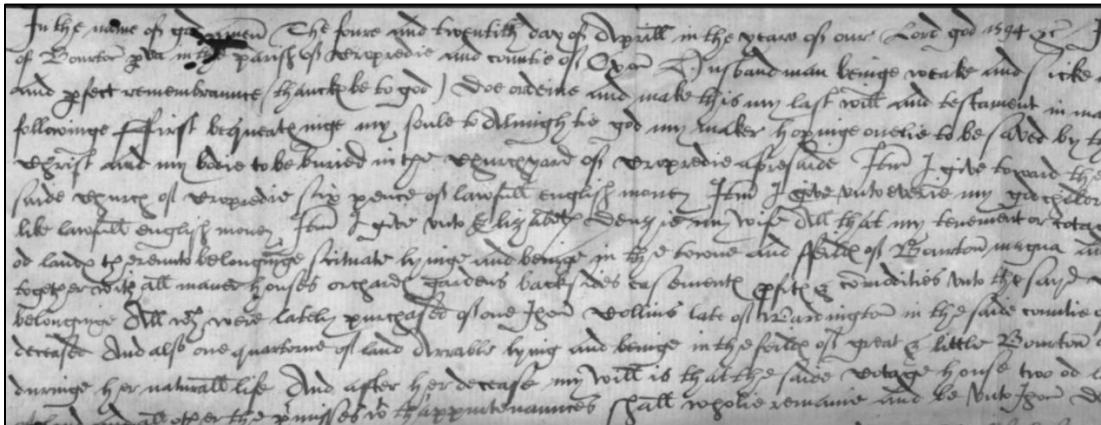
Thomas Densie of Great Bourton in the parish of Cropredy was christened 19 February 1549/50 in Cropredy, the son of Rechard and Jone Densie. He married Elizabeth Gyll, the daughter of Thomas and Jone Gill.

Thomas died and was buried 27 April 1594 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for Thomas Densie in Cropredy:
"Thomas Densie was buried the 27th April"*

Thomas left a will dated 24 April 1594, and proven 3 July 1595.



Will of Thomas Denzie, 1594

Thomas Densie of Bourton Pva, proven 3 July 1594

*In the name of God Amen, the xxiiijth daye of Aprill in the yere of our Lord God 1594, I **Thomas Denzie of Bourton Pva** in the pishe of Cropredy and countie of Oxon England may benige weake & sicke in body but of sound and pfect remembrance thanks be to God doe ordaine & make this my last will & testament in manner & forme following: ffirst bequeathing my soule to Allmyghty God my maker hopig onelie to be saved by the death of Jhesus Christ & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cropready aforesaid.*

*Item, I geve toward the reparie of the said church of Cropready vid of lawfull English money. Item, I geve unto every my god children ijd a peece of like lawfull English money. Item, I geve unto **Elisabeth Denzie my wife** all that my tenement or cottage house and two od lands thereunto belonging situate lyinge & beninge in the towne & fields of Bourton Magna & Bourton Lva aforesaid together with all manner houses orchards gardens back side casing & fitte & commodities unto the said cottage & tow lands belonging, all which were lately purchased of one John Collens late of Wardington in the said countie of Oxon, husbandman deceased. And also one quarter of land arable lying & beinge in the fields of Great &*

Little Bourton aforesaid for & during her natural life. And after her decease my will is that the said cottage house two od lands & quarterne of land & all other the premises which their appurtenaning shall wholly remaine & be unto **John Denzie my sonne** & to his heires for ever. But if it shall happen the said John Denzie to depart this life before the said Elisabeth his mother, then my will is that the said cottage two od lands & quarterne of land & all other the premises with the appurtenanances shall remaine & be unto the rest of my children surviving. Item, I geve & bequeath unto the said John Denzie the some of sixe pounds xiijs iiijd of lawfull English money to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of xxi yeres. Item, I geve & bequeath unto **Alice Denzie my daughter** the like some of vith xiijs iiijd of lawfull English money to be paid her at the daye of her marriage or within iiij yeres next after my decease which first shall come. Item, I geve unto **Richard Elkington of Mollington** in the countie of Oxon aforesaid, husbandman two strikes of maslin & ij strikes of barlie to be paid him within two yeres next after my decease. Item, I geve unto **Richard Terrie of Bourton Magna** aforesaid, weaver, two strikes of maslin & two strickes of barlie to be paid him within the said tearme of two yeres next after my decease. Item, I geve unto **Richard Elkington the sonne of Richard Elkington** aforesaid an ewe. All the rest of my goods & cattles moveable & unmoveable my detts paid and funeralle discharged I geve unto **Elizabeth Denzie my wife** aforesaid whome I make my whole executor of this my last will & Testament. My overseers I make Richard Elkington & Richard Terry aforesaid & they to have for there paines xijd a peece. Witnesses hereof Richard Macocke writer hereof, Richard Elkington and Richard Terry. The debts which I doe owe are as followeth:

First to Richard Elkington aforesaid iijl xiijs iiijd
Then to Richard Terrey aforesaid the some of vl.

Elizabeh left a will written 16 June 1596, and proven 2 August 1602.



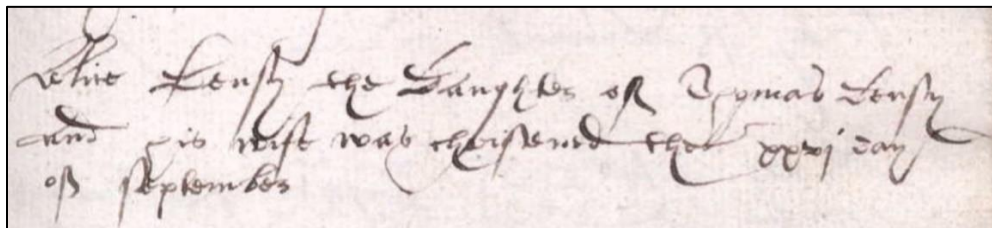
Will of Elizabeth Denzie, 1602

In the name of God Amen, the syxtenth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God 1596, I **Elizabeth Denzie of Bourton Magna** in the parish of Cropredie and countie of Oxon, widow, beinge sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance thanks be to God, doe ordeine and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following. Ffirste, bequeathing my soule to Almightye God my maker, hoping onelie to

be saved by the death and passion of Jesus Christ and my bodye to be buryed in the churchyard of Cropredie aforesaid. Item, I give toward the repayre of the church of Cropredie xvid. Item, I give to **Ales my daughter** ix payre of sheets and a small sheete with open frame, two tablecloathes, two towels, some table napkins, three platters, two porringers, a sawcer, the worser brasse pan, a kettle, a loome, a towel, a coverlet, a bolster, a winnow sheete and a blanchett. Item, I will that my apparel shalbe equally devided amoung **Elizabeth, Alice, and Ales my daughters**. Item, I give unto **John Denzie my sonne** all that my one quarterne of a yard land lyinge and beinge in the ffeild of Bourton aforesaid and all lands, leyse, meadows, pastures, commons, stedings and all other commodities and pfits thereunto belonging in as large and ample manor as the same was geven unto me by **Thomas Gyll my father**, to have and to hold the saide quarterne of a yardland and all lands, leyse, meadows, pasture, commons, stedings and all and singular the premises with the appurtances unto him the said John Denzie and to his heyres forever. But if it shall happen the saide John Denzie so depart this life without yssue of his bodie lawfully begotten, then my will is that the saide quarter of a yardland and all other the premises and appurtances shall wholly remaine and be unto the right heyres of me the saide Elizabeth Denzie for ever. Item, I give unto **Katherine Terry the daughter of Richard Terry and Alice his wife** a towel. Item, I give to every of **the children of Richard Elkington** now living two shillings six pence a peece. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto John Denzie my sonne aforesaide whom I make whole executor of this my last will and testament, he pformminge the same and discharging my funerale. My overseers I make Willm Gyll and Thomas Gyll and they to have for their paines xijd a peece. Witnesses hereof Richard Macock, Thomas Gyll, Richard Terry, Richard Elkington and Willm Gyll.

Thomas and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Ales**, christened 27 December 1563 in Cropredy; mentioned in mother's will.
2. **Anne**, christened 3 October 1564 in Cropredy.
3. **Elizabeth**, christened 2 April 1565 in Cropredy; mentioned in mother's will.
- *4. **Alice**, christened 26 September 1566 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will 1596; mentioned in mother's will 1602; married Richard Gardner in Cropredy 29 January 1600/1 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Alice Densie in Cropredy: "Alice Densy the daughter of Thomas Densy and his wife was christened the xxvi day of September"

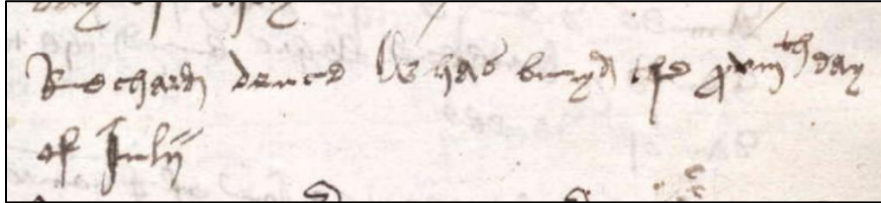
4. **John**, christened 8 March 1575/6 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will; mentioned in mother's will.

SOURCE: Cropredy parish register, www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD AND JONE DENSIE

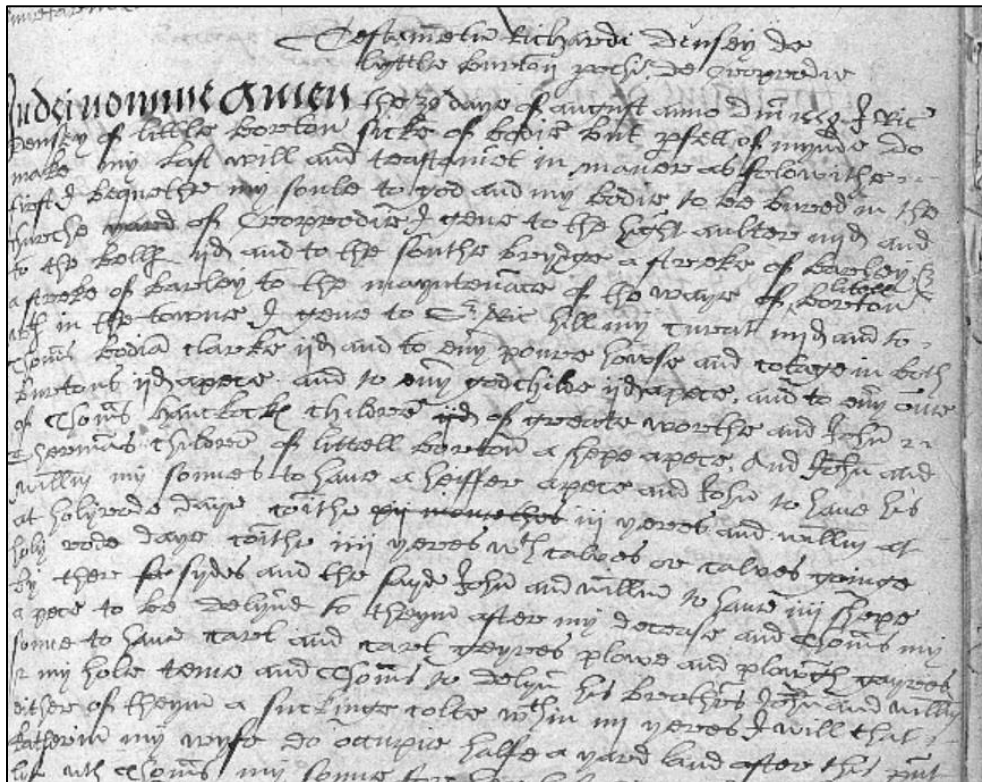
Richard Densie was born in about 1520 of Great Bourton in the parish of Cropredy, the son of William and Alys Denze. He married 1) Jone. He next married Katherine Wright 7 October 1555 in Cropredy.

Richard died and was buried 18 July 1556 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for Richard Densie in Cropredy:
"Recharde Denze whas buried the xvijth day of July"*

Richard left a will dated 30 August 1558 and proven 1559.



Will of Richard Densie, 1559

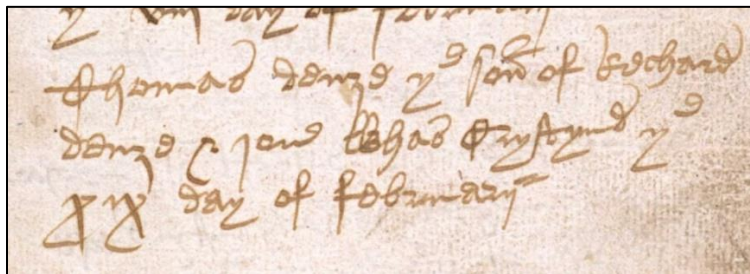
Richard Densy de Lyttle Burton

*In dei nomine amen, the 30 daye of August anno dei 1558, I Ric Densy of Little Borton, sicke of bodie but pfect of mynde do make my last will and testament in maner as folowithe – first I bequethe my soule to God and my bodie to be buried in the churche yard of Cropredie I geve to the high aulter iijjd and to the bells ijd and to the southe bridge a streke of barley & a streke of barley to the maintenance of the ways of Litell Borton north in the towne. I geve to **Sir Ric Hill** my curat iijjd and to Thomas Bodiam clarke ijd and to evry poure howse and cotage in both instans ijd apece. And to evry godchild ijd apece, and to evry other of **Thomas Havelockes children** ijd of greater worth and **John and Willm my sonnes** to have a heifer apece and John to have his at Holyrode Daye with iij yeres and Willm at Holy Rode Daye with iij yeres with calves or calves goinge by there syde and the sayd John and Willm to have iij shepe a pece to be delyverd to theym after my decease and **Thomas my sonne** to have cart and cart geyres, plowe and plow gayres, my hole temes and Thomas to delyver his brothers John and Willm either of theym a colte within iij yeres. I will that **Katherine my wife** do occupie halfe a yard land after this psent lyf with Thomas my sonne for her lyfe time and the sayd Thomas to dresse and carrie in all maner of carriages & tillage and to bring in the same in to the house where he shall lye as he wold do his owne. Item, I will Willm my sonne to have a coffer or some things to bye him a coffer by the discretion of my overseers. I will my sonne Thomas to have all the goods of his mother after her decease for the rest of this world bothe moveables and unmoveables. The residue of all my goods not geven or unbequethed I geve to Thomas my sonne and to Katherine my wyffe whome I do make my executors to paye my deptes and to pforme my wyll, and I make my oversears **Nicholas Gardner** and **Thomas Sherman** and they to have for there paynes viijjd apece. Wyttnes to this will Ric Hill curatt, Thomas Bodiam clarke.*

Katherine died and was buried 5 August 1573 in Cropredy.

Richard and Jone had the following children:

1. **Aylls**, christened 28 August 1547 in Cropredy.
2. **Thomas**, christened 13 March 1548/9 in Cropredy; buried 13 April 1549 in Cropredy.
- *3. **Thomas**, christened 19 February 1549/50 in Cropredy; married Elizabeth.



Baptism register for Thomas Densie in Cropredy: "Thomas Denze ye son of Recharde Denze & Jone whas crystened ye xix day of February"

4. **Harry**, christened 17 February 1551/2 in Cropredy; buried 15 March 1551/2 in Cropredy.
5. **John**, mentioned in father's will.

6. **William**, mentioned in father's will

7. **Mary**, christened 25 September 1555 in Cropredy.

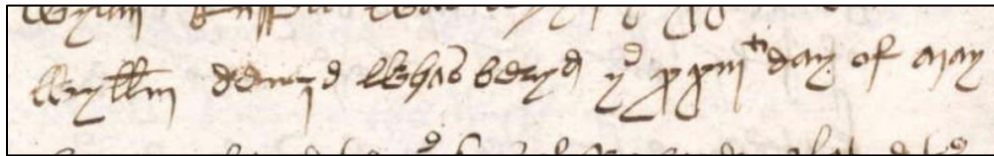
Richard and Katherine had the following children:

6. **Annes**, buried 3 December 1556 in Cropredy.

SOURCE: Cropredy parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; will of Richard Denzie, 1559, Oxfordshire Archdeaconry; www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND ALYS DENZE

William Denze of Great Bourton was born in the late 1400s. He married Alys. William died and was buried 23 May 1545 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for William Denze in Cropredy:
"Wyllm Denze whas beryed ye xxiiijth day of May"*

William and Alys had the following children:

*1. **Richard**, born in about 1520 of Cropredy; married Jone; next married Katherine Wright 7 October 1555 in Cropredy; of Little Bourton; will written 1559 mentioning sons John, William and Thomas; buried 1559 in Cropredy.

2. **Fremund**, born in about 1525 of Cropredy; occupation - husbandman of Bourton; lived with niece Alese Howse in later years; buried September 1609 in Cropredy; will proven 1609.

3. **Alice**, born in about 1538 of Cropredy; married John Sherman 22 November 1556 in Cropredy.

4. **Margytt**, christened 27 March 1539 in Cropredy; buried 13 April 1539 in Cropredy.

5. **William**, christened 6 Jan 1540 in Cropredy; buried March 1558/9 in Cropredy; will proven 1558/9, mentions brothers John, Thomas, Richard and Fremund, and sister Elyne Polton.

6. **Simond**, christened 28 October 1540 in Cropredy; buried 14 November 1540 in Cropredy.

7. **Anne**, christened 18 November 1543 in Cropredy.

8. **John**, mentioned in brother William's will.

9. **Elyne**, mentioned in brother William's will; married Mr. Polton.

10. **Thomas**, mentioned in brother William's will; married Elizabeth Gyll 1544 in Mollington; had children John, Elizabeth and Alice; Elizabeth was a widow in her will of 1602.

SOURCES: Cropredy parish register; The Town of Cropredy, 1570-1640, Pamela Keegan; will of Richard Denzie, 1559; will of Fremund Denzie, 1609; will of William Denzie, 1558/9; will of Elizabeth Denzie, 1602, wills on <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk>.

An earlier Denze is mentioned in the Poll Tax for Wardington in 1379:
Willelmus Dency 4d

SOURCE: The Poll Tax 1377, 1379 and 1381; Carolyn C. Fenwick.