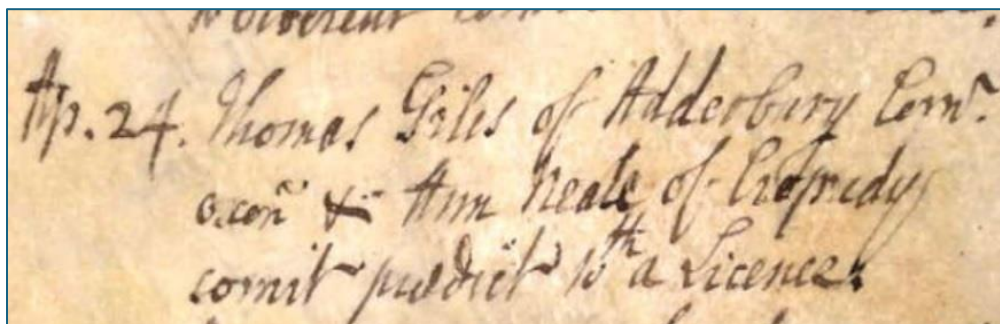


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS GILES AND ANN NEAL

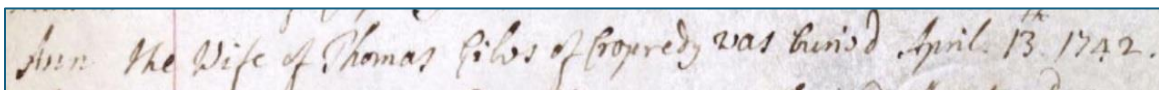
Thomas Giles of [Great Bourton](#) was christened 25 March 1702 in [Cropredy](#), the son of Thomas and Sarah Giles. He married first, Ann Neal, in 1727 in Deddington, Oxfordshire.



*Marriage record for Thomas Giles and Ann Neale in Deddington:
"Ap. 24 - Thomas Giles of Adderbury count. Oxon & Anne Neale of Cropredy
comit predict. with a license"*

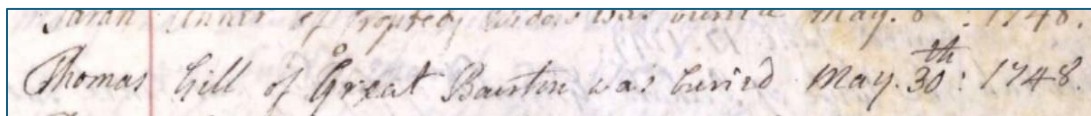
Ann was born about 1702, the daughter of John Neal and Hannah Whyte.

Ann died and was buried 13 April 1742 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for Ann Giles in Cropredy:
"Ann the wife of Thomas Giles of Cropredy was buried April 13th 1742"*

Thomas then married Anne Drake 10 February 1745 in Cropredy. Thomas died and was buried 30 May 1748 in Cropredy.



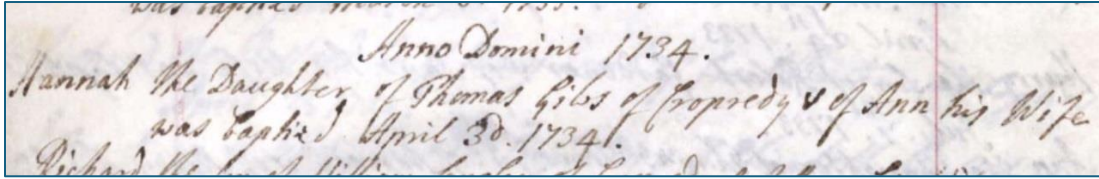
*Burial record for Thomas Giles in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill of Great Bourton was buried May 30th 1748"*

Thomas Giles and Ann Neal had the following children:

1. **Mary**, christened 6 January 1728 in Cropredy, Oxford, England.

2. **Ann**, christened 28 November 1731.

*3. **Ann** (Hannah), christened 3 April 1734 in Cropredy, married James Southam 12 August 1750 in Banbury, Oxford, England, buried 12 March 1810 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Ann Giles in Cropredy:

"Hannah the daughter of Thomas Giles of Cropredy & of Ann his wife was baptiz'd April 30 1734"

4. **Martha** christened 21 October 1736 in Cropredy.

5. **Elizabeth**, christened 24 June 1739 in Cropredy, buried 2 July 1739 in Cropredy.

6. **Thomas**, christened 22 March 1740 in Cropredy.

Thomas Giles and Anne Drake had the following children:

1. **Sarah**, christened 15 April 1748 in Cropredy.

2. **Thomas**, christened 12 February 1748/9 in Cropredy.

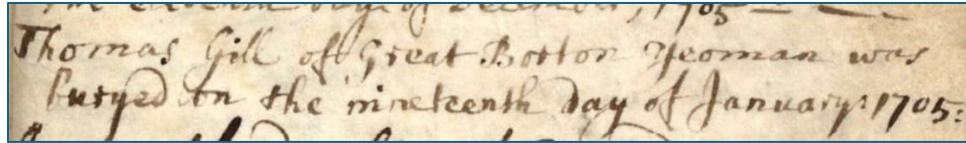
3. **Joanna**, christened 30 July 1749 in Cropredy.

SOURCE: Bishop's Transcripts, Cropredy Parish, FHS# 95235; Administration dated August 1749, naming wife Hanna or Anna Giles as beneficiary, Banbury; Cropredy parish register on CD; Cropredy parish register, www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND SARAH GILES

Thomas Giles was christened 21 June 1668, the son of Thomas Giles and Elizabeth Sharman. Thomas and Sarah Giles of Great Bourton were married in about 1694.

Thomas, a yeoman, died and was buried 19 Jan 1705 in Cropredy, at the age of 36,



Burial record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill of Great Borton yeoman was buried on the nineteenth day of January: 1705"

Thomas left an inventory dated 25 January 1705.

County of Oxon. Yeoman made & prized by Tho: Hall, Rich: Humfris, &
Will: Borton ye 25th of Jan. 1705.

Imprimis his waring apparel & mony in his purse	1	5	9
Item ye wheat crop in ye field	51	0	0
Item ye horses & ye horse harness & pannels horse tyes & other implements	33	0	0
Item nine Cows & two calves	20	0	0
Item waggons Carts ploughs & Harrows	12	0	0
Item Wheat threshed & unthreshed	6	10	0
Item Pease in ye Rick	3	10	0
Item a Rick of Hay	3	5	0
Item Barly in ye Barn	9	0	0
Item Malt in ye Garner	2	0	0
Item Houelling Cowracks Horse trough & pig troughs	2	15	0
Item Muck in ye yard	4	10	0
Item a fowle Pig	0	10	0
Item a fan ten bags a strike & cioues	1	0	0
Item a Ciftorn a haue Cloth & a try	0	16	0
Item in ye Chamber			

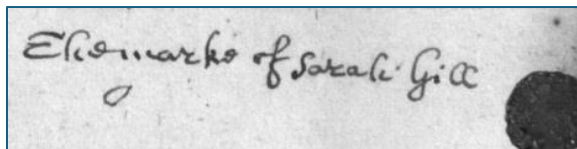
Inventory for Thomas Gill/Giles of Great Bourton, 1705

An Inventory of ye Goods & Chattels of Tho: Gill of great Borton in ye County of Oxon yeoman made & prized by Tho: Hall, Rich: Humfris & Will: Borton ye 25th of Jan: 1705.

		li	s	d
Imprimis	his waring apparel & mony in his purse	5	0	0
Item	ye wheat crop in ye field	33	0	0
Item	ye horses & ye horse harness & pannels horse tyes & other implements	38	0	0
	belonging to ye teem			
Item	nine Cows & two calves	20	0	0
Item	waggons Carts ploughs & Harrows	12	0	0
Item	Wheat threshed & unthreshed	6	10	0
Item	Pease in ye Rick	3	10	0
Item	a Rick of Hay	3	5	0
Item	Barly in ye Barn	9	0	0
Item	Malt in ye Garner	2	0	0

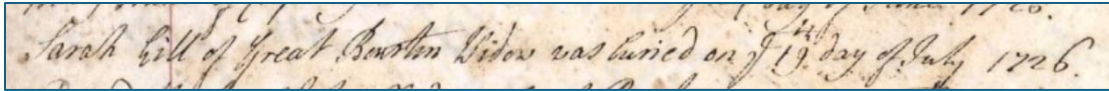
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Item	Muck in ye yard	4 10 0
Item	a store Pig	0 10 0
Item	a fan ten bags a strike & cieves	1 0 0
Item	a Cistern a hair Cloth & a try	0 16 0
Item	in ye Chamber over ye Parlor two joyn beds w'th ye bedding a hang= =ing press a drawer & a Chair	3 5 0
Item	in ye Cheese Chamber Cheese & Cheesboards & Cheesrack	1 10 0
Item	in ye Parlor a table & seven Chairs	1 2 0
Item	in ye Cellar seven barrells with ye stells salting troaf & shelves & other od things	2 10 0
Item	a dozen pair of sheets & one dozen of napkins & three table Clothes	3 10 0
Item	in ye Hall Chamber a join bed & bedding a table & six chairs a pair of handirons fire shovel & bellows & tongs & two boxes	6 12 6
Item	in ye kitchin Chamber two truckle beds with ye bedding belonging to them two coffers three boxes & a trunck	1 10 0
Item	in ye Chamber over ye entry a join bed & bedding belonging to it a Chest a hanging press a trunk one box & a stool	4 2 6
Item	in ye mans Garret a reel & three bottles & a bed & bedding	0 10 0
Item	in ye hall two tables three stools six chairs a clock a spinning wheel & a great bible	3 12 0
Item	in ye inner kitchin puter & brass & other goods	5 10 0
Item	in ye outward kitchin ye brewing vessel & other goods	4 8 0
Item	ye Hurdles & other lumber	0 10 0
		<u>180 8 0</u>

Richard Humfris
William Borton
Thomas Hall



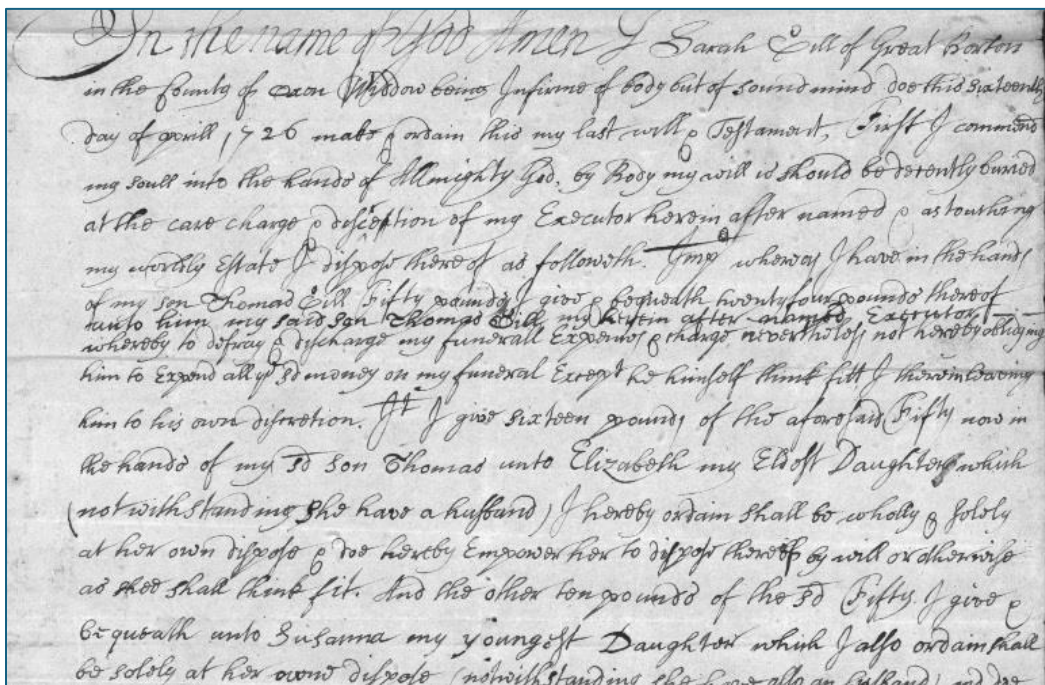
The mark of Sarah Gill/Giles on Thomas Giles' administration

Sarah died and was buried 19 July 1726 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for Sarah Gill in Cropredy:
"Sarah Gill of Great Bourton widow was buried on ye 19th day of July 1726"*

Sarah left a will proven 27 June 1727, leaving her estate to her son Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, and her "youngest daughter Susannah". The family is called Gill in the will, but matches the names of the Giles children born in Cropredy.

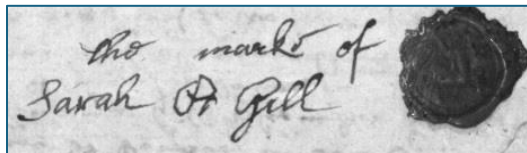


Will of Sarah Gill of Great Bourton, 1726

*In the name of God Amen, I Sarah Gill of Great Borton in the County of Oxon, widdow, being infirme of body but of sound mind doe this sixteenth day of Aprill 1726 make & ordain this my last will & testament. First I commend my soull into the hands of Almighty God, my body my will is should be decently buried at the care charge & discretion of my executor herein after named & as touching my worldly estate, I dispose thereof as followeth, Imprimis, whereas I have in the hands of **my son Thomas Gill** fifty pounds, I give & bequeath twenty four pounds thereof unto him **my said son Thomas Gill** my herein after named executor whereby to defray & discharge my funeral expenses & charge, nevertheless not hereby obliging him to expend all ye said money on my funeral, except he himself think fit, I therein leaving him to his own discretion. Item, I give sixteen pounds of the aforesaid fifty now in the hands of my said son Thomas unto **Elizabeth my eldest daughter** (which notwithstanding she have a husband) I hereby ordain shall be wholly & solely at her own dispose & doe hereby empower her to dispose there if by will or otherwise as shee shall think fit. And the other ten pounds of the said fifty I give & bequeath unto **Susanna my youngest daughter** which I also ordain shall be solely at her own dispose (notwithstanding she have also an husband) and doe also hereby empower her to dispose thereof by will or otherwise she shall think fit. Item, I give & bequeath unto the aforesaid **Elizabeth my eldest daughter** my feather bed and all my goods*

whatsoever that are now in her own custody in the house of her husband, excepting my table cloath, my three feather pillows, one of my barrels, my bedstead & one of my best sheets. Item, my aforementioned tablecloath I give to **my afore mentioned two daughters Elizabeth & Susanna** equally to be devided. Item, I give unto **my said daughter Susanna** my afore mentioned three feather pillows, one of my best sheets, one of my little barrels, and my little boiling pots & a little kettle with three chairs now in the costodie of one Randal Checkly. Item, I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son Thomas my aforementioned bedstead and my iron grate which is also in the custody of the said Randal Checkly, also all other my goods & chattels whatsoever not herein before bequeathed I give to him **my said son Thomas** whome I make sole executor of this my last will & testament.

Signed, sealed, published & declared in the p'sence of William Borton, Tho. Hall, Edward Watts
The marke of Sarah Gill



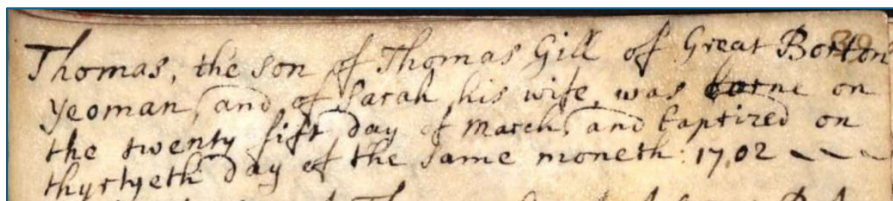
The mark of Sarah Gill on her will, 1726

Thomas and Sarah had the following children:

1. **Elizabeth**, christened 21 March 1695 in Cropredy.

2. **Susannah**, christened 12 August 1696 in Cropredy.

*3. **Thomas**, christened 25 March 1702 in Cropredy, married 1) Ann Neal 13 April 1742, and 2) Anne Drake 10 Feb 1745 in Cropredy, buried 30 May 1748 in Cropredy.

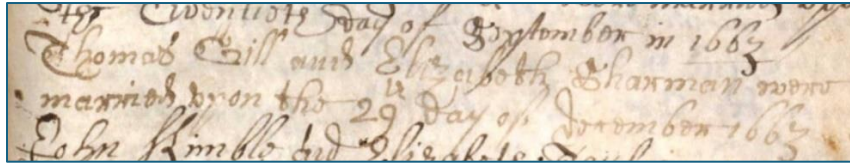


Baptism record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy: "Thomas, the son of Thomas Gill of Great Borton yeoman, and of Sarah, his wife was borne on the twenty first day of March, and baptizd on thyrtieth day of the same moneth: 1702"

SOURCE: Bishop's Transcripts, Cropredy Parish, FHS# 95235; Will of Sarah Gill (Giles), widow, proven 27 June 1727; monumental inscription, Cropredy churchyard; Cropredy parish register on CD; inventory of Thomas Gill, 1705; Cropredy parish register, www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS GILES AND ELIZABETH SHARMAN

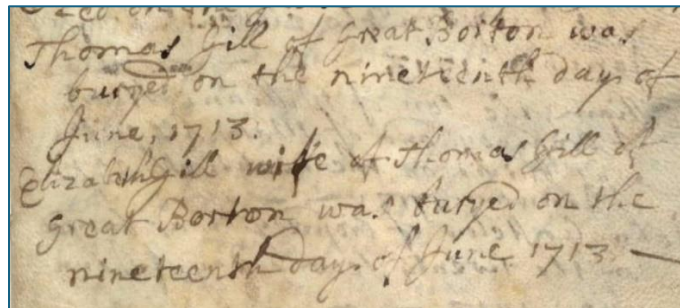
Thomas Giles or Gill was christened 30 June 1632 in Cropredy, the son of Thomas Gill and Dorcas Gardner. He married Elizabeth Sharman 29 December 1663 in Cropredy.



*Marriage record for Thomas Gill and Elizabeth Sharman in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill and Elizabeth Sharman were married on the 29th day of December 1663"*

Elizabeth Sharman (Sherman) was born in about 1635 of Cropredy, the daughter of George and Audrey Sherman.

Thomas and Elizabeth both died and were buried on the same day, 19 June 1713 in Cropredy.



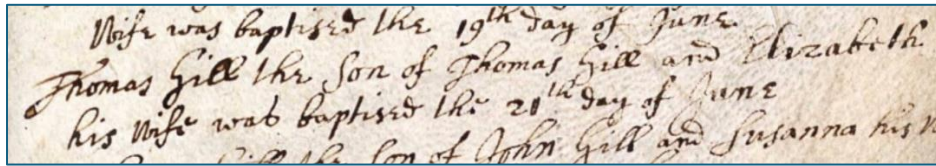
*Burial records for Thomas and Elizabeth Gill in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill of Great Borton was buried on the nineteenth day of June, 1713"
"Elizabeth Gill wife of Thomas Gill of Great Borton was buried on the nineteenth day of June 1713"*

A History of the County of Oxford mentions Thomas Gill: in a section on Great and Little Bourton "A third house of similar type and date is Spittel's Farm at the opposite end of the village. It too is built on the two-unit plan, with central entrance, and good stone dressings to windows and doorway; its original studded oak door survives. There is a kitchen extension on the east, which bears the date 'W.J. 1787' (for William Jeffs). The descent of the farm attached to the house suggests that it, or its predecessor, was the residence of John or Thomas Gill, who were assessed respectively on four and two hearths for the tax of 1665" Another reference in the same history states: "Thomas Gill the younger bought 1½ yardland of meadow in 1656 and 1658".

Thomas and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Sarah**, christened 14 October 1665 in Cropredy.

*2. **Thomas**, christened 21 June 1668 in Cropredy; married Sarah in about 1690; buried 19 January 1703 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy:

"Thomas Gill the son of Thomas Gill and Elizabeth his wife was baptised the 21th day of June"

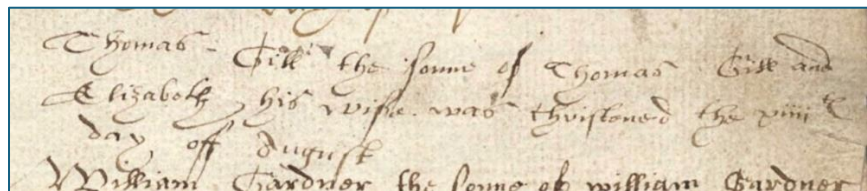
3. **Dorcas**, christened 3 February 1672 in Cropredy; married John Newberry 1705 in Hanwell.

4. **Priscilla**, christened 8 August 1675 in Cropredy.

SOURCE: Bishop's Transcripts, Cropredy Parish, FHS# 95235; monumental inscription, Cropredy churchyard; IGI; Oxfordshire Marriage Transcripts, J.S.W. Gibson; Cropredy parish register on CD; A History of the County of Oxford, vol. 10; Cropredy parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS GILL AND DORCAS GARDNER

Thomas Gill was christened 14 August 1603 in Cropredy, the son of Thomas Gill and Elizabeth Ladkins.



Baptism record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy:

"Thomas Gill the sonne of Thomas Gill and Elizabeth his wife was christened the xiiiiijth day of August"

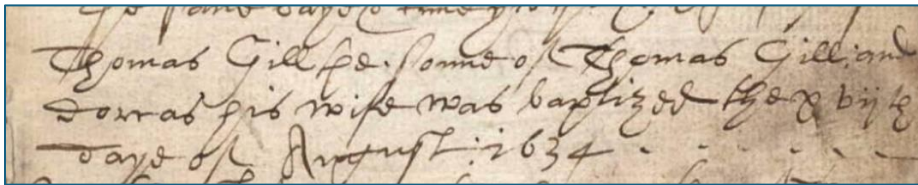
Thomas married Dorcas in about 1619. Thomas was only sixteen years old at the time of his first child's birth. There were only two Dorcases in Cropredy at that time, Dorcas Sherman, who was 23 years old, and Dorcas Gardner, who was fourteen years old. It seems more likely that Thomas and Dorcas were similar in age, so Dorcas Gardner seems most likely. Dorcas Gardner was christened 10 February 1604/5 in Cropredy, the daughter of Richard Gardner and Alyce Densie. Thomas became a yeoman in Great Bourton.

Thomas and Dorcas had the following children:

1. **Alice**, christened 22 August 1619 in Cropredy.

2. **Dorcas**, christened 11 February 1621 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659.

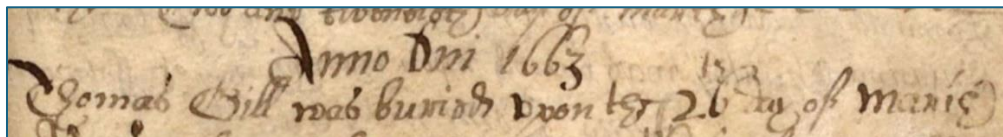
3. **Margarett**, christened 24 November 1622 in Cropredy.
4. **Prissilla**, christened 7 November 1624 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659.
5. **Anne**, christened 11 February 1627 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659.
6. **William**, christened 2 August 1629 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659.
7. **Richard**, christened 29 January 1632 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659, married Elisabeth; named as executor; occupation: cordwainer or shoemaker; buried 14 September 1711 in Cropredy; left his own will in 1711, mentioning brothers William and Thomas Gill.
- *8. **Thomas**, christened 17 August 1634 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659; married Elizabeth Sharman 29 December 1663 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy: "Thomas Gill the sonne of Thomas Gill and Dorcas his wife was baptized the xvijth daye of August 1634"

9. **Robert**, christened 15 April 1638 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1659.

Thomas died, and was buried 26 March 1663 in Cropredy.



Burial record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy: "Thomas Gill was buried upon the 26th day of March"

Thomas left a will dated 1 August 1659 and proven 18 July 1663:

In the name of God Amen: This ffift day of August
One Thousand Six Hundred ffifty and Nine
I Thomas Gill of Great Bourton in the County of
Oxford yeoman doe make and Ordayne this to bee
my Last will and Testament in maner and
Forme as ffolloweth:

Imprimis I give unto my wife Dorchas One Cow, halfe the Crop whether
Growing, or in the barne: the use of the Bede over the
hall with one woolbeed one healinge and pare of blanckets
Tow pare of Sheeates with a boster and pillowes
and also all the pewter and Brass and Bruing vessell
and Barriles during her naturall life

Item I Give unto my Sonne William Gill the Beedstid in the
parlor the Tabell and ffram and benches in the hall house:
also the malt mill and solting troffe
and the cuberd in the Halle house

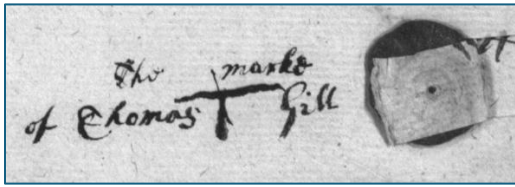
Item I Give unto my Sonne Thomas Gill fforty Shillinges

Item I Give unto my Sonne Robert Gill fforty Shillinges

Item I Give unto my daughter Dorcas Twenty Shillinges

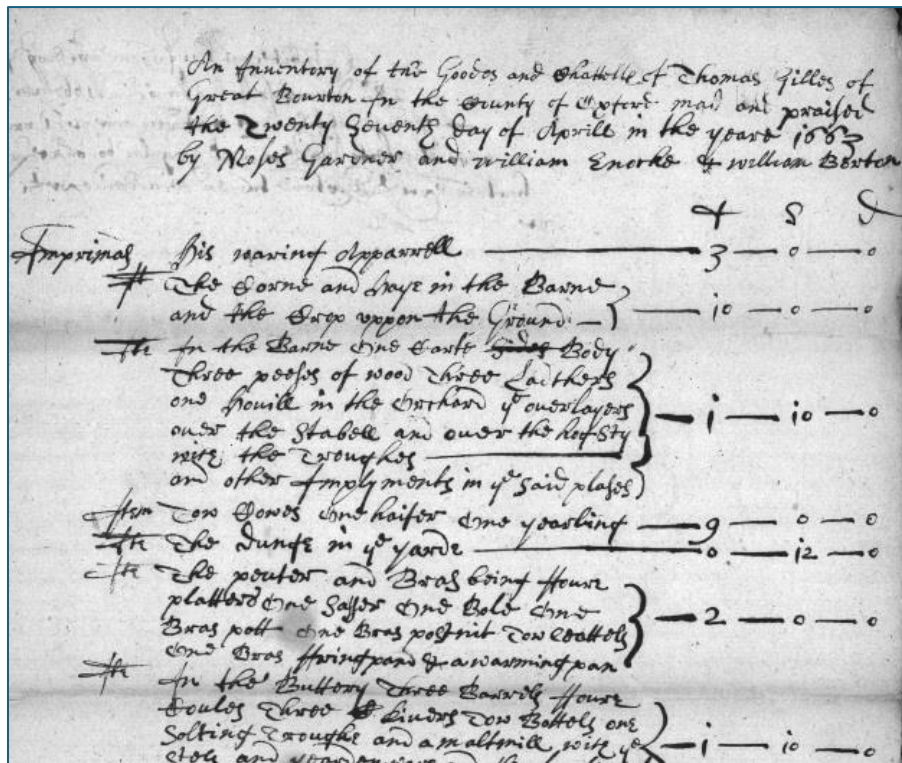
Will of Thomas Gill of Great Bourton, 1659

In the name of God Amen: This ffirst day of August One Thousand Six Hundred ffifty and Nine, I **Thomas Gill of Great Bourton** In the County of Oxford yeoman doe make and Ordayne this to bee my Last will and Testament in maner and forme as ffolloweth: Imprimis, I give unto **my wife Dorchas** One Cow, halfe the Crop whether Growing or in the barne: the use of the Bede over the hall with one woolbeed one healinge One pare of blanckets Tow pare of Sheeates with a boster and pillowes and also all the pewter and Brass and Bruing vessell and Barriles during her naturall life. Item, I Give unto **my Sonne William Gill** the Beedstid in the parlor the Tabell and ffram and benches in the hall house: also the malt mill and solting troffe and the cuberd in the Halle house . I Give unto **my Sone Thomas Gill** fforty shillings. I Give unto **my Sonne Robert Gill** fforty shillings. I Give unto **my Daughter Dorcas** Twenty shillings. I Give unto **my Daughter Prissilla** Twenty shillings. I Give unto **my Daughter Ann** Twenty shillings. I Give unto William Hudson Twenty shillings in Consideracion that he married my daughter. All the rest of my Goodes and Chatteles and Cattell I give unto **my Sonne Richard Gill** whom I make sole and whole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. My will farther is in case my wife Dorcas shuld dy and any of my daughters shuld be sicke or Lame and not abell to keep there servises then my will is that thay shuld have the kitchin to Live in so longe as as thay shall keep them selves unmarried and no longer And I make and Ordayne Moses Gardner and William Enocke of Great Bourton as aforesaid to be Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament Trusting they will see this my will performed. In witnes, William Borton, Moses Gardner



The marke of Thomas Gill

Thomas also left an inventory:



Inventory for Thomas Gill, 1663

An inventory of the goodes and chattells of Thomas Gilles of Great Bourton in the County of Oxford mad and praised the twenty seventh day of Aprill in the yeare 1663 by Moses Gardner and William Enocke and William Borton.

Imprimis his waring apparel 3 0 0

The corne and haye in the barne and the crop uppou the ground 10 0 0

In the barne one carte body, three peeses of wood, three ladthers, one houill in the orchard, ye overlayers over the stabell and over the hog sty with the troughs and other implymnts in ye said plases 1 0 0

Item ten coves, one heifer, one yearling 9 0 0

Item the dunge in ye yarde 0 12 0

Item the pewter and bras being ffoure platters, one sasser, one bole, one bras pott, and bras postnit, ten ceattels, one bras ffringpan & a warming pan 2 0 0

Item in the buttery, three barrels, ffoure coules, three kindes, ten bottles, one salting troughe and a maltmill, with stols and yeardenware and other impliments and the boose bords and transoms 1 10 0

Item the plow timber over the entry with other wood in ye hall charmber, one bed with other impliments in the next charmber, one gardner, sum old iron, som malt with other impliments 1 0 0

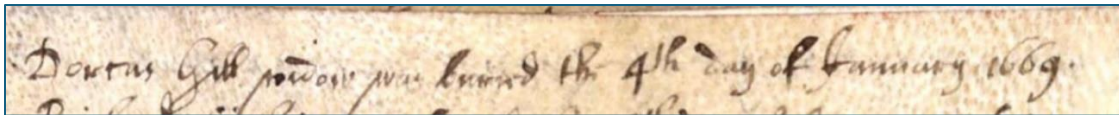
Item in the hall house the tabell and frame, one cubberd, ten fourmes, ye fire shovle and tonges, ye pot hangels, one spitte, ye backon in ye chimney 1 10 0

Item in the loe chamber ten beddes, one chest, three coffers, one cheare, ffour civerlides, ffive blanckitts, six pare of sheates, tow tabell clothes, tow towels, one pare of pillow drawers, ffive bolsters and one littell pillow, one woolbed one sette of say curtines, tow cushiness with other impliments and one lowfoyne stoll 8 0 0

Item one pige and the poltry 0 5 0

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Dorcas died as a widow, and was buried 4 January 1669/70 in Cropredy.

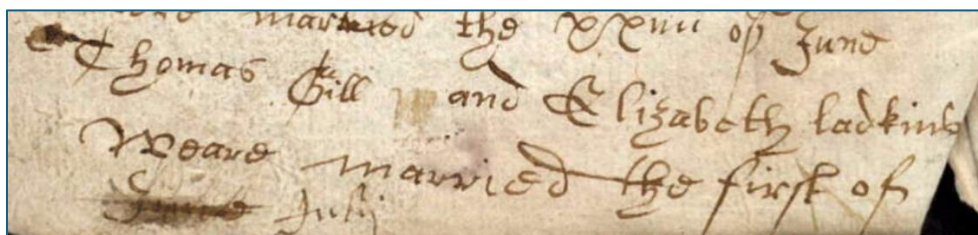


*Burial record for Dorcas Gill in Cropredy:
"Dorcas Gill widow was buried the 4th day of January 1669"*

SOURCES: Cropredy parish register; Oxfordshire Family History Society - Transcribed Wills at <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk>; will of Thomas Gill of Great Bourton, 1663 on www.findmypast.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS GILL AND ELIZABETH LADKINS

Thomas Gill was born in about 1589 of Cropredy, the son of William Gyll and Elizabeth Smart. Thomas married Elizabeth Ladkins 1 July 1602 in Cropredy. Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert Ladkins of Upper Boddington, and was christened 14 November 1576 in Boddington, Northamptonshire. Boddington is a parish about five miles north of Cropredy.



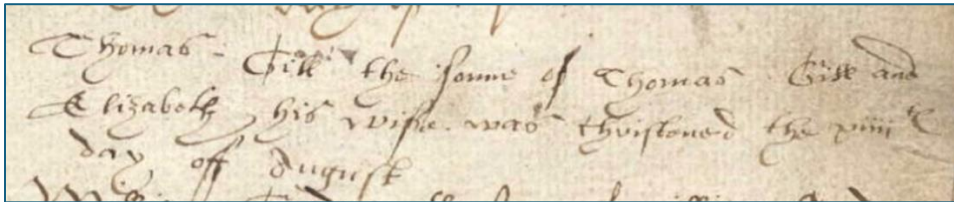
*Marriage record for Thomas Gill and Elizabeth Ladkins in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill and Elizabeth Ladkins were married the first of July"*

Thomas was a yeoman farmer of Great Bourton. He is mentioned in *The Town of Cropredy* as son of

William Gyll: "Thomas his son paid a colt penny in 1616, 18 and 19, but no inventory survives for his 1634 will [MS.Wills Pec. 39/3/5]."

Thomas and Elizabeth had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, christened 14 August 1603 in Cropredy; married Dorcas; mentioned in father's will of 1634; buried 26 March 1663 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy: "Thomas Gill the sonne of Thomas Gill and Elizabeth his wife was christened the xiiiiijth day of August"

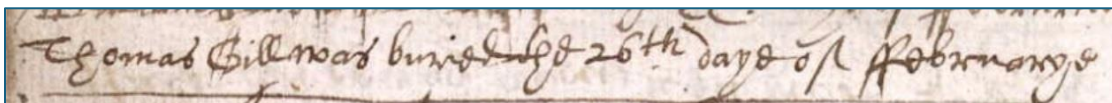
2. **Richard**, christened 2 August 1605 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1634.

3. **Sarah**, christened 26 September 1607 in Cropredy; married Anthonie Robines 9 July 1631 in Cropredy; mentioned in father's will of 1634.

4. **Mary**, christened 14 July 1610 in Cropredy; married Richard Claredge in about 1630; mentioned in father's will of 1634.

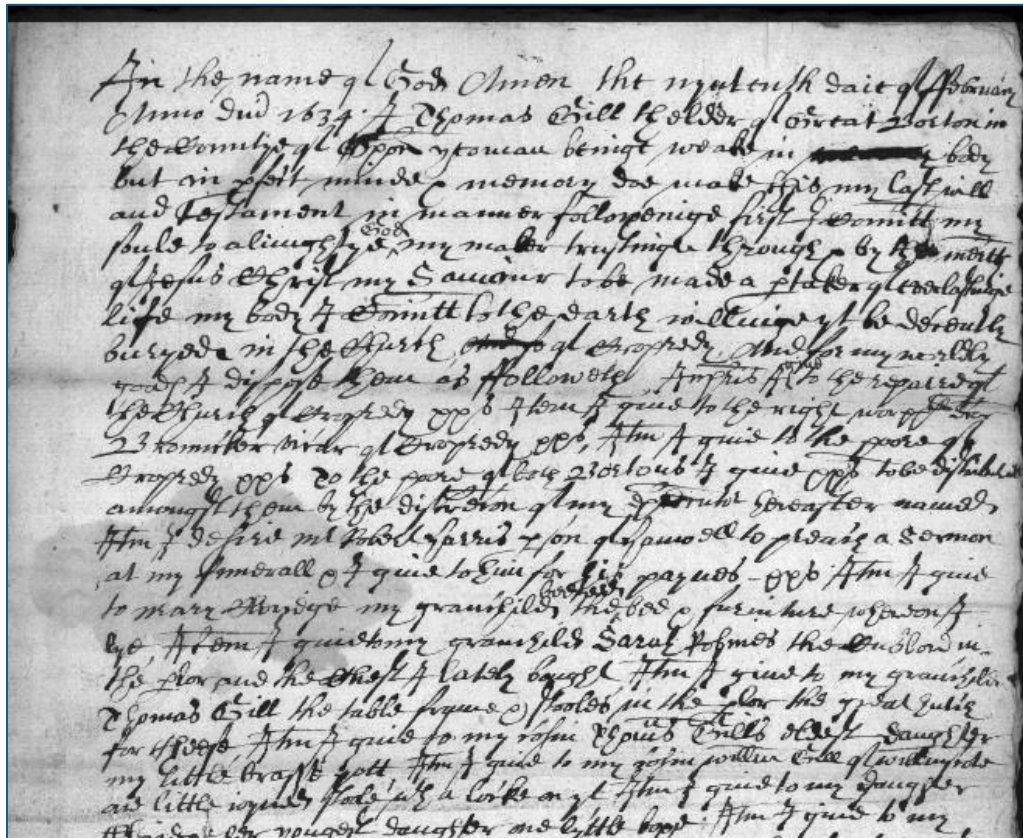
5. **Elizabeth**, mentioned in father's will of 1634.

Thomas died and was buried in Cropredy 26 February 1634.



*Burial record for Thomas Gill in Cropredy:
"Thomas Gill was buried the 26th daye of Ffebruarye"*

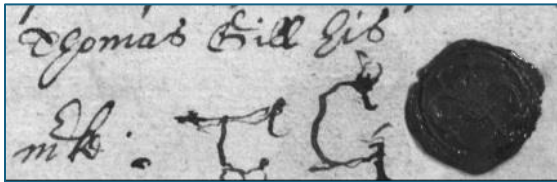
Thomas left a will written 19 February 1634:



Will of Thomas Gill the elder of Great Bourton, 1635

In the name of God Amen, the nyntenth daie of ffebruary Anno Dei 1634, I **Thomas Gill the elder** of Great Borton in the Countye of Oxon, yeoman, bnige weake in body but in pfect minde & memory doe make this my last will and testament in manner following, first I comitt my soule to Almightye God my maker hoping through & by the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made a ptaker of everlasting life, my body I comitt to the earth willing to be decently buryed in the church of Cropredy. And for my worldly goods I dispose them as ffolloweth, Impris I give to the repaire of the church of Cropredy xxs. Item I give to the right worshipful Brommiler vicar of Cropredy xxs. Item I give to the poore of Cropredy xxs, to the poore of both Bortons I give xxs to be distributed amongst them by the discretion of my executor hereafter named. Item I desire Mr. Robert Harris parson of Hanwell to preach a sermon at my funeral & I give to him for his paynes xxs. Item I give to **Mary Clerydge my grandchild** the bedsted, bed & furniture whereon I lye. Item I give to **my grandchild Sarah Robines** the cubbord in the p'lor and the shepe I lately bought. Item I give to **my grandchild Thomas Gill** the table figure & stooles in the p'lor the great hutch for cheese. Item I give to **my cosin Thomas Gills eldest daughter** my little brasse pott. Item I give to **my cosin William Gill of Willimscot** one little joyned stoole with a locke on yt. Item I give to **my daughter Cleridge** her youngest daughter one little boxe. Item I give to **my daughter Elizabeth Gill** my great cheare in the p'lor. Item I give to all my godchildren iis each a peece. Item I give to **my sonne Thomas Gill** ten pounds in money willing him to bestowe the thereof my funeral for me. Item I give to **Anne Dense my servant** tenn shillings. Item I give to **her brother Richard Dense** xs in money. Item I give to the rest of the servants in the house vjs vjd a peece. Item I give **Gamaliell Holbech sonne of Ambrose Holbech of**

*Mollington the some of ten pounds in money to be paid to his father & to be employed by him for his said sonne as my gifte. Item I give to **my two daughters Sarah Robines & Mary Cleridge** five pounds a peece. All the rest of my goods, cattles, & chattels with money and household stuffe unbequeathed I give & bequeath to **my sonne Richard Gill** whome I make the sole executor of this my last will, desireing him to pay the legacies herein by me given & to pforme this my will according to my true meaning herein sett downe. And I intreat **my loving sonne in law Richard Cleridge & my loveinge friend Ambrose Holbech** to be the overseers of this my last will & I give to the sayd Richard Cleridge for his paynes xs. In witness wherof I have to this my last will sett my hand & seale the day & yeare above written. Item I give to **my cosin Calcott Gardner** one suite of apparel & forty shillings in money. Sealed, subscribed and published in the psence of William Martin, William Stanton, Ambrose Holbech*

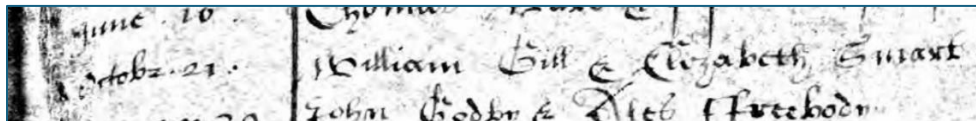


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FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM GYLL AND ELIZABETH SMART

William Gyll was born in about 1560, the son of William Gyll and Elizabeth Gubbin of Great Bourton. He was a husbandman in Great Bourton.

He married Elizabeth Smart 21 October 1588 in Middleton Cheney, a parish about 4 miles south of Cropredy.



*Marriage record for William Gyll and Elizabeth Smart:
"Octr 21 William Gill & Elizabeth Smart"*

Elizabeth was born in about 1560, the daughter of John and Margarete Smarte of Middleton Cheney.

William died and was buried 26 October 1604, leaving a will. *"In 1605 William Gill left two mares and a gelding and four pair of horse gears valued at £5-10s, but no colts. These helped to farm about 1.25 yardlands (They had 5 beasts). Thomas his son paid a colt penny in 1616, 18 and 19, but no inventory survives for his 1634 will [MS.Wills Pec. 39/3/5]."* He left a bequest to his daughter, Margaret: *"In 1605 William Gill of Bourton left 20 shillings a year to bring up his daughter Margaret. Presumably the girl also contributed to her upkeep [MS.Will Pec. 39/3/5]."* (*The Town of Cropredy, Keegan*)

William Gill was buried the xxvij day of October

Burial record for William Gyll in Cropredy:
"William Gill was buried the xxvith day of October"

William left a will written 10 September 1604:

In the name of God Amen the tenth day of September 1604 I **William Gyll of Great Bourton** in the parishe of Cropredie and in the countie of Oxford, husbandman, sicke in bodie but perfect in memory thanks be to God, doe ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in manor and forme following: ffirst, bequeathing my soule unto Almightye God my creator having full assurance by fruits to have pardon and forgiveness of all my sinnes by the passion blessing of Jesus' gift, and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Cropredie. I give amonge the poore in Bourton xyd to buy bread and to be distributed amonge them. I give to the repaire of the church of Cropredie xyd. I doe will and my mind is that **Elizabeth my wife** shall have the comedies and profitt in regard of her honestie and bringing up of my two children at her charges until **my sonne Thomas Gyll** doe accomplish the age of twentie one yeares both at keeping her selfe sole and unmarried. But if she marrie before my said sonne come to the age aforesaid, them my will is that my said wife shall have but the thyrd onelie of my land according to the custome in the countie and the other two parts to remaine to the benefit of my sonne Thomas allowing xxd a yeare towards the bringing up of **my daughter Margaret Gyll** provided my wife keepe her selfe sole and unmarried until the time that my sonne cometh to xxi yeares of age aforesaid, that then notwithstanding my sonne Thomas shall take to his selfe the one halfe of this my living and the other halfe to remaine to my wife for and during so long time and she keeping her selfe sole and unmarried and not longer provided that my wife during her widowhood att no time comitt and share in cutting down no trees

or tree being ok, elm and willow or thorne growing in and upon anie part of my land. Item concerning my goodes, chattels or cattels of what nature of kind soever they be, I give them wholly betwixt Elizabeth my wife my sonne Thomas and Margaret my daughter equally to be divided amongst them by even and equal portions desiring my wife to pay to the support of my daughter what shée reasonable may doe. I give this my tenement and yard land with all commodities and parte thereunto belonging wholly to be and belonge to my sonne Thomas Gyll and to his heyres forever. And I make **Elizabeth my wife** my executrix of this my will. And my overseers I desire to be Thomas Holloway, vicar of Cropredie, Thomas Bygnell and Thomas Wallis.

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, born about 1589 of Cropredy; married Elizabeth Ladkins 1 July 1602 in Cropredy; died in 26 February 1634; buried in Cropredy; left a will proven 1635.

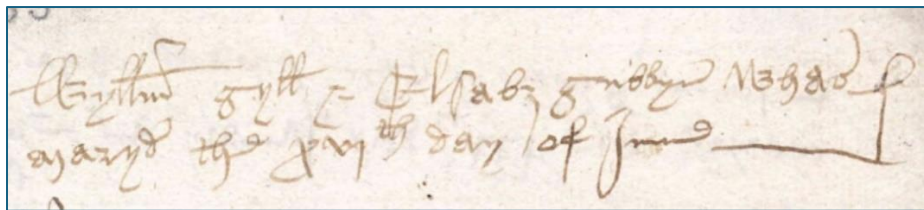
2. **Elizabeth**, christened 24 September 1592 in Cropredy; not listed in father's will of 1604.

3. **Margaret**, born between 1591 and 1605 of Cropredy; minor child in father's will of 1605; married Thomas Hall 3 February 1613 in Cropredy.

SOURCE: IGI; "The Town of Cropredy", Pamela Keegan, www.mewslade.freeserve.co.uk; Cropredy parish register on CD; A History of the County of Oxford, vol. 10; Cropredy parish register, www.ancestry.co.uk; Middleton Cheney parish register.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM GYLL AND ELIZABETH GUBBIN

William Gyll was born in about 1520 of Cropredy. He married Elizabeth Gubbin 16 June 1555 in Cropredy.



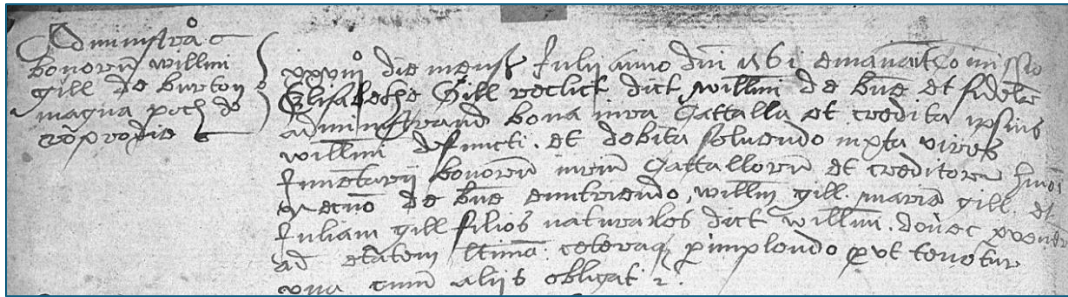
*Marriage record for William Gyll and Elizabeth Gubbin in Cropredy:
"Wyllm Gyll & Elisabeth Gubbyn whas maryd the xvith day of June"*

William is mentioned in A History of the County of Oxford: "*Richard Gill had had the highest assessment in Bourton for the 1523 subsidy, and Thomas and William Gill had been copyholders on the episcopal manor in 1552, when William was tenant of Walkers ground. The Gills were soon styling themselves 'gentlemen'.*"

William Gyll was mentioned in a survey of Cropredy in 1552: "*The Survey was made by the King's*

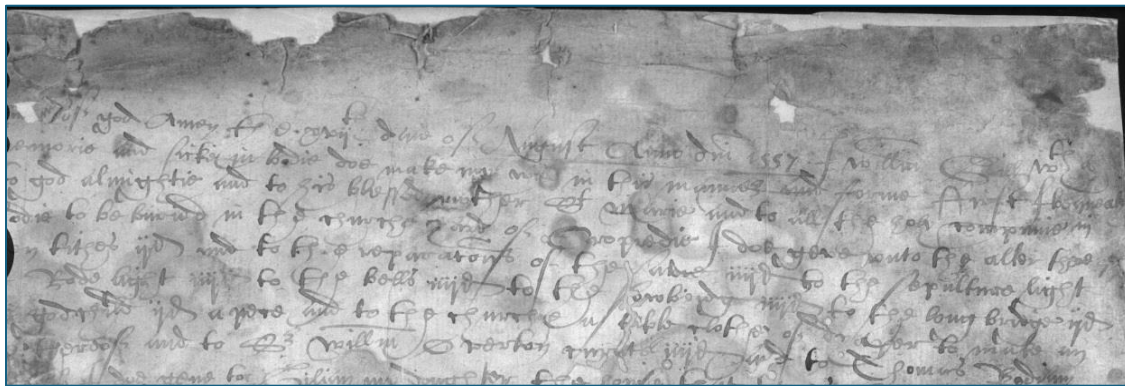
General Surveyor, Mich. Camswell, Esq...on the oath of the King's tenants of the manor of Cropredy, John Kynton, John Saven, Rich. Robyns, Thomas House, Rich. Gybbes, **Will. Gylle**, Will. Barnesley, John Hartlet, Will. Bayley, Edw. Brytwell, John Longe, and John Readshawe." (Historical Notices of the Parish of Cropredy)

William Gyll of Great Bourton left an administration in July 1561, naming his widow Elizabeth and children William, Mary (Maria) and Gillian (Juliam).



Administration for William Gyll of Great Bourton, 1561

William Gill of Cropredy also left a will written 17 August 1557, mentioning wife Elizabeth, daughter Gilian, brother Thomas, and Thomas' daughters Elizabeth and Margerie. Is this an earlier version for our William Gyll, written before the other children, William and Mary were born?

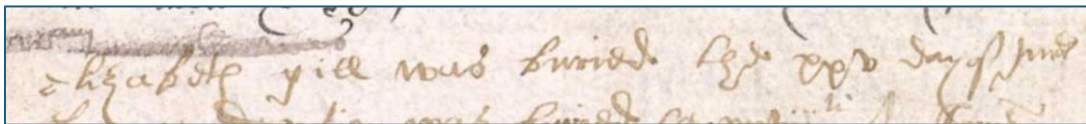


Will of William Gyll 1557

In the name of god Amen the xvijth daie of August Anno d'ni 1557 I **Will'm Gill** w'th a p'fect memorie and sicke in bodie doe make my will in this manner and forme ffirst I bequeath my soule to god almightye and to hys blessed mother St Marie and to all the holy companie in heaven my bodie to be buried in the churche yard of Cropredie I do geve unto the alter there for forgotten tithes ijd and to the reparac'ons of the nave iiijd, to the sepulture light iiijd, to the Rode light iiijd, to the bells iiijd, to sow bridge iiijd, to the long bridge ijd, and to everie godchild ijd a pece. And to the churche a table clothe of draper to make an alter clothe thereof and to S'r Willm Overton curate iiijd. And to Thomas Bodiam clerke ijd. Also I do geve to **Gilian my daughter** the howse that James Hall dwelleth in but for the rent thereof my will is vs shalbe to the behofe or p'fytt of my child yerelie and the other us yerelie to be disposed amongst the poore people for the space of x yeares and to my doughter Gilian my best Iron bound cart and all my teme discharging

my harrytts and a paire of crosse scheytts and ij of the best table clothes and a pare of pillowebeares and my best towell and my plowghe and the ploughe geare and all my horses harnes and a kiverlett and my best brasse panne and I doe geve unto **Gilian Walker** a cowe and the hyer of the same cowe w'thall and vj shepe and a brasse potte and a pan a ke'rlett and ij pares of sheets and a stall of bees. And I doe geve unto **Will'm Walker** a quarter of masline and a nother of malt and iiij sheepe and his borde Michelmas come a twelvemonethe and then the aforesaide corne and malte to be delivered to him and a russet cote and a hyve of bees and to Gilian Walker ij pewter platters and an harnis gerdle that was her mothers and to **Thomas Randyll** of Sougrave ij stricke of masline at seed tyme and tow stricke of barley likewise and an hive of bees and timber to make him a plowghe w'thall and to **Will'm Newman** ij sheepe And I doe geve unto **Thomas Gill my brother** my best doblett and my best vierlett cote and my beste shert and yf that he doe live yer to and my best heysse and stalle of bees. And to Will'm Walker iiij bordes and to his sister Gilian other iiij bordes and to **Thomas Walker** a sheepe and to **Harry Wisdome** my second Russet cote and yf that **Thomas Gill my brother** doe dep'te my will is that **his ij doughters Elizabeth and Margerie** shall have the stall of bees and to my doughter Gilian my cofer and that that is in yt and I doe owe unto Will'm Newman fower marcks whereof he is paide viijs xd. Also I doe make **Elizabeth my wyffe** and **Gilian my doughter** my Executors they to bring my bodie honestlie to the grounde p'forming my will and to paie my detts they to have the rest of my goodes unbequeathed xxx bords excepted the w'ch shalbe bestowed of the howse that James Hall dwelleth in and al such goodes before rehersed that I have geven unto my childe shall p'taine to her use yf god send her lyffe to live thereto or els these goodes to be devided I doe geve unto Margeret Lentan a sheepe and doe make Thomas Gill my brother and Thomas Flint and James Hall my ov'seers they to have for their laboures vjs viijd apiece. In witnes thereof S'r Will'm Overton curate, Richard Gibbes, Recharde Densie, Will'm Walker w'th certaine other. Thus Jesu rest my soule at his pleasure Amen.

Elizabeth died and was buried 25 June 1582 in Cropredy.



*Burial record for Elizabeth Gill in Cropredy:
"Elizabeth Gill was buried the xxv day of June"*

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Gilian**
2. **Mary**

*3. **William**, born about 1560 of Cropredy; married Elizabeth Smart 21 October 1588 in Middleton Cheney; buried 26 October 1604 in Cropredy.

A will for Thomas Gyll in 1557 must be the Thomas Gyll mentioned in William's will as his brother: Thomas Gyll of Cropredy died and was buried 28 August 1557 in Cropredy. He left a will written 21 August 1557, and proven 1558. The will mentions his wife Jone, daughters Elizabeth, Avys (Alice), Margerie, and brother William Gyll.

Testamentum Thomae Gyll paroch' de Cropredye

*In the name of God Amen the xxj daye of August Anno d'ni 1557 I **Thomas Gyll** with a parfette memory and sicke in body doo make my wyll in this maner and forme ffyrst I betake my sowle to God all myghtie and to his blessed mother Saynte Marie and to all the holly cumpanye in Heaven my bodye to be buried in the churche yarde of owr Ladie in the parisshe of Cropredye. I doo gyve unto the hye alter for foregotten tythes iiijd And to the reparac'ons of the same xijd And to the sepulcre light iiijd And to the roodelight iiijd And to the bells xijd And to the sowe Bridge iiijd And to ev'y godchilde ijd apece And I doo gyve unto Margarett Lynton? the crophe of a quartern lande called Cowpers lande for the space of one yere And I doo gyve unto Elizabeth my dawghter my greate brasse potte and my greate spytte and a quartern Lande and my Wyll is that Jone my wyffe shall have the occupying of it so longe as she dothe lyve. And I doo gyve unto Elizabeth my dawghter my best Iron bounde carte And to Jone my wyffe and Elizabeth my dawghter my hole teeme as it is nowe, And I doo make **Jone my wyffe** and **Elizabeth my dawghter** my full executrices they to bringe my bodye honestly to the grounde perfourmyng my wyll and to paye my detts they to have the resydew of my goods unrequested These goods to be departed betwyxt them two by the discretion of my overseers and other honest men. And when these goods be departed in even porc'ons then my wyll is that **Avys and Margerye my dawghters** shall have halffe of my goods with their syster Elizabeth. And my wyll is that Avys and Margerie my dawghters shall have ether of them a colte of three yeres olde bred up betwyxte them two beyng my executrices. And to Richarde Gyll tymbre to make hym a plough with all. And I doo make **Wylliam Gyll my brother** Thomas Plantte and Hugh Sabyne my overseers they to have for their Labors ijs iiijd apece. And yf that Avys my dawghter and Margerie her syster be not contente that Elizabeth my dawghter shall have my greate spytte my greate potte and my quartern Lande as they dyd promisse me that they wolde be contente therwith or els they shall have no parte with Elizabeth my dawghter and this is my my [sic] wyll that it shalbe ordered These bering wytnesse here-of Richarde Denze John Russell with certen other. Thus Jhesu reste my sowle at his pleasure amen*

Thomas and Jone had the following children: Richard, Elizabeth, Margery (christened 13 December 1539), William (buried 9 February 1556/7), Edith, Alice, Em and an unnamed son buried 9 February 1556. Jone died and was buried in 1559. (*The Town of Cropredy*) A will was written by Jone Gyll in 1559 - Johan Gill left a will written in 1559, mentioning daughters Elizabeth, Marjerie, Alice, and Em, sons

Thomas and Richard. William Gill was one of the overseers for the will.

Both William and Thomas were mentioned as copyholders of land in Cropredy in 1552: "*Thomas and William Gill had been copyholders on the episcopal manor in 1552, when William was tenant of Walkers ground.*" (*A History of the County of Oxford*)

Other early Gylls in Cropredy and Great Bourton:

William and Thomas may be the son of John Gyll of Cropredy, who was buried 20 April 1545 in Cropredy. John was mentioned in a land deed in October 1512: "*Roger Lupton and Rich. Skipwith grant to Thos. Ffrench, Rob. Lumbard, Rich. Howse, Hugh Page, Will. Lumbard, Rog. Truste, Rob. Burman, Will. Grene, Tho. Smyth, Tho. Dalton, Will. Newman, Rob. Osborne, Peter Lumbard, John Shereman, John Gubbys, Tho. Hall, **John Gyll**, Tho. Plant, Will. Walker, Tho. Gobyn, Valentine Jamys, Tho. Colyer, John Jefkyns, Thos. Browne and Tho. Bachelor, of Cropredy, our two tenements in Wardington, two crofts appertaining, and a quarter of a yardland; one tenement and croft between Hugh Tynkok, north, and Rob. Mathew, south; the other tenement and croft between Joan Sabyon, widow, east,*

and Juliana Collys, west; which tenements lately were Thos. Besonds' of Wardington." (Historical Notices of Cropredy)

John may be the son of Richard Gill, mentioned in *A History of the County of Oxford*. Richard paid an assessment in 1523: "By the 16th century, however, the Bourtons were relatively more prosperous, and in 1523 35 people in the two villages were assessed at £4 11s. 8d., more than the total for Wardington and Coton. This was partly due to one man, **Richard Gill**, who was assessed at 32s. on goods; nine others were assessed at between 2s. and 4s., 23 at less than 2s. but more than the landless labourers' rate of 4d., at which only two were assessed...**Richard Gill** had had the highest assessment in Bourton for the 1523 subsidy." This Richard would have been born in the late 1400s. Richard Gill and his wife Alicia of Cropredy were accepted into the Guild of Knowle in 1514: "**Richard Gyll & Alicia** vx ei de ead (Croprede)" - Richard Gyll and Alicia his wife of the same place (Cropredy).

SOURCES: Cropredy parish register on CD; A History of the County of Oxford, vol. 10; "The Town of Cropredy", Pamela Keegan; will of William Gill, 1557; Thomas Gyll, 1558, wills on <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk> and www.findmypast.co.uk; Register of the Guild of Knowle.