

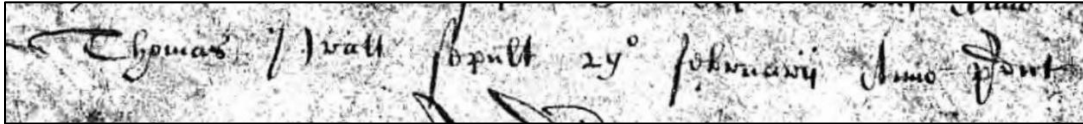
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND ALICE PRATT

Katheren Keeling Bowerman is mentioned in the will of her mother, Alice (Alse) Pratt. This will identifies Katheren's siblings. One of them, Thomas, is shown in the Shotteswell parish register as the son of Thomas Pratt. Thomas senior and Alice were born in about 1540.



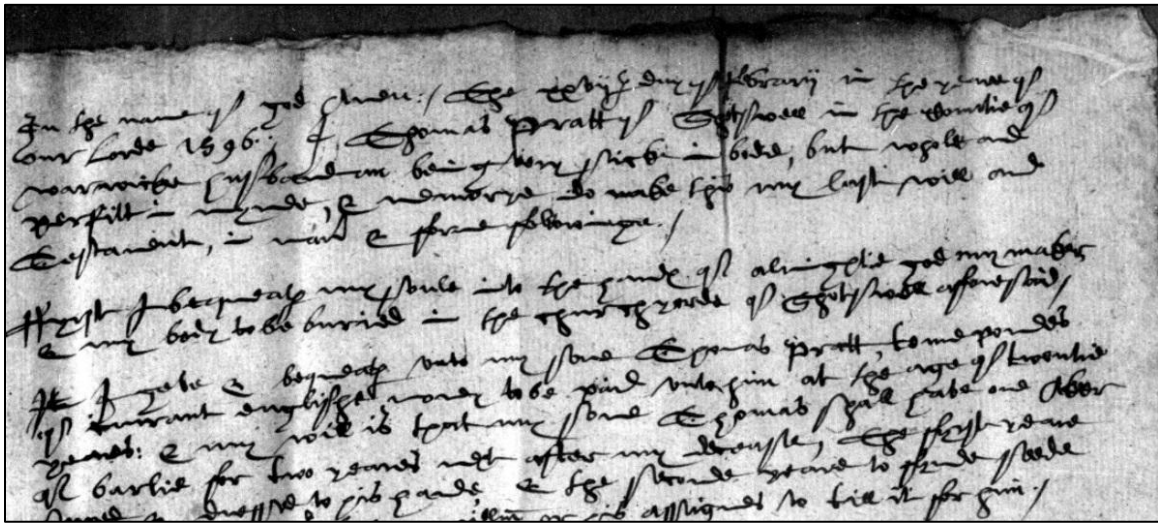
Shotteswell

Thomas Pratt, senior died and was buried 24 February 1596 in Shotteswell.



*Burial record for Thomas Pratt in Shotteswell:
"Thomas Pratt sepult 24 Februarij Anno pdicto"
Thomas Pratt buried 24 February in the year above listed"*

Thomas left a will dated 10 June 1597.



Will of Thomas Pratt of Shotteswell, 1596

*In the name of God Amen; the xxviiith day of February in the yeare of our Lorde 1596, I **Thomas Pratt of Shotteswell** in the countie of Warwicke, husbandman, being very sicke in bodie, but whole and perfitt in mynde & memorye do make this my last will and testament in maner & forme following: Ffyrst I bequeath my soule in the hands of Almightye God, my maker & and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Shotteswell aforesaid.*

*Item, I geve & bequeath unto **my sone Thomas Pratt**, tenne poundes of currant Englishe money to be paid unto him at the age of twentie yeares: & my will is that my sone Thomas shall have one aker of barlie for two yeares next after my decease, the first yeare sowed & dressed to his hande & the second yeare to have seede himself & **his brother Willm** or his assignes to till it for him.*

*Item I geve **my daughter Elizabeth** tene poundes to be paid unto her at the age of eighteane yeares, & also I do geve my said daughter one quarter of barlie to be delivered unto her at the same yeares.*

And if it shall happen that either of my said children, Thomas or Elizabeth, do decease before they shall accomplish the yeares above mentioned, that then my will is, that the survivor shall inherite the other portion.

*Item, I geve unto **Alice my wyffe** twentie poundes of currant Englishe money & halfe the household stuffe in the dwelling house & her boarde, & the sharing with my sonne Willm during ye tenure of my lease yf she shall so longe lyve.*

*Item I geve my leasse unto **my sonne Willm**, and yf my sone Willm die before he marrye, then my will is that my sone Thomas shall have my lease.*

*Item, I geve unto **my sone Edward Pratt** one paire of mares, and to **my daughter Johane Eedes** towne parcels of barlie to be delivered after my decease.*

Item, I give unto **my sone Edward Keling** two children & to **my son John his childe**, & to **my daughter Jone's child** five shillings sixte pence a piece to be paid within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I geve unto all my godchildren fower pence a piece.

And to the poore of Shotswell sixe shillings viijd, and to my ___ one and seventy two pence.

All the rest of my goods unbequeathed, I geve unto **my sone Willm** whom I do make my whole executor to see my bodie decently buried & my debtes paid, & this my will pformed.

And I do make Willm Pratt, & Thomas Gill my overseers & do geve vid a piece for their labours.

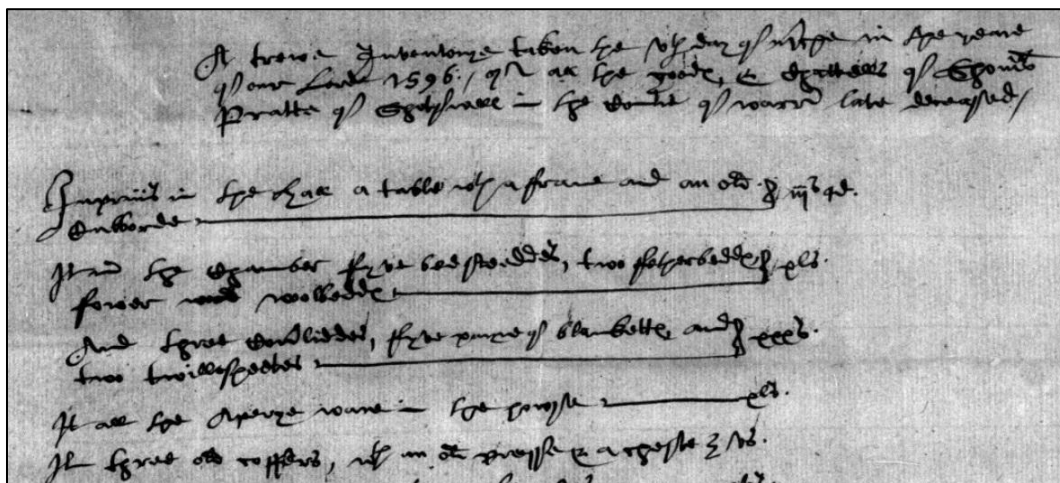
Witnesses to this my will

Thomas Gill and

William Pratt, &

William Keling with others

Thomas also left an inventory:



Inventory for Thomas Pratt, 1596

A trewe inventorye taken the vij day of Maye in the yeare of our Lorde 1596, of the goods & chattells of Thomas Pratte of Shotswall in the countie of Warw late deceased.

Imprimis, the hall – a table with a frame and an old cubborde iiijl qd

Item, the chamber – three bedsteaddes, two fetherbeddes & fower woolbedds xls

And three coverliddes, three payre of blankets and two twille sheetes xxxs

Item, all the aperature ware in the house xls

Item, three old coffers, with an old presse & a cheste vs

Item, all coppery ware with the boards xvs

Item, in the kytchyne all the brasse & pewter xld

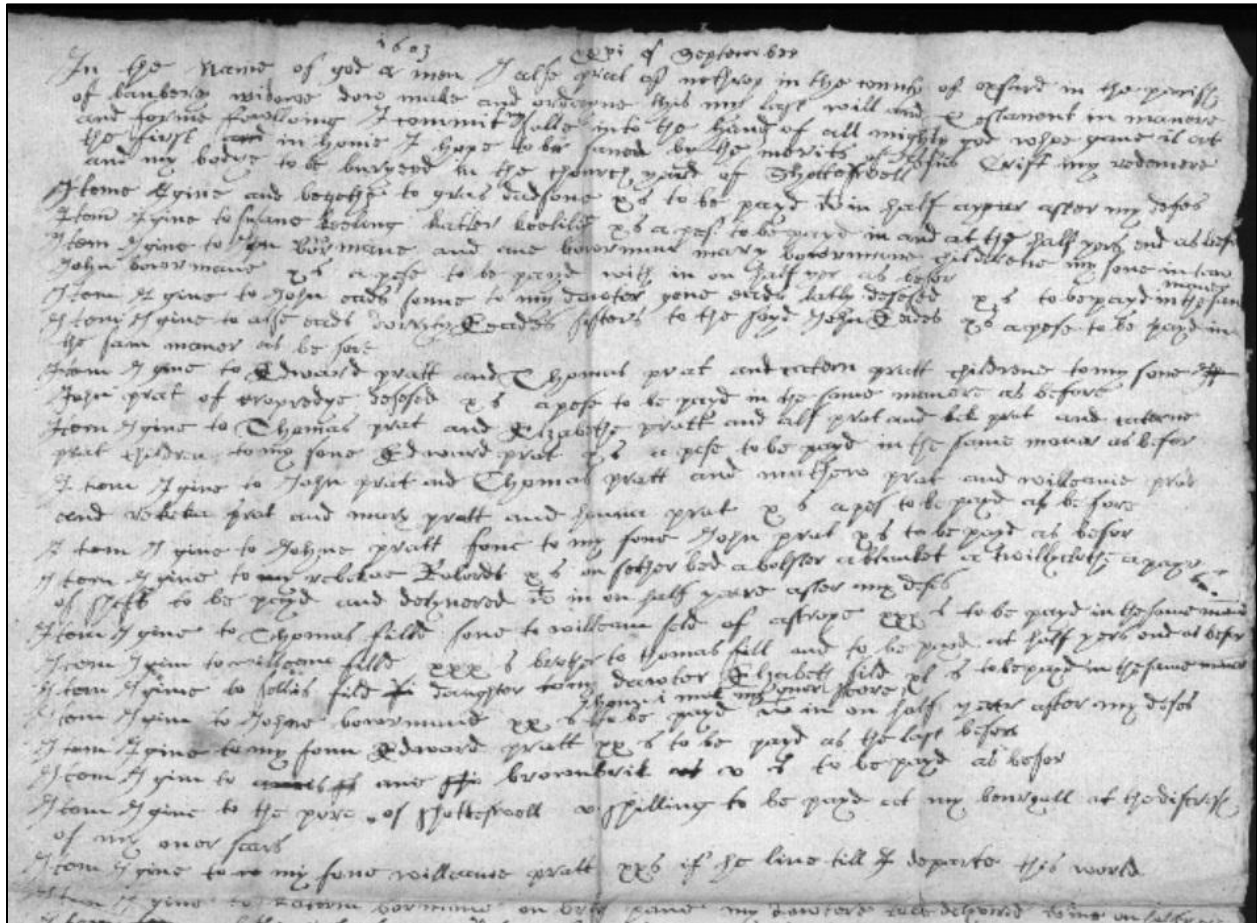
Item, a mill & loade xs

Item, two spites & a payre of cubbards vs

Item, seaven beastes & twoo calves xl

- Item, the teame with the furniture, as casted, plowes & ___ xl
- Item, all the corne & grayne above the howse xxl
- Item, fower score & therteene sheepe with all the hay xxl
- Item, the lease of his howse xl
- Item, the wood & hovelling xxl
- Item, all the swine xxd
- Item, pytchforkes & iron tooles vs
- All his wearing apparel xl

Alice died in about 1624. She left a will written in 1603, and proven in 1624.



Will of Alice Pratt, 1624

The will of Alse (Alice) Pratt, of Neithrop, widow, will dated 26 September 1603, no burial entry, inventory undated, exhibited 5 April 1624.

1603 xxvi of September

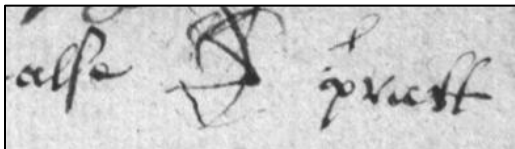
In the name of God amen I **Alse Prat of Nethrop** in the county of Oxford in the parish of Banbery widowe dow make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manere and forme fowllowing I commit myself into the hands of all mighty God who gave it out the firste and in home I hope to be saved by the merits of

Jesus Crist my redemere and my bodye to be buryed in the church yard of Shotteswell.
*Item I give and bequethe to **Gras Dadson** xs a pes to be payd within half a yere after my deces.*
*Item I give to **Susane Keeling and Ane Bowrman Mary Bowrmane children my sone in law John Bowrman** xs a pese to be payd with in on half as before*
*Item I give to **John Eads sonne to my dawter Gene Eads latly deceased** xs to be payd in the same money.*
*Item I give to **Else Eads Dorryty Eades sisters to the sayd John Eades** the sam manor as be fore.*
*Item I give to **Edward Pratt and Thomas Prat and Catern Pratt children to my sone of John Prat of Cropredye** desesed xs a pese to by payd in the same manore as before.*
*Item I give to **Thomas Prat and Elzabeth Pratt and Als Prat and Bek Prat and Caterne Prat children to my sone Edward Prat** xs a pese to by payd in the same manor as before.*
*Item I give to **John Prat and Thomas Pratt and Mathew Prat and Williame Prat and Rebeka Prat and Mary Pratt and Henrie Prat** xs a pes to be payd as be fore.*
*Item I give to **Johne Pratt sone to my sone John Prat** xs to be payd as befor.*
*Item I give to my **Rebeka Roberds** xs on fether bed a bolster a blanket a twillycloth a payre of shets to be payd and delivered it in on half yere after my deses.*
*Item I give to **Thomas Filde sone to William Feld of Astrope** xxxs to be payd in the same manor.*
*Item I give to **William Filde** xxxs brother to **Thomas Fild** and to be payd at half yere and as before.*
*Item I give to **Fellis Fild daughter to my dawter Elizabeth Fild** xs & to be payd in the same manor.*
*Item I give to **John Bowrmane** xxs & **Thomas Mole** my overseers to be payd as in on half yere after my deses.*
*Item I give to **my sonn Edward Pratt** xxs to be payd as the last before.*
*Item I give to **Ane Brownbrik** vs to be payd as before.*
Item I give to the pore of Shotteswell v shilling to be payd at my berryall at the discretion of my overseers.
*Item to give to **my sone Williame Pratt** xxs if he live till I departe this world.*
*Item I give to **Katerne Borman** on bras pane my dowtere to be delivered withine on half yere.*
*Item al the rest of my goods unbequethed I give to **my sonne Thomas Pratt** home I mak my full executor paying my deets and performing my beqests. In witness her of I have set to my hand and selle the xxvi of Septebere.*
Else Pratt

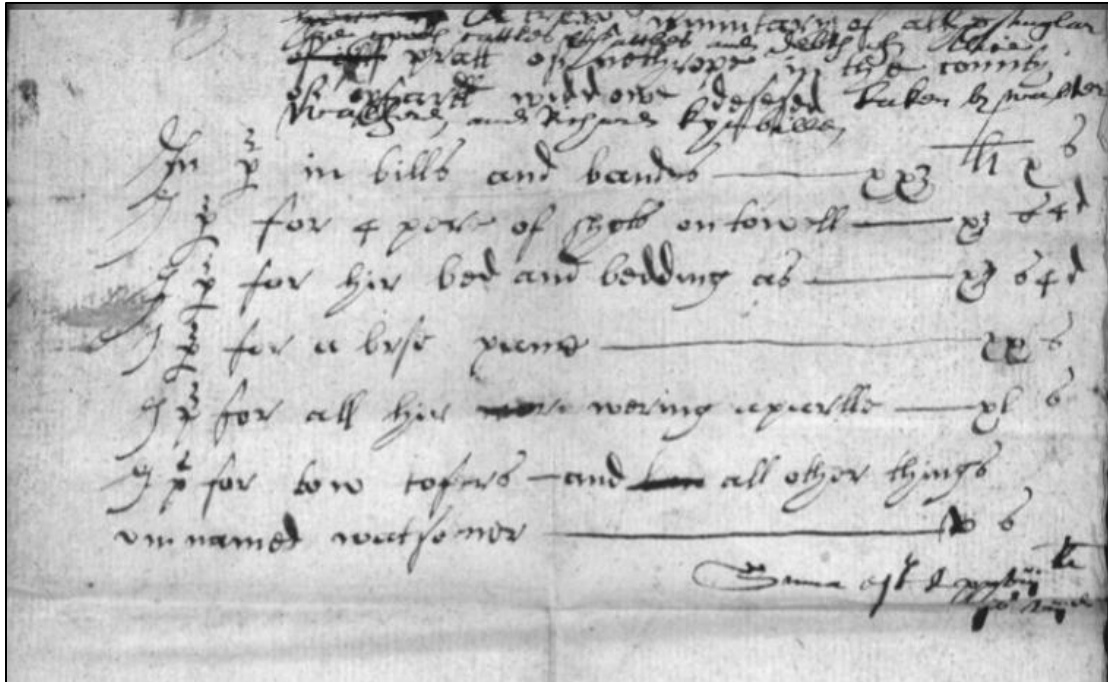
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Signature of Alice Pratt on her will



Inventory for Alice Pratt, 1624

An inventory was created for Alice:

A trew inventory of all & singlar the goodes cattles chattles and debts of Alice Pratt of Nethrope in the county of Oxfard widdowe desesed taken by Walter Walfore, and Richard Kymballe.

Imprimis in bills and bandes – xxli xs

Item for 4 peres of shetes on towel – xs 4d

Item for hir bed and bedding as – xs 4d

Item for a brase pane – xxs

Item for all hir wering aperalle – xl

Item for tew cofers and all other things unnamed whatsoever – vs

*The burial does not occur in the Shotteswell parish register.

Thomas and Alice had the following children:

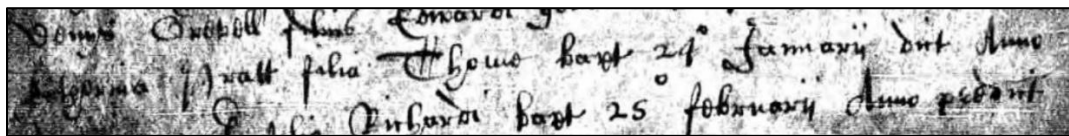
1. **John**, born in about 1562; married 1) Elizabeth Howse 29 November 1595 in Cropredy; married 2) Margaret in 1603; buried 11 May 1609 in Cropredy.

From the *History of Cropredy*: "John Pratt, Justinian Hunt and Widow Alese Howse all die from the same epidemic of 1609...John Pratt having married Elizabeth Howse, the eldest daughter, whose name was on their copyhold lease. Her step-mother Grace Howes nee French had on the death of her husband Richard in 1600/1 to give way to the Pratts....In 1600 Elizabeth's husband John Pratt took over, even though Grace had to raise the legacies. John Pratt may have been born in Banbury for his mother died at a Banbury inn [Banbury Wills Pt.2 Vol.14:258, p33]. Elizabeth his wife had three children but died perhaps at the birth of a fourth in 1602. John was left with the three surviving children, and within a year had

married Margaret, presumably at her own parish church. She bore him three more children, two boys and a girl. Two of her children remain in Cropredy, but Thomas having been to school left. After only six years together John caught the 1609 fever and died. Margaret had a houseful of children, four boys and two girls from thirteen down to three months and had no option but to carry on farming." John left an inventory exhibited 26 September 1608, appraised by Edward Pratt, John Hunte, Edward Lumberd, Edward Tanner, and John Pare. The inventory was valued at £130. John is listed in the inventory as a husbandman "of Cropredye". (<http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk>)

2. **Gene** (female), married Mr. Eads; died before 1624.

*3. **Katheren**, christened 24 January 1566 in Shotteswell; married 1) Edward Keelinge in about 1593; 2) John Bowerman 23 June 1607 in Banbury; buried 28 May 1627 in Banbury.



Burial record for Katherine Pratt in Shotteswell: "Katherine Pratt filia Thome bapt 24 Januarii dict anno"

4. **William**, christened 22 July 1567 in Shotteswell.

5. **Johanna**, christened 31 July 1571 in Shotteswell.

6. **Matthew**, born in about 1572; buried 11 April 1606 in Shotteswell.

7. (Male), christened May 1576 in Shotteswell.

8. **Thomas**, christened 29 March 1581 in Shotteswell; married Annis Wise 30 April 1605 in Banbury.

9. **Anna**, christened 12 November 1581 in Shotteswell.

10. **Elizabeth**, christened 28 May 1584 in Shotteswell.

11. **Edward** born about 1585; married Anne; his occupation was yeoman farmer; left a will proven 5 Jan 1640 in the PCC, naming *oldest son William Pratt, Mary, my oldest daughter, Anne, my now wife, Margaret, third daughter, Anne, second daughter, Richard Pratt, second son, Edward Pratt, third son, Thomas Pratt, my fourth son, Michaell Pratt, my fifth son, John Pratt, sixth son, Elizabeth, fourth daughter, John Pratt, my son, and brother William Pratt.*

SOURCES: Banbury parish register; Shotteswell parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; will of Alice Pratt, in Banbury Wills and Inventories; will of Edward Pratt; History of Cropredy; will of Thomas Pratt, 1596, on findmypast.co.uk; Banbury Wills and Inventories, 1621-1650.

THE PRATTS OF SHOTTESWELL

Thomas Pratt started having children in the 1560s in Shotteswell. Another Pratt having children at the same time was William Pratt, who may have been a brother. William (shown as senior) died and was buried 24 April 1620.

William had the following children:

1. Michael, christened 5 November 1564 in Shotteswell.
2. James, christened June 1568 in Shotteswell.
3. Edward, christened 23 December 1570 in Shotteswell.
4. Alice, christened 29 November 1571 in Shotteswell.
5. Richard, christened 25 June 1573 in Shotteswell.
6. William, christened 20 March 1575 in Shotteswell.
7. John, christened 23 March 1581 in Shotteswell.

Other Pratts found in the early Shotteswell parish register were:

- Johanna Pratt, widow buried 16 March 1567 (possibly a mother for Thomas and William?).
- Allan Pratt, buried 17 May 1609.
- Elizabeth Pratt, buried 13 September 1617.
- Clemens Pratt, buried 11 January 1618.
- Elizabeth Pratt, buried 30 August 1628.

The parish is described: *"Shotteswell is a small parish, forming a peninsula on the south-eastern extremity of the county, almost surrounded by Oxfordshire. It occupies part of a range of heights rising gradually from south to north to 600 ft., at the point where the road from Banbury to Warwick leaves the parish; and extensive and beautiful views are obtainable in all directions. The Avon, a tributary of the Cherwell, separates the parish from Oxfordshire on the east, as does another small tributary on the west, the northern boundary being formed by a still smaller stream. In the middle of the 19th century, when the population was almost double its present size, it was described as 'a poor and very unimportant village and parish', and the approach to the church was termed 'very bad'. It is now, however, a pleasant rural community, consisting of cottages and farms clustered round the church, and forming steep and narrow lanes. The buildings are mostly of the local dark-brown sandstone, and the majority are thatched, the remainder being tiled or slated. The Manor House and some of the other larger houses have mullioned windows of the 17th century. The Flying Fox Inn is of the local stone, built around a courtyard. There are remains of a village green."* (From: 'Parishes: Shotteswell', *A History of the County of Warwick: Volume 5: Kington hundred* (1949), pp. 148-153. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>)

SOURCE: Shotteswell parish register.