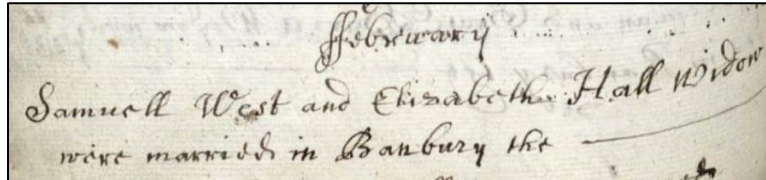


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF SAMUELL WEST AND ELIZABETH BRIGGS

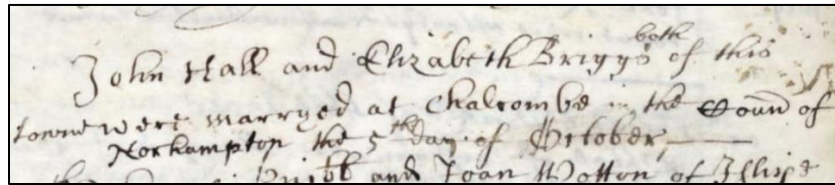
Samuell West was christened 12 January 1647 in Banbury, the son of John West and Mary Boreman. He married 1) Elizabeth Hall, a widow, 4 February 1669 in Banbury.



*Marriage record for Samuell West and Elizabeth Hall in Banbury:
"Samuel West and Elisabeth Hall widow were married in Banbury the 4th"*

Elizabeth was Elizabeth Briggs, who married John Hall, a mercer, 3 October 1664. Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry Briggs and Elizabeth Leech of Sulgrave, Northamptonshire.

The marriage of John and Elizabeth is recorded in the Banbury parish register as "*both of this town, married in Chalcombe, N'hants*".

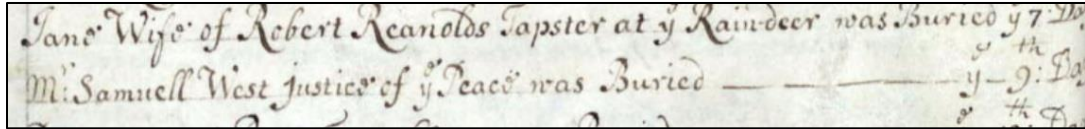


*Marriage record for Elizabeth Briggs and John Hall in Banbury:
"John Hall and Elizabeth Briggs both of this towne were married
at Chalcombe in the County of Northampton the 5th day of October"*

John died 16 October 1666 in Banbury, leaving Elizabeth a widow. She married Samuell West three years later.

Elizabeth must have died some time after the birth of her last child in 1676, and Samuell then married 2) Sarah in about 1677.

Samuel is shown as "*Mr. Samuell West*" in some of his children's christenings. He was the Mayor of Banbury in 1691-2 and 1699-1700. He was also a Tithingman, Constable, Burgess, Bridgeman, Alderman and Auditor for Banbury. He was a Justice of the Peace at the time of his death. He died and was buried 9 September 1713 in Banbury.



*Burial record for Samuel West in Banbury:
"Mr. Samuel West Justice of ye Peace was buried ye 9: day"*

Elizabeth and John Hall had the following child:

1. **Anthony**, christened 3 September 1665 in Banbury; buried 26 March 1666 in Banbury.
John Hall died 16 October 1666. In one year, Elizabeth lost both her baby and her husband.

Elizabeth married Samuel West in 1669.

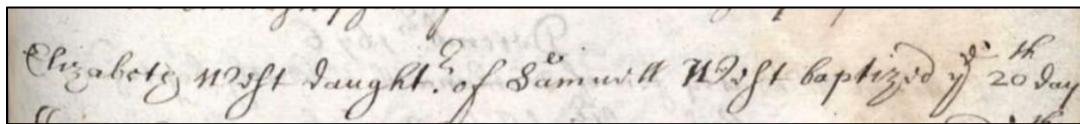
Samuell and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **John**, christened 31 October 1669 in Banbury.

2. **Mary**, christened 23 April 1671 in Banbury.

3. **Samuell**, christened 22 May 1672 in Banbury.

*4. **Elizabeth**, christened 20 August 1676 in Banbury; married Timothy Hunt 19 June 1701 in Cropredy;
buried 18 November 1719 in Cropredy.



Baptism record for Elizabeth West in Banbury: "Elizabeth West daughter of Samuel West baptized ye 20th day"

Samuel and Sarah had the following children:

1. **Sarha**, christened 24 September 1678 in Banbury.

2. **Ann**, christened 14 October 1681 in Banbury.

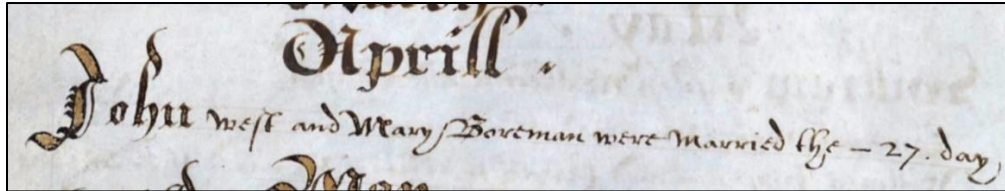
3. **Bridget**, christened 10 October 1684 in Banbury.

4. **John**, christened 14 September 1688 in Banbury.

SOURCES: Banbury parish register; Banbury Corporation Records.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN WEST AND MARY BOREMAN

John West was christened 25 December 1616 in Banbury, the son of John West and Margaret Tredwell. He married Mary Boreman 27 April 1636 in Banbury.

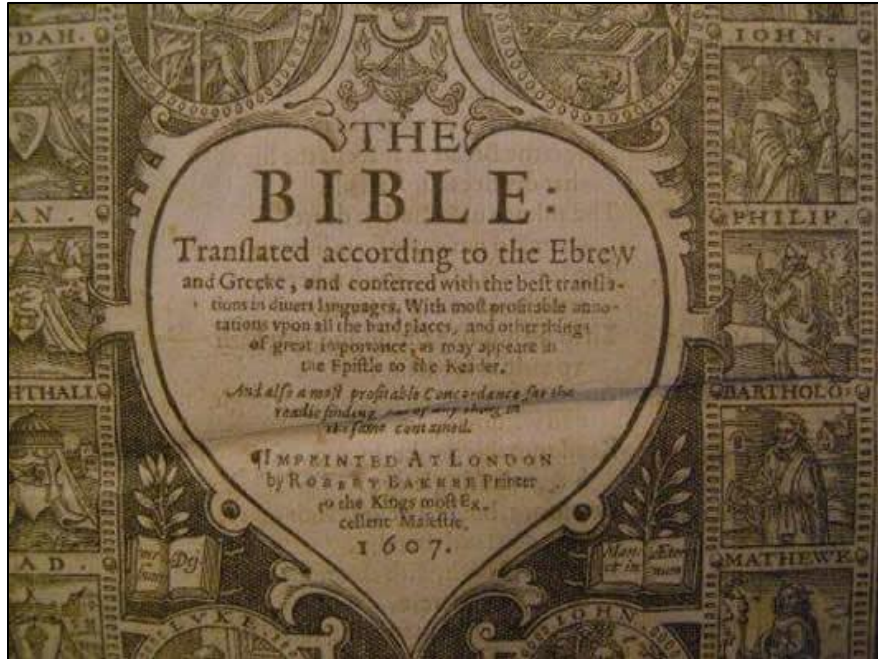


*Marriage record for John West and Mary Bowerman in Banbury:
"John West and Mary Boreman were married the 27 day"*

Another copy shows "*John West sonne of John West and Mary Borman of Neththrrupe were married the 27*".

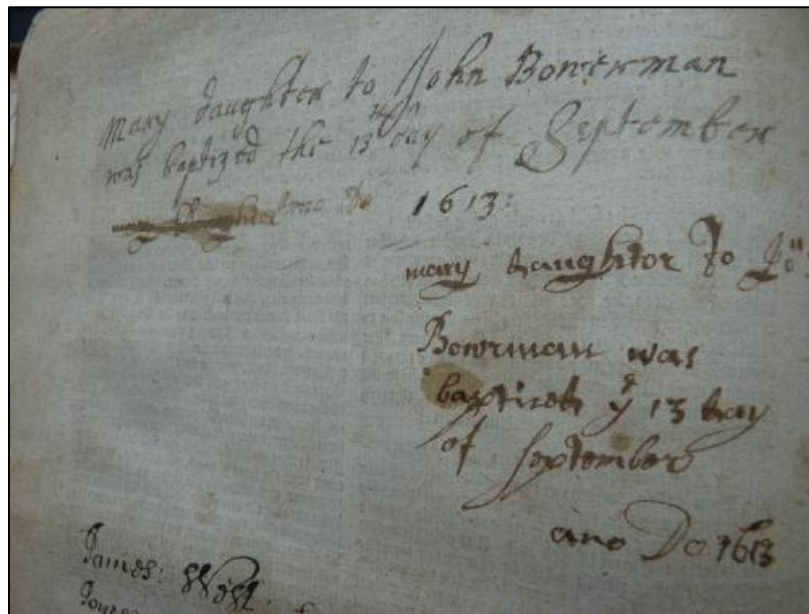
John's occupation was glazier. He was a Tithingman, Constable, Burgess, Auditor, Bridgmaster, and Alderman for Banbury.

Mary was christened 13 September 1613 in Banbury, the daughter of John and Katheren Bowerman. Surprisingly, a Bible that belonged to Mary still exists. This article by Katharine Ashley gives details on the Helmdon Bible: "*In the summer of 2009, an old bible was found in a house in Maidenhead, Berkshire, when a friend was clearing out his mother's house. Knowing that I was interested in old books, he loaned it to me to look at. The bible appeared to be from the early 19th century, belonging to the family of the vicar of Helmdon Parsonage in Northamptonshire. However, subsequent research (and a stroke of luck) proved it to be over four hundred years old, and to have originated from Banbury in Oxfordshire.*" The Bible gives information about the births of the children of the Reverend Pryce Jones, curate of Helmdon. The inscriptions date to between 1823-1845. The article continues: "*This was all very interesting, but then I discovered something even more amazing about this bible. I was just looking through it to check my transcript of the 19th century inscriptions, when I thought I would look through the bible itself - up until now I had only checked the front few pages. As you can see from the photograph of the first page of the bible on the Helmdon website, there is a date of 1607. Well, I thought that was just the date of the version of the bible, but I have discovered something which means that the actual book itself is really that old ! Amazing to think it dates from only 4 years after Elizabeth the First died and is contemporary with Shakespeare's folios. On a blank page facing "The first book of Moses called Genesis", page 1, are written the much earlier family inscriptions shown below. Genesis is normally at the beginning of a bible, but the bible was rebound in a different order in the 19th century, so that Genesis now follows the Book of Common Prayer.*" (The Helmdon Bible; Katharine Ashley)



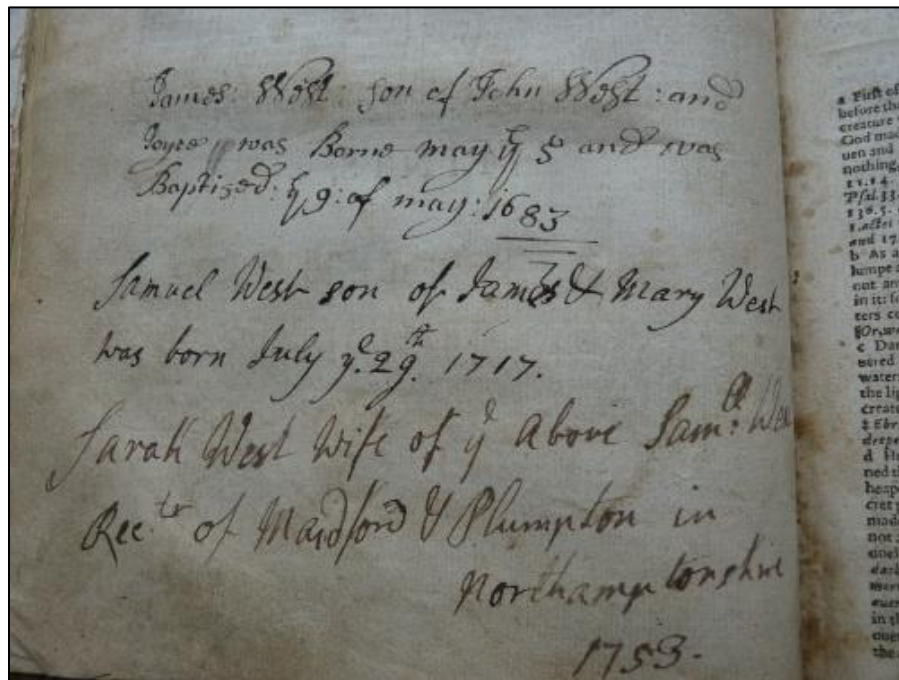
The Helmdon Bible

"The first two inscriptions say the same thing. The second one is in a very old small hand, style and wording, consistent with being contemporary with 1613: "**Mary daughter to Jon : Bowerman was baptized ye 13 day of September ano Do 1613.**" Immediately above this, in a larger, later hand and wording, is written (notice the use of the word "the" rather than "ye"): "**Mary daughter to John Bowerman was baptized the 13th day of September 1613.**"



Bible page showing Mary Bowerman's christening

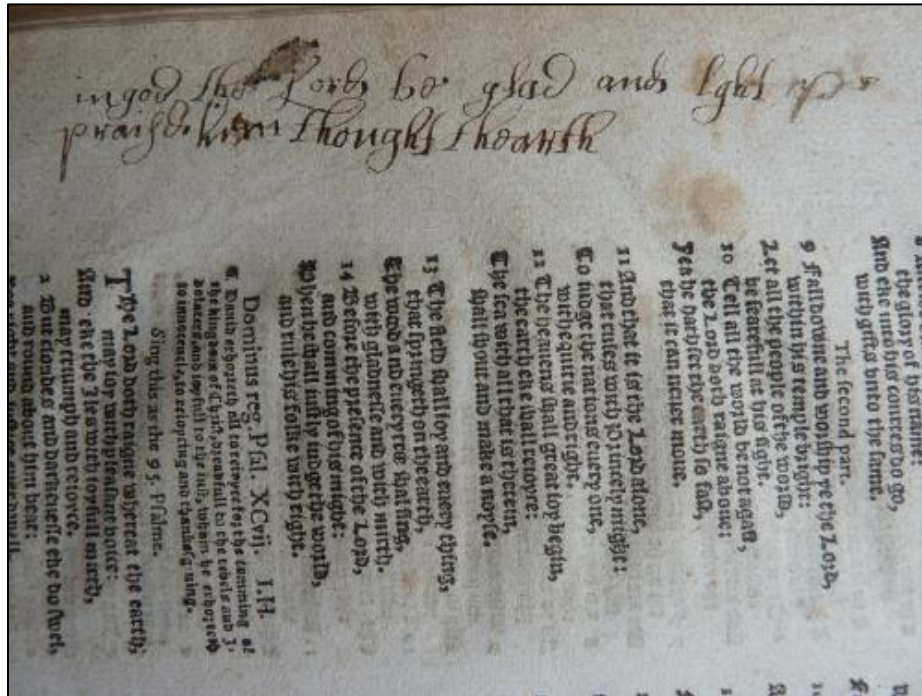
Below these two inscriptions are others: "James : West : son of John West and Joyce was Born May ye 5 and was Baptized ye 9 of May : 1683" "Samuel West son of James & Mary West was born July ye 29th 1717" "Sarah West wife of ye above Saml : West Rector of Maidford & Plumpton in Northamptonshire 1753". (The Helmdon Bible; Katharine Ashley) This Samuel West graduated from Oxford University and was the rector of Plumpton. Amazing that the oldest entry in the Bible is the baptism of our Mary Boreman. It was printed in 1607, just six years before Mary was born. The other entries relate to her son, John, who married Joyce Hawtayn, and their son James, the father of Samuel West the rector. The Bible seems to have passed from Mary to her son, then grandson, and great-grandson. At some point it passed to the Jones family, and to the village of Helmdon.



Bible page showing the births of James and Samuel West

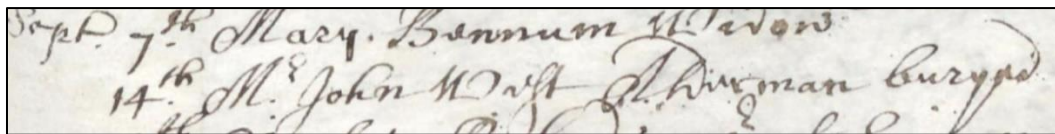
The article continues: "The following table shows the 5 generations to Rev. Samuel West. 1 John West m Margaret 2 John West (1616 – 1666) m 27 Apr 1636, Banbury, Mary Bowerman (1613 -) 3 John West (1645 – 1721/2) m 19 Jun 1670, Banbury, Joyce Hawtayn (- 1716/7) 4 James West (1683 -) m Mary 5 Samuel West (1717 -) m Sarah. This shows that our Samuel West in the bible, was the great-grandson of the Mary Bowerman from the first inscription. Why the birth of Samuel's grandfather John is not mentioned in the bible we will never know – since Samuel's great grandmother and parents are mentioned, it seems strange that the birth of his rather illustrious paternal grandfather, who was twice mayor of Banbury, was not. It's one of those mysteries in family history we will never probably never solve, although his grandfather being born in the thick of the English Civil War may have some bearing. John was born in 1645, and on June 14th of that year the Parliamentarians broke their siege on Oxford and forced the Royalists into battle at Naseby, in Northamptonshire (only about 25 miles from Banbury). This was the decisive battle in which the Royalists effectively lost the war, they would have been dangerous times with families torn apart and much social upheaval." (The Helmdon Bible; Katharine Ashley)

The Bible may contain handwritten margin notes by Mary or her West descendants: "I then went through the entire bible page by page, wondering what else I had missed! I found some more writing in the margins of various pages. These are not family inscriptions but appear to be religious texts. According to the expert opinion these are in "an old hand" which means they are contemporary with the 17th and 18th century family inscriptions." (The Helmdon Bible; Katharine Ashley)



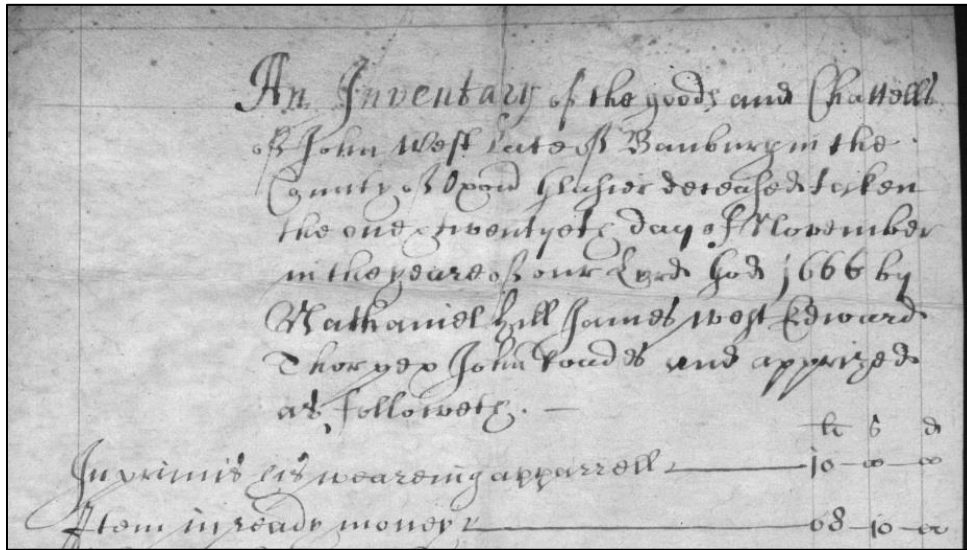
Note in the Bible margin

John West died and was buried 14 September 1666 in Banbury.



Burial record for John West in Banbury: "14th Mr. John West Alderman buried"

He left an inventory taken 21 November 1666.



Inventory for John West, 1666

An inventory of the goods and chattells of John West late of Banbury in the County of Oxon, glasier, deceased & taken the one & twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God 1666 by Nathaniel Hill, James West, Edward Thorges, John Reed and apprizd as followeth:

Imprimis, his weareing apparel 10 00 00

Item, in ready money 68 10 00

Item in the great chamber twelve ___ leather chaires, a bed with curtaines and valens, a rug, a table & cubbard, six stooles with other furniture 07 10 00

Item in the chamber over the hall a bedd, bedding & other furniture 05 00 00

Item in the cork loft roome over the garner a flat bed, a bedstead & other necessities 01 10 00

Item in the cork lofte one bedsteedes, trundle bedd, bedding & other necessities 02 00 00

Item in the hall five tables, a screene & other necessities 01 00 00

Item in the kitchen a cubburd & other necessities 01 00 00

Item in pewter 03 00 00

Item in brasse with a furnaces 04 00 00

Item the breweing vessel & two malt mills 03 00 00

Item severall vartells of timbers 05 00 00

Item goods in the shoppe 03 10 00

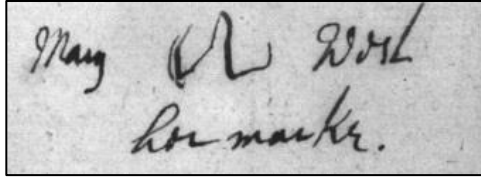
Item in linen of all sorts 10 00 00

Item in irons & other small goods 00 15 00

Item one hundred quarters of malt 73 13 04

Item in debts 70 00 00

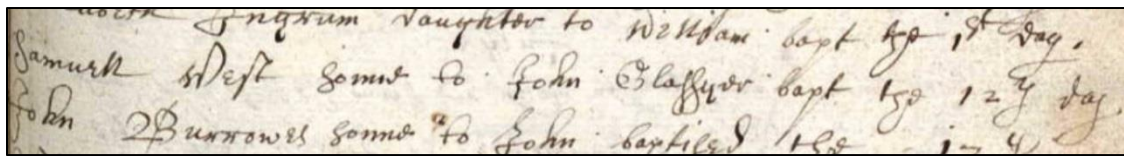
Suma totalis ___ inventory 209 00 04



Mark of Mary West on an administration for John West

John and Mary had the following children:

1. **Mary**, christened 21 April 1639 in Banbury.
2. **Samuell**, christened 30 January 1642 in Banbury.
3. **John**, christened 23 February 1645 in Banbury; married Joyce Hawtyn 19 June 1670 in Banbury; Mayor of Banbury 1687-8, 1688-9; buried 7 January 1721/2 in Banbury.
- *4. **Samuell**, christened 12 January 1647 in Banbury; married Elizabeth Hall 4 February 1669 in Banbury; Mayor of Banbury 1691-2 and 1699-1700; buried 9 September 1713 in Banbury.



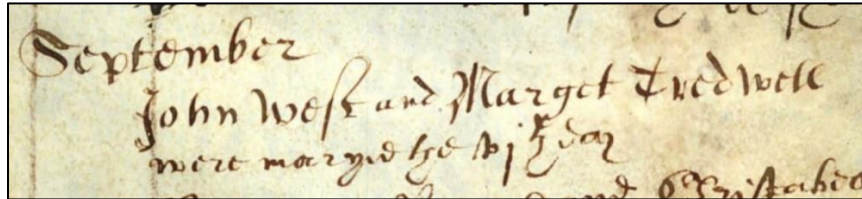
Baptism record for Samuell West in Banbury: "Samuell West sonne to John, Glassyer bapt the 12th day"

5. **James** christened 8 April 1649 in Banbury.
6. **Mary**, christened 2 May 1652 in Banbury.
7. **Aholiab**, (male) christened 14 December 1655 in Banbury; apprenticed to become a chandler in 1671 at age 15; married Sarah Masson 17 November 1681 in Banbury; Sergeant-at-Mace, 1699; buried 17 June 1700 in Banbury; left an inventory taken 1700.
8. **Ann**, christened 9 April 1637 in Banbury; buried 30 December 1639 in Banbury.
9. **Richard**, christened 17 December 1639 in Banbury.

SOURCES: Banbury parish register; Banbury Corporation Records, Tudor and Stuart; City of London Livery Companies' Apprentices from Banbury, in Calk and Cockhorse, Autumn/Winter 2006; The Helmdon Bible; Katharine Ashley, 2010; http://www.helmdon.com/history/Helmdon_Bible_v5.pdf; inventory for Aholiab West, 1700 on www.findmypast.co.uk.

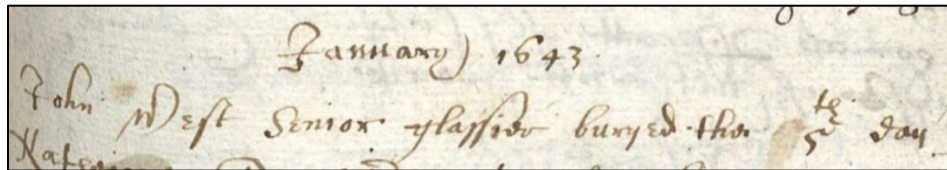
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN WEST AND MARGARET TREDWELL

John West was christened 22 December 1581 in Banbury, the son of Edwarde Weste. John married Margaret Tredwell 6 September 1607 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire. Margaret was christened 15 October 1586 in Tadmarton, the daughter of Robert Tredwell.



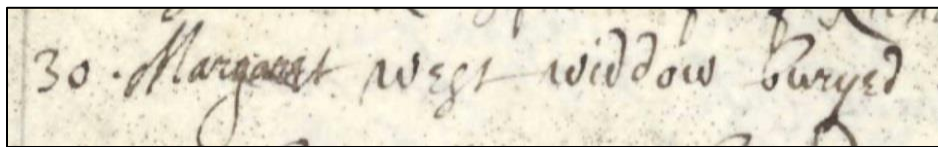
*Marriage record for John West and Margaret Tredwell in Tadmarton:
"John West and Marget Tredwell were maryed the vith day"*

His occupation was glazier. He was a Tithingman for Banbury. He appears in the Peculiar Court Record of Banbury once: "John West, for profane swearing: 12th April 1630, appeared; submitted himself; dismissed with a monition: received 3s. 6d." He died and was buried 5 January 1642/3 in Banbury. He left a will proven in the PCC 1 March 1643/4.



*Burial record for John West in Banbury:
"January 1643 John West senior glassier buried the 5th day"*

Margaret died and was buried 30 December 1655 in Banbury.



*Burial record for Margaret West in Banbury:
"Margaret West widdow buried"*

John and Margaret had the following children:

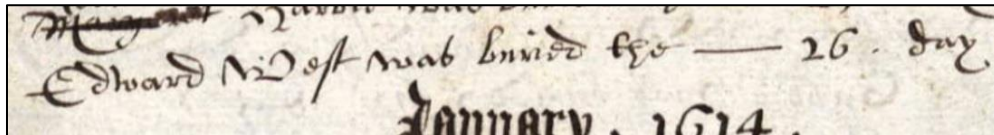
1. **John**, christened 3 September 1609 in Banbury.

2. **Samuell**, christened 2 September 1610 in Banbury; buried 17 August 1641 in Banbury.
3. **Sarzan**, (female) christened 9 December 1611 in Banbury.
4. **Sara**, christened 10 October 1613 in Banbury.
- *5. **John**, christened 25 December 1616 in Banbury; married Mary Boreman 27 April 1636 in Banbury; buried 14 September 1666 in Banbury.
6. **Elizabeth**, christened 9 April 1620 in Banbury.
7. **Aholiab**, (male) christened 29 December 1622 in Banbury; buried 13 June 1624 in Banbury.
8. **Nathaniell**, christened 14 February 1626 in Banbury; buried 31 March 1628 in Banbury.
9. **Annah**, christened 16 September 1633 in Banbury; buried 21 September 1637 in Banbury.
10. **Dorothy**, christened 4 October 1635 in Banbury.

SOURCES: Banbury parish register; Banbury Corporation Records, Tudor and Stuart; The Bawdy Court of Banbury.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF EDWARDE WESTE

Edward West was born in about 1550 of Banbury. He died and was buried 25 December 1613 in Banbury.



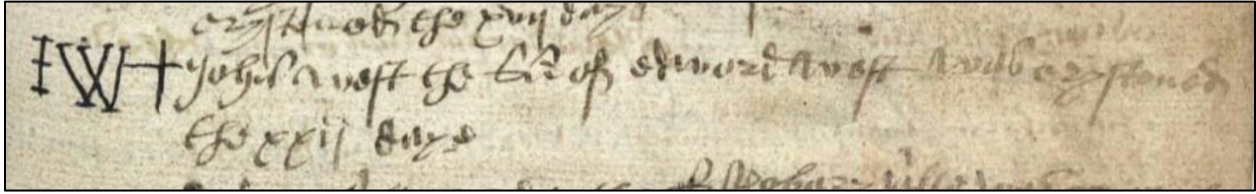
Burial record for Edward West in Banbury: "Edward West was buried the 26 day"

Edward had the following children:

1. **James**, born in about 1580 of Banbury, named in *Visitation of England and Wales*: "James West of Banbury, co. Oxford, yeoman. Will dated 26 April 1621, with codicil dated 16 July 1621, proved 24 November 1621 (P.C.C. 95 Dale)". James married Anne Wing: "married at Banbury 1 October 1599; executrix to her husband's will 24 November 1621; living 3 September 1636. She married 2ndly at Banbury 28 August 1627 William Goodwin". (*Visitation of England and Wales*)

*2. **John**, christened 22 December 1581 in Banbury; married Margaret Tredwell 6 September 1607 in Tadmarton, Oxfordshire; according to *Visitation of England and Wales*: "mentioned in his brother's will 26 April 1621"; buried 5 January 1642/3 in Banbury, "buried at Banbury 5 January 1642/3, Will dated 1

January 1642/3, proved at Oxford 1 March 1642/3 (P.C.C)". John's wife, Margaret is also mentioned: "Margaret, executrix to her husband's will 1 March 1642/3, buried at Banbury 30 December 1655" (Visitation of England and Wales).



*Baptism record for John West in Banbury:
"John West the son of Edward West was crystenened the xxij daye"*

The initials next to the entry for John West are unique. They match John West's mark when he signed an inventory for his father-in-law Robert Tredwell in 1615:



John West's mark on the inventory for Robert Tredwell in 1615

3. **Joane**, christened 5 December 1585 in Banbury.

SOURCES: Banbury parish register; Banbury Corporation Records, Tudor and Stuart; Visitation of England and Wales, Notes 1906.

Early Wests are found in the Poll Tax for Banbury in 1381:

*Thomas West 16d
Matill ux eius (his wife)*

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