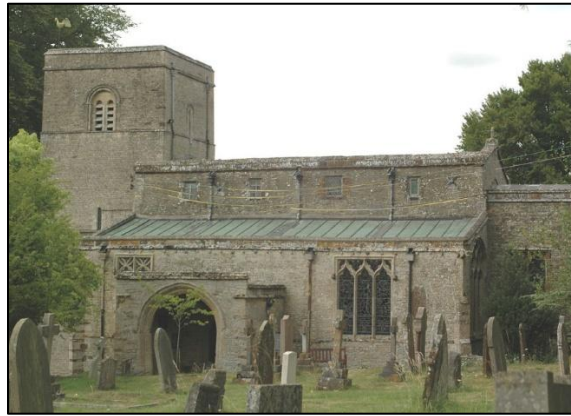


ANCESTORS OF ANN DODWELL

Ann Dodwell was born in about 1663 of Souldern in Oxfordshire. She married Richard Dodwell of the city of Oxford in 1686.

The Dodwells in Oxford were related to the Dodwells in Souldern. *"The family of Dodwell, yeomen, of good local position, were resident in Souldern through two centuries and more...John Dodwell was churchwarden in 1639 and 1643. Other members of this family served that office from 1647 to 1733. They were connected with a family of the same name in Oxford."* (*History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon by James Charles Bloomfield*) Souldern is about twenty miles north of Oxford. Ann and Richard's oldest son John was christened 25 September 1687 in Souldern, although the family was living in the city of Oxford. Their son Thomas was buried as a two-year-old child in Souldern in 1694.

The Souldern parish registers started late, in 1667, so there is no record of Ann's christening. The first Dodwell christening recorded in Souldern was for Winifred Dodwell, the daughter of John and Mary Dodwell on 25 June 1669. No other Dodwell christenings are recorded in the 1660s or 1670s.

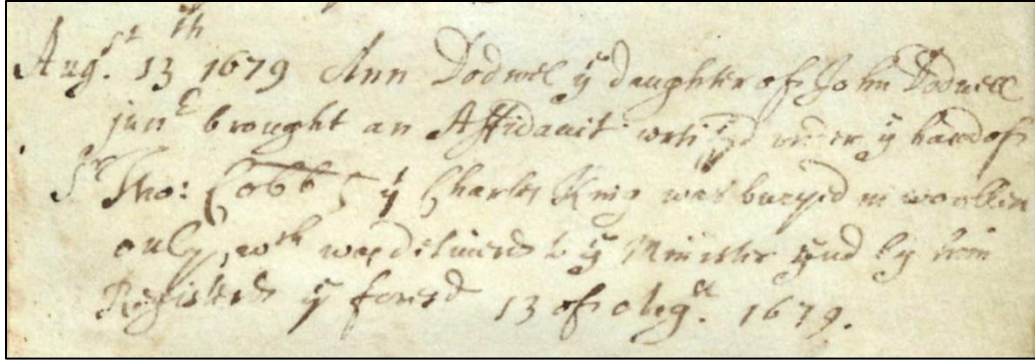


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The only mention of an Ann in the right time period in the parish register was in the burial record of a stranger in Souldern: *"27 June 1679 Charles King stranger affidavit by Ann Dodwell d. John Jr before Thomas Cobb Aug 13"*.

27	KING	Charles	stranger Affidavit by Ann DODWELL d. John, jr. before Thomas COBB Aug 13
(Affidavit" to John DODWELL Senr. or Mr. GOUGH Churchwardens of Soulderne, Oxon. or either of them. Or in their absence to Tho. DODWELL, Curseer of the poor in the said Parish)			

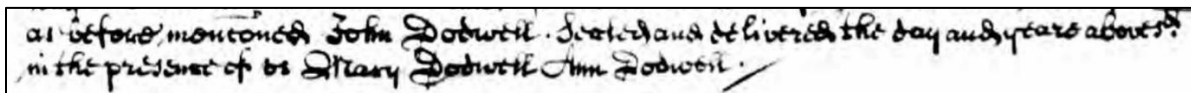
Souldern parish register (on CD), Oxfordshire Family History Society



Aug. 13th 1679 Ann Dodwell y^e daughter of John Dodwell junr
brought an Affidavit written under ye hand of
Tho: Cobb y^e Charles King was buried in woollin
only, which was delivered to ye Minister and by him
Registered y^e foresd 13 of Aug. 1679.

Note in the Souldern parish register: "August 13th 1679 Ann Dodwell ye daughter of John Dodwell junr brought an affidavit written under ye hand of Tho: Cobb that Charles King was buried in woollin only, which was delivered to ye Minister and by him registered ye foresd 13 of Aug 1679"

Ann acted as a witness for the will of John Dodwell in 1683. That John was not her father, as shown by the bequests he made in the will (he mentioned daughters Mary and Elizabeth), but the will does mention Mr. John Dodwell, his kinsman: "And should my sonne in law George Colgrave refuse taking my land upon the considerations above mentioned then I doe desire my loveing kinsman Mr. John Dodwell to make sale of the land and pay those legacies above mentioned as far as the land and his money will goe". John Dodwell was called "esquire" in a mention of Winifred's marriage. Ann Dodwell and Mary Dodwell were witnesses for the will. This may be Ann and her sister Mary, or her mother Mary.



as before mentioned John Dodwell. Sealed and delivered the day and yeare above
in the presence of us Mary Dodwell Ann Dodwell.

Will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1684:

"Sealed and delivered the day and yeare abovesd in the presence of Mary Dodwell Ann Dodwell"

A tax list in 1662 gives insight into the Dodwells in Souldern:

Souldern Hearth Tax 1662 Constables' Returns

*Mr. Hodges gent
Barnard Weedon gent
Richard Kilby gent
Ferdinando Gough
James Browne
George Bower
John Dodwell elder
John Dodwell younger
Mrs. Watkins
George Southam
Robert Dodwell
Thomas Flecher
Widow Wellicome*

John Hodges
Thomas Dodwell mercer
Thomas Dodwell husbandman
John Bignell
Robert Bignell
Widow King
Mary King
William Hale
John Shenstone
Edward Bower
Mary Gough
Crossed out: John Neale, John Collins

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND MARY DODWELL

John Dodwell was born in about 1641 of Souldern, Oxfordshire. Since he was called John Dodwell junior in Winifred's christening record, he was the son of John Dodwell. He married Mary.

John appeared in parish donation records, and he also acted as a churchwarden.

1681 Feb 16 for ye distressed Protestants, France

Mr. Dodwell 0-5-0

Tho. Dodwell 0-0-6

1686 May 2 French Protestants patents

Mr. Thom. Dodwell 0-3-6

Mr. John Dodwel 1-0-0

1689 Collected upon ye Kings letters patents for ye relief of ye Irish Protestants att Soldern Oxon.

July ye 2d, 3d. & 4th 2689 by Mr. John Dodwell, churchwarden as followeth:

Mr. John Dodwell 0-10-0

Mr. Tho. Dodwell 0-5-0

Witness our hands this 7 of July 1689

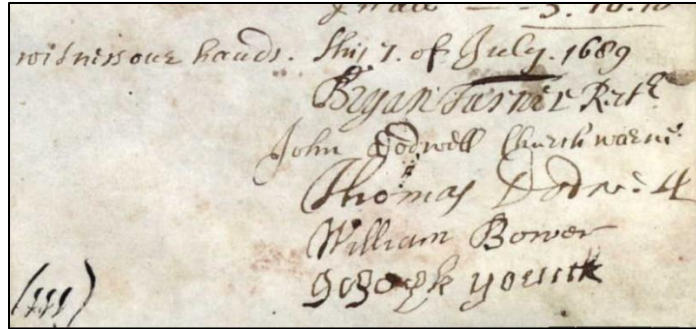
(signed) Bryan Turner, Rectr

John Dodwell, churchwarden

Thomas Dodwell

William Bower

Joseph Youick



Donation record in Souldern, 1689 for John Dodwell churchwarden

1690 May 8 Upon ye 2nd Irish brief

John Dodwell, Joseph Huick, churchwardens

Collected as followeth

Mr. Tho. Dodwell 0-1-0

John Dodwell 0-1-0

1692 April 25 To ye captives of Sally, Mr. Kilby 1s. Mr. Painton 6d. Jo: King 6d, Mr. Dodwel, 2d. Swift 1d, Yowick 1d.

1695 Apr 7 Warwick letteries patents

Mr. Dodwell 0-5-0

Mr. Tho: Dodwell 0-1-0

1700 Aug 8 Slaves at Machanes Patents contributed as followeth

Mr. Tho. Dodwell 00-01-00

Mr. John Dodwell 00-02-00

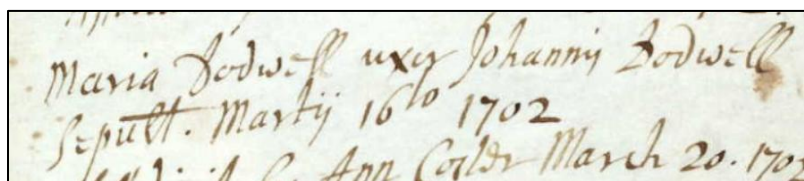
1715 Collected for a brief for ye reformed Episcopall churches in Polish Prussia

Mr. Dodwell 0-0-4

1715 Cowkeepers brief

Mr. Dodwell 0-2-06

Mary died 14 March, and was buried 16 March 1702 in Souldern.

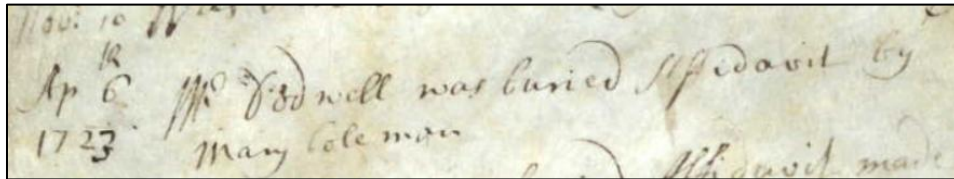


Burial record for Mary Dodwell in Souldern:
"Maria Dodwell uxor Johannis Dodwell sepult Martij 16 1702"

John married again, to another Mary. John Dodwell, widower, gentleman of Souldren married Mary Wise,

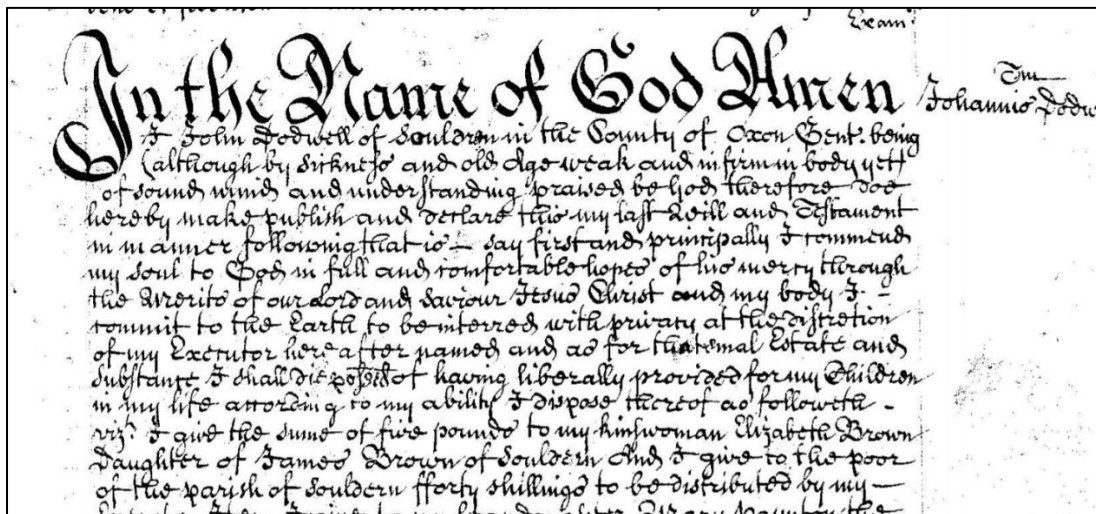
widow of Stadhampton at St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford on 27 March 1705. This Mary died and was buried June 1720.

John died and was buried 4 April 1723 in Souldern, at the age of 82 years. John and his wives were buried in Souldern: *"The last memorials of this family in the parish church are: "Here lyeth the body of Mary wife of John Dodwell, gent, died March 14, 1702, aged 67. Also the said John Dodwell, April 4th, 1723 aged 82 years; and Mary his second wife June 1720 aged 70". (History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon)*



*Burial record for John Dodwell in Souldern:
"Ap 6 1723 Mr. Dodwell was buried affadavit by Mary Coleman"*

John left a will dated 28 February 1724. He did not mention any of his children in his will, because he had already provided for them: *"as for that small estate and substance I shall die posed of having liberally provided for my children in my life according to my ability"*. He left small bequests to his Paynton granddaughters, the poor of Souldern, and a kinswoman.



Will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1724

*In the name of God Amen I **John Dodwell of Souldren** in the County of Oxon gent. being although by sickness and old age weak and infirm in body yet of sound mind and understanding praised by God therefore – doe hereby make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is – say first and principally I commend my soul to God in full and comfortable hopes of his mercy through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be interred with privacy at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and as for that small estate and substance I shall die posed of **having liberally provided for my children in my life according to my ability** I*

*dispose thereof as followeth – viz. I give the sume of five pounds to **my kinswoman Elizabeth Brown daughter of James Brown of Souldern**. And I give to the poor of the parish of Souldern fforty shillings to be distributed by my executor. Item I give to **my granddaughter Mary Paynton** the gold watch that was my wifes and all my plate rings household goods stock of corn graine and hay and malt and all other my personal estate whatsoever or wheresoever I give and bequeath unto **my five grand daughters Mary Anne Katherine Dorothy and Elizabeth Paynton** equally to be divided between them share and share alike my debts legacies hereby given and ffunerall charges being first paid and I do here nominate constitute and appoint **my son in law Shreeve Paynton Esquire** sole executor of this my will. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this five and twentieth day of ffebruary 1722, John Dodwell. Signed sealed published and declared the words five pounds being struck out and fforty shillings interlined in the body of the will in the presence of Benjamin Baber Deborah Sharror Martin Thinn*

A record for mortuary payments in Souldern shows some made for the Dodwells, including John. A mortuary is defined as a customary gift claimed by and due to the minister of a parish on the death of a parishioner. The mortuaries are not dated:

*Tho. Dodwell for his sister Isabel pd mortuary 0-3-4
Robert Bignell for Mr. Thomas Dodwell 00-10-00
Shreeve Paynton for his Father Dodwell 00-10-00*

John and Mary had the following children:

*1. **Ann**, born in about 1663 of Souldern; married Richard Dodwell in 1686; died in about 1742 of Eynsham, Oxfordshire, leaving a will.

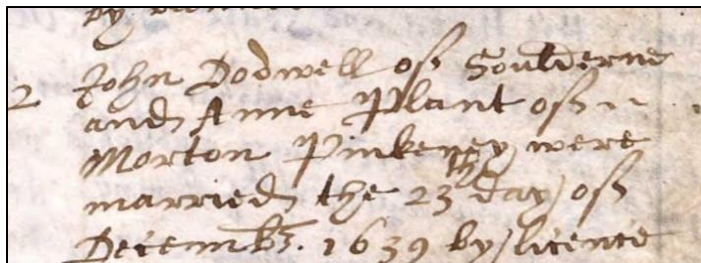
2. **Winifred**, christened 25 June 1669 in Souldern; married Alexander Wood, a surgeon of Oxford 6 June 1687; buried 14 September 1744 in Oxford St. Mary the Virgin, Oxfordshire. *Burke's Landed Gentry* listed Alexander Woodd who married "*Winifred dau of _____ Dodwell, Esq of Southdien, co. Oxford and had numerous issue, all of whom died young except*" Basil, John and Alexander Woodd. *Pedigrees and Memorials of the Family of Woodd* listed fifteen children born to Winifred and Alexander.

3. **Mary**, married Shreeve Payton of Souldern and Oxford, a lawyer of the Inner Temple in London in 1690; died in 1724.

SOURCES: Souldern parish register on CD, Souldern parish register - www.ancestry.com; Oxfordshire Family History Society; Index of Oxfordshire Diocese Marriage Licenses and Affidavits; will of Ann Dodwell of Eynsham, 1742; www.findmypast.com; Burke's Landed Gentry, Vol 2; History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN DODWELL AND ANNE PLANT

John Dodwell was born in about 1615 of Souldern, the son of John Dodwell. He married Anne Plant 23 December 1639 in Oddington, Oxfordshire, a parish about twelve miles south of Souldern.



Marriage record for John Dodwell and Anne Plant in Oddington, Oxfordshire:

"John Dodwell of Soulderne and Anne Plant of Morton Pinkeney were married the 23th day of December 1639 by license"

There were many Dodwells in Souldern. The will of Robert Dodwell, John's uncle, in 1638 gives a view into some of the relationships. John Dodwell (junior) was his executor and primary beneficiary.

The will of Robert Dodwell of Souldern, 1638

*In the name of God Amen I **Robert Dodwell of Souldren** in the Countye of Oxon husbandman, being sicke in body, but yet, God be thanked, of sound and pfect memory, doe commend my soule into the hands of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by whom onely and by noe other I hope for everlasting everlasting salvation in the world to come. And as concerning my body my will is that if shall decently buried in Christian burial within the parish church of Souldren aforesaid as touching my worldly estate wherewith my gracious God hath endowed mee, I dispose hereof in manner and forme following Imprimis I give and bequeath iten shillings unto the parish church of Souldren. Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of the aforesaid parish of Souldren ten shillings in money to be distributed amongst them that day month as best the solemnization of my funeral. Item I give and bequeath unto **my brother John Dodwell** and to **his sonn John Dodwell** eight acres of ground lying next to the townes of Souldren to bee enjoyed by them for the full terme of eight years called or knowne by the name of the Clay. And my will is after that the eight yeares are expired that **Robert Dodwell sonne to my brother John Dodwell** shall have fower of the aforesaid eight acres of ground lying next to the towne of Souldren knowne or called by the name of the Clay, and also to the heires of the aforesaid Robert Dodwell. Allsoe I give and bequeath to **William Dodwell sonne to my brother Thomas Dodwell** and to his heires the other fower acres of the aforesaid eight acres of ground bordering upon the same peece called or knowne by the name of ye Clay. Item I give and bequeath to **my nephew William Dodwell sonne to my brother John Dodwell** my acre of meadowe ground, upon this condition that he shall never sell it to any excepting unto **my brother Thomas Dodwell** or to one of his sonnes and if he sell it, he shall receive for the same thirty pounds. Item I give to **my brother Thomas Dodwell** one ewe and lambe. Item I give to **my nephew Thomas Dodwell sonne to my brother Thomas Dodwell** five pounds in money to be paide unto him five years after my decease. Item I forgive **my brother John Dodwell** all the debts which he oweth unto mee. Allsoe I give to **my brother John Dodwell** and unto **his sonne William** all my wearing apparel. Alsoe I give to **my brother John Dodwell** a fether bed bolster pillows and all other things of myne that are nowe in his house. Item I doe give to **my sister the wife of***

my brother Thomas Dodwell half the household stuffe which I have in my house, and the other halfe unto my brother John Dodwell to dispose of among his children as himself shall think fit. Allsoe whereas William Horne oweth mee thirteene pounds, I forgive it to him all excepting five pounds, which five pounds I thus bestowe, I give to Elizabeth Shaler twenty shillings, and I give to my neece Mary Dodwell the daughter of my brother John the other fowre pounds. Allsoe whereas Thomas Baldwine oweth mee twenty and five shillings, I give to my neece Alice Herbert twenty shillings, and the other sixe shillings to Elizabeth Horne. Allsoe whereas John Crofts of Ardely oweth mee twenty shillings, I give the same to Sara Shaler. Item I give to the other fowre children of my brother Thomas Dodwell which are not aforenamed to every of them one ewe and one lambe a peece. Item I give sixe ewes to Philip Dodwell the sonne of my brother John Dodwell and fowre to his sonne Thomas Dodwell. Item I give to my sister the wife of my brother John Dodwell two ewes and five pegs. Item I give to ye children of William Horne every one of them one peg a peece. Item I give to my neece Joane Dodwell twenty shillings. Item I give my little cofer which is in my brother Thomas his house to Thomas Dodwell the sonne of my brother John. Item I give unto my godchildren Charles Hale, Robert Bradford, John Baker, ffazes King, Robert Cross, to every of them twelve pence a peece. Item I give to my nephew William his wife and to his two children, sixe shillings eight pence a peece. Item, whereas John King of Souldren dwelling on the hill doth owe mee twelve pounds, I give all the said sume of money to my nephew John Dodwell the sonne of my brother John Dodwell. Item I give unto my brother John Dodwell a peece of gold which is in my brother Thomas howse waying thirty fowre shillings. Item I give unto my sister Ursula Dodwell one silver spoone which is in my brother Thomas his house. And after all these legacies and bequests paid and pformed (all which my will is shalbe paid within one twelve months after my decease) I give and bequeath the residue of my estate, goods and chattels unbequeathed to my nephew John Dodwell sonne to brother John Dodwell whom I doe nominate and appoint the sole executor of this my last will and testament. In wittnes whereof I the said Robert Dodwell have hereunto putt my hand and seale dated the second day of May in the foureteenth yeare of ye raigne of Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland fraunce and Ireland Defender of the faith &c Ano Dmi 1638.

John was mentioned in 1652 in manor records: *"A petty constable was elected yearly, and frequently from the chief parishioners. He held office for a year; at the end of which he rendered his accounts. The first constable whose name has come down to us was appointed during the Commonwealth. "At the Court Leet held at Soulderne, 1652, at the Manor House of John Weeden, John Dodwell is chosen constable in place of Robert Bignell. At the same time, among the jurors for the keepers of the liberties of England, by authority of Parliament, and also for the above-named lord of the said manor, are named John Dodwell (the younger), Thomas Dodwell, John Dodwell, William Dodwell, and Ferdinando Gough".* (Notes on Souldern, Oxon)

John was a churchwarden in Souldern in 1679: *"1679 Affidavit to John Dodwell Sr or Mr Gough churchwardens of Soulderne Oxon or either of them. Or in their absence to Tho. Dodwell, overseer of the poor in the said parish."* (Souldern parish register)

John was also shown in parish donation records in Souldern:

1670 Oct 30

Patents for ye redemption of ye slaves in Turky & according to ye order, therin ye two following weekes was collected in Solderne ye sum of twelve shillings & eleven pence which were registered as every one contributed according to ye express injunction of those letters

Mr. Dodwell 00-00-06
Tho. Dodwell 00-00-04
John Dodwell 00-00-02

1678 Sept 1 St. Pauls Church, London

Mr. Dodwell 0-1-0
Thom. Dodwell 0-1-0

Churchwardens att this collection for St. Pauls: John Dodwell ye elder, Thomas Roberts

1680 Aug 8 Algiers Slaves Patents contributed as followeth

Tho. Dodwell 0-1-0
Jo. Dodwell Senr. 0-0-2

John and Anne had the following children:

*1. **John**, born in about 1641; married 1) Mary; married 2) Mary Wise 27 March 1705 in Oxford; buried 4 April 1723 in Souldren, leaving a will.

2. **Prysilla**

3. **Ursula**

4. **Mary**

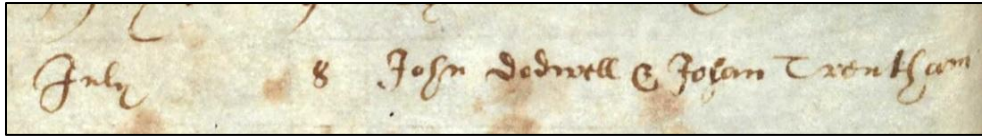
5. **Elizabeth**

6. **Sarah**

SOURCES: Will of John Dodwell of Soldern, 1670; will of Robert Dodwell of Soldern, 1638; Souldern parish register - www.ancestry.com; Oxford St. Mary parish register; Notes of Souldern, Oxon; www.findmypast.com; Oddington parish register; www.ancestry.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN DODWELL AND JOHAN TRENTHAM

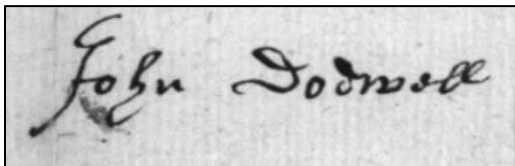
John Dodwell was born in about 1580 of Souldern, the son of William and Elizabeth Dodwell. He married Johan Trentham 8 July 1602 in Bicester, Oxfordshire, about seven miles south of Souldern.



*Marriage record for John Dodwell and Johan Trentham in Bicester:
"July 8 John Dodwell & Johan Trentham"*

John, with other freeholders in Souldern, was involved in a court case in 1613: *"Mr. John Weedon's proposal to inclose his demesne lands first stirred up old grievances about the manorial rights, and at once led to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. Edward Love, gent., Thomas Norbury, clerk, Richard Gough, **John Dodwell**, **William Dodwell**, John Penn, John Bignell, John Hill, **Richard Dodwell**, John King, William Bower, George Bower, Robert Wise, John Brown, William Baynard, Simon Bates, William Hodget were at this time freeholders and inhabitants of the parish... These all petitioned the Court of Chancery against John Weedon as to the differences which had arisen between them about the rights of land lying in the open and common fields of the manor."* (*History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon*)

Also in 1613, John acted as an appraiser for the inventory of Alse Bignell.

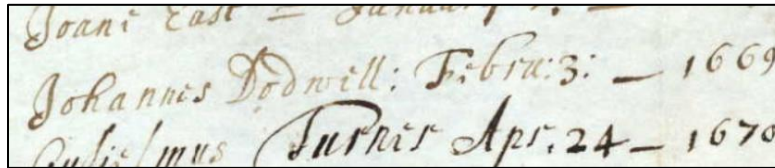


Signature of John Dodwell

John was involved in a land transaction 30 June 1617: *"Richard Hobcrofte of Souldern, yeoman and Elianor his wife, convey to 2 17 acres recently enclosed arable land in Souldern, lying on the hill towards Fritwell at a place called Foxalls, plus 10 acres now in the possession or occupancy of Richard Hobcrofte & of **John Dodwell**; of which 17 acres 15½ were anciently, before the enclosure of the common fields of Souldern, the freehold & inheritance of John Weedon of Souldern, gent., & were then exchanged with Richard Hobcrofte & **John Dodwell** for other lands in Souldern; the remaining 1½ acres were anciently parcel of the 2 yard lands belonging to the messuage wherein Richard Hobcrofte now dwells" in consideration of £113 6s 8d.* (*Feoffment, Oxfordshire History Centre, indexed at National Archives*)

John Dodwell was churchwarden in 1639 and 1643 in Souldern.

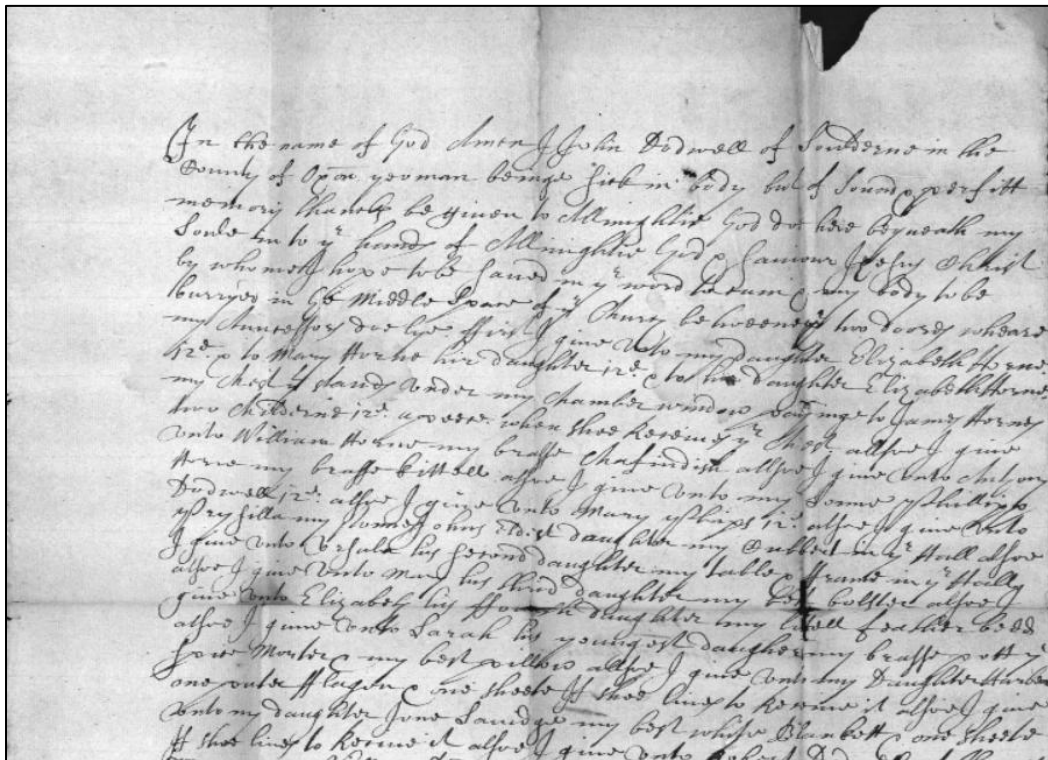
John died and was buried 3 February 1669 in Souldern.



Joani East - January 1669
Johannes Dodwell: Febru: 3: - 1669
Culicimus Turris Apr. 24 - 1670

Burial record for John Dodwell in Souldern:
"Johannes Dodwell: Febru:3: - 1669"

John left a will written 19 September 1665, and proven in 1670:



In the name of God Amen I John Dodwell of Souldern in the County of Oxon yeoman beinge sick in but of sound & perfitt memory thanks be given to Allmightie God do here bequeath my soule in to ye hands of Allmightie God & Saviour Jesus Christ by whom I hope to be saved in ye word to cum & my body to be burryed in the middle span of ye church betweene ye two doors wheare my Aunte ffox doe lye ffirst I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Horne 12d. & to Mary Horne hir daughter 12d. & to hir daughter Elizabeth Horne my chest yt stands under my chamber window paying to James Hornes two childrene 12d. apiece when shee receive of ye sheet allsoe I give unto William Horne my brasse chafin dish allsoe I give unto Anthony Horne my brasse kittsel alsoe I give unto my sonne Phillipp Dodwell 12d. alsoe I give unto Mary Phips 12d. alsoe I give unto Prysilla my sonne Johns eldest daughter my cubbert in ye hall alsoe I give unto Ursula his second daughter my table & fframe in ye hall alsoe I give

John Dodwell, senior, yeoman of Souldern, proven 4 May 1670

In the name of God Amen I **John Dodwell of Soulderne** in the County of Oxon yeoman beinge sick in but of sound & perfitt memory thanks be given to Allmightie God do here bequeath my soule in to ye hands of Allmightie God & Saviour Jesus Christ by whom I hope to be saved in ye word to cum & my body to be burryed in the middle span of ye church betweene ye two doors wheare **my Aunte ffox** doe lye ffirst I give unto **my daughter Elizabeth Horne** 12d. & to **Mary Horne** hir daughter 12d. & to **hir daughter Elizabeth Horne** my chest yt stands under my chamber window paying to **James Hornes** two childrene 12d. apiece when shee receive of ye sheet allsoe I give unto **William Horne** my brasse chafin dish allsoe I give unto **Anthony Horne** my brasse kittsel alsoe I give unto **my sonne Phillipp Dodwell** 12d. alsoe I give unto **Mary Phips** 12d. alsoe I give unto **Prysilla** my sonne **Johns** eldest daughter my cubbert in ye hall alsoe I give unto **Ursula** his second daughter my table & fframe in ye hall alsoe I give

unto **Mary his third daughter** my best bolster alsoe I give unto **Elizabeth his fourth daughter** my littell feather bed alsoe I give unto **Sarah his youngest daughter** my brasse pott ye spice mortar & my best pillows allsoe I give unto **my daughter Harbert** one puter fflagon & one sheete if shee lives to receive it alsoe I give unto **my daughter Jone Savidge** my best white blanket & one sheete if shee lives to receive it alsoe I give unto **Robert Dodwell & to Thomas Dodwell & Phillipp Dodwell my sonne William Dodwells sonnes** 12d. apiece of this my last will & testament I doe heare appoint and ordayne & make **my sonne John** my whole executor. In wittnesse whereof I have here unto sett my hand & seale this nineteenth day of September in ye yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixtie & ffive.

*John Dodwell
Wittnesse here unto
Thomas Dodwell
Willm Staly his marke*

John and his wife had the following children:

1. **William**

*2. **John**, born in about 1615 of Souldern; married Anne Plant 23 December 1639 in Oddington, Oxfordshire.

3. **Elizabeth**, married William Horne.

4. **Alice**, married Mr. Harbert.

5. **Jone** (Joane), married Mr. Savidge.

6. **Mary**

7. **Robert**, mentioned in his uncle Robert Dodwell's will.

8. **Phillipp**, buried 24 February 1683, with the notation "*an old man of the city of Oxford.*"

9. **Thomas**

SOURCES: Will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1670; Notes on Souldern, Oxon; Souldern parish register; Oddington parish register; www.ancestry.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH DODWELL

William Dodwell was born in about 1550 of Souldern, the son of Thomas and Alice Dodwell. He married Elizabeth.

William was mentioned in a history of the Souldern area: *"The family of Dodwell, yeoman, of good local position, were resident in Souldern through two centuries and more. The name first occurs in 1523-4, among the sub-collectors of the lay subsidy of that year. **William Dodwell** was an old inhabitant living in 1584."* (*History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon*)

"From a document of the year 1585, preserved in the archdeacon's court at Oxford, it seems that William Dodwell, of Souldern, got into trouble because he was thought to have in his possession some of the objects used in the old services. (The Athenaeum) Several of the churchwardens were called to give an accounting of the objects missing from the church: "He denies that he hath enie churche goods in his custodie or knoweth wheare enie is saving one sepulchre which is turned into a cubberd." (*History of Fritwell and Souldern*) The charges were dismissed against him.

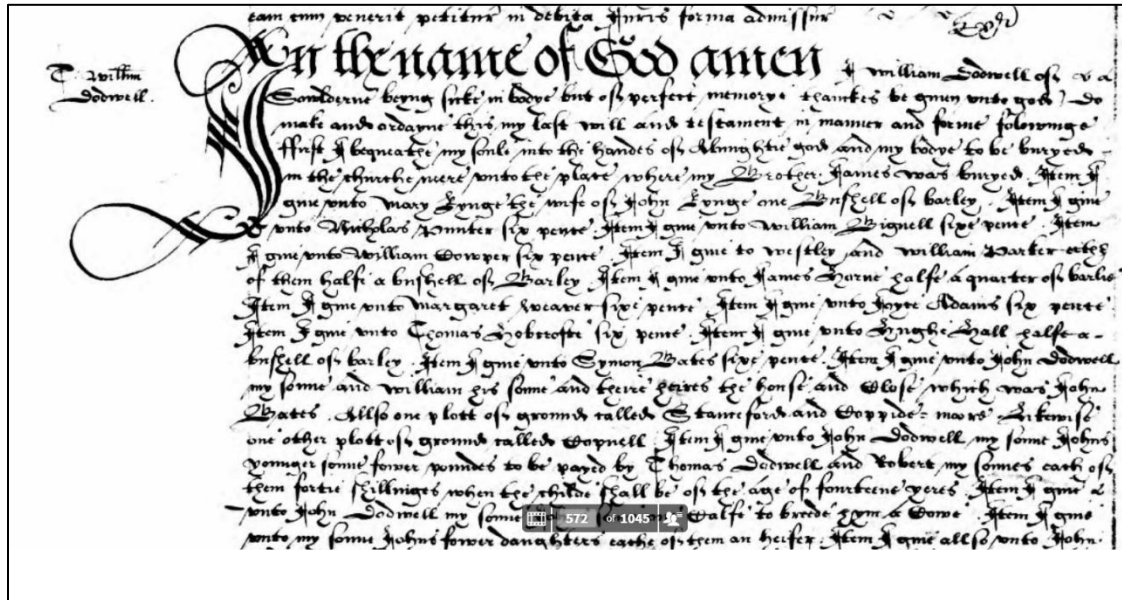
William was a witness for the will of John Penn in 1613.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "William (W) Dodwell". The letter 'W' is written in a large, stylized, looped manner.

The mark of William Dodwell, 1613

William, and his son John, with other freeholders in Souldern, was involved in a court case in 1613: *"Mr. John Weedon's proposal to inclose his demesne lands first stirred up old grievances about the manorial rights, and at once led to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. Edward Love, gent., Thomas Norbury, clerk, Richard Gough, **John Dodwell, William Dodwell, John Penn, John Bignell, John Hill, Richard Dodwell, John King, William Bower, George Bower, Robert Wise, John Brown, William Baynard, Simon Bates, William Hodget** were at this time freeholders and inhabitants of the parish...These all petitioned the Court of Chancery against John Weedon as to the differences which had arisen between them about the rights of land lying in the open and common fields of the manor."* (*History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon*)

William died in about 1616, leaving a will proven 27 November 1616.



Will of William Dodwell of Soulderne, 1616

*In the name of God Amen I **William Dodwell of Soulderne** beyng sicke in bodye but of perfect memorye thanks be given unto God do make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme folowinge ffirst I bequeathe my soule into the hands of Almightye God and my bodye to be buried in the churche neere unto the place where **my brother James** was buried. Item I give unto **Mary Kynge** the wife of **John Kynge** one bushell of barley. Item I give unto **Nicholas Panter** six pence. Item I give unto **William Bignell** sixe pence. Item I give unto **William Cowper** six pence. Item I give to **Westley** and **William Parker** eache of them halfe a bushell of barley. Item I give unto **James Horne** halfe a quarter of barlie. Item I give unto **Margaret Weaver** sixe pence. Item I give unto **Joyce Adams** six pence. Item I give unto **Thomas Hobcrofte** six pence. Item I give unto **Hughe Hall** halfe a bushell of barley. Item I give unto **Symon Bates** sixe pence. Item I give unto **John Dodwell my sonne** and **William his sonne** and and their heires the house and close which was **John Bates**. Allso one plot of ground called **Stanceford** and **Coppide Moore**. Likewise one other plot of ground call **Copnell**. Item I give unto **John Dodwell my sonne** **Johns younger sonne** fower poundes to be payed by **Thomas Dodwell** and **Robert my sonnes** each of them fortie shillings when the childe shall be of the age of fourteene yeres. Item I give unto **John Dodwell my sonne** **Johns sonne** one calfe to breede hym a cowe. Item I give unto **my sonne Johns** fower daughters eache of them a heifer. Item I give all so unto **John Dodwell my sonne** and **his children** tenne copples vix, To each of the children one kine and the residue to hymselfe. Item I give unto **John Dodwell my sonne** twoe acres of meslane and twoe acres of wheate three acres of barley but the peece next to **William Barnards**. Allso twoe acres of pease at **Coppidemoore** and one acre at **Copnell**. Item I give unto **John Dodwell my sonne** and his heires three acres of meadowe ground that is to saye twoe acres next to **Bowers** his meadowe and one other acre out of the neither syde of other plott next unto **my cosin John Dodwells**. Item I give moreover unto **my sonne John** one carte. Item I give and bequeathe unto **Robert Dodwll my youngest sonne** and to his heires and assignes for ever one parcel of land in the nether Claye conteyning by estimacon eighte acres or thereabouts lying between the ground of one **John Penn** on the south syde and **John Longes** on the northe. Item the residue of all my land and meadowe I give wholly unto **Thomas***

*Dodwell my eldest sonne and to his heires and assignes for ever. Likewise the howses backsides orchards and gardens and yards wherein and whereupon I do nowe inhabit and dwell. Moreover I give unto **Robert Dodwell my youngest sonne** the house where was purchased from John Parde and parte of the backside streighte from the howse to a klme; to hym his heires and assignes for ever. Item I give unto **Robert my sonne** halfe a loade of haye from **Thomas my sonne** yerche and an other halfe loade of haye from John during his natural life. Item I give unto **Robert my sonne** the one halfe of my sheepe which are not given allreadye. Item I likewise give unto **Robert my sonne** one of the kyne at home heying a browne cowe and three of the younger beasts at Marshe. Allso I give unto Robert halfe the boards under the Howell. Item I give unto **Thomas Dodwell my sonne** my teeme and furniture wholly to hym selfe and suche things as belonge to husbandrie as namely as cartes ploughes harrowes and coles. Item I give unto **my sonne Thomas** likewise my scaffolds and hovells not to be removed. Item I give unto Richard Butcher and Thomas Croftes eache of them six pence. Item I make and ordayne **Elizazeth my wife** and **Thomas Dodwell my sonne** my joynt executors of this my last will and testament. Item I do lastlie appoynte Richard Goughe and Michaell Warren overseers that this my last will may be performed. Item I give unto them three shillings fower pence. And to the churche of Sowlderne three shillings fower pence. William Dodwell his marke. Witnesses hereunto Richard Goughe Michaell Warren*

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Thomas**

*2. **John**, born in about 1580 of Soulderne; married Johan Trentham 8 July 1602 in Bicester, Oxfordshire; buried 3 February 1669 in Souldern.

3. **Robert**, died in 1638, leaving a will: "*The will of **Robert Dodwell of Souldern**, 1638. In the name of God Amen I Robert Dodwell of Souldren in the Countye of Oxon husbandman, being sicke in body, but yet, God be thanked, of sound and pfect memory, doe commend my soule into the hands of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by whom onely and by noe other I hope for everlasting salvation in the world to come. And as concerning my body my will is that if shall decently buried in Christian burial within the parish church of Souldren aforesaid as touching my worldly estate wherewith my gracious God hath endowed mee, I dispose hereof in manner and forme following Imprimis I give and bequeath iten shillings unto the parish church of Souldren. Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of the aforesaid parish of Souldren ten shillings in money to be distributed amongst them that day month as best the solemnization of my funeral. Item I give and bequeath unto **my brother John Dodwell** and to **his sonn John Dodwell** eight acres of ground lying next to the townes of Souldren to bee enjoyed by them for the full terme of eight years called or knowne by the name of the Clay. And my will is after that the eight yeares are expired that **Robert Dodwell sonne to my brother John Dodwell** shall have fower of the aforesaid eight acres of ground lying next to the towne of Souldren knowne or called by the name of the Clay, and also to the heires of the aforesaid Robert Dodwell. Allsoe I give and bequeath to **William Dodwell sonne to my brother Thomas Dodwell** and to his heires the other fower acres of the aforesaid eight acres of ground bordering upon the same peece called or knowne by the name of ye Clay. Item I give and bequeath to **my nephew William Dodwell sonne to my brother John Dodwell** my acre of meadowe ground, upon this condition that he shall never sell it to any excepting unto **my brother Thomas Dodwell** or to one of **his sonnes** and if he sell it, he shall receive for the same thirty pounds. Item I give to **my brother Thomas Dodwell** one ewe and lambe. Item I give to **my nephew Thomas Dodwell sonne to my brother Thomas Dodwell** five pounds in money to be paide unto him five years after my decease. Item I forgive **my brother John Dodwell** all the debts which he oweth unto mee. Allsoe I give to **my brother John Dodwell** and*

unto his sonne William all my wearing apparel. Alsoe I give to my brother John Dodwell a fether bed bolster pillows and all other things of myne that are nowe in his house. Item I doe give to my sister the wife of my brother Thomas Dodwell half the household stuffe which I have in my house, and the other halfe unto my brother John Dodwell to dispose of among his children as himself shall think fit. Allsoe whereas William Horne oweth mee thirteene pounds, I forgive it to him all excepting five pounds, which five pounds I thus bestowe, I give to Elizabeth Shaler twenty shillings, and I give to my neece Mary Dodwell the daughter of my brother John the other fowre pounds. Allsoe whereas Thomas Baldwine oweth mee twenty and five shillings, I give to my neece Alice Herbert twenty shillings, and the other sixe shillings to Elizabeth Horne. Allsoe whereas John Crofts of Ardely oweth mee twenty shillings, I give the same to Sara Shaler. Item I give to the other fowre children of my brother Thomas Dodwell which are not aforenamed to every of them one ewe and one lambe a peece. Item I give sixe ewes to Philip Dodwell the sonne of my brother John Dodwell and fowre to his sonne Thomas Dodwell. Item I give to my sister the wife of my brother John Dodwell two ewes and five pegs. Item I give to ye children of William Horne every one of them one peg a peece. Item I give to my neece Joane Dodwell twenty shillings. Item I give my little cofer which is in my brother Thomas his house to Thomas Dodwell the sonne of my brother John. Item I give unto my godchildren Charles Hale, Robert Bradford, John Baker, ffazes King, Robert Cross, to every of them twelve pence a peece. Item I give to my nephew William his wife and to his two children, sixe shillings eight pence a peece. Item, whereas John King of Souldren dwelling on the hill doth owe mee twelve pounds, I give all the said sume of money to my nephew John Dodwell the sonne of my brother John Dodwell. Item I give unto my brother John Dodwell a peece of gold which is in my brother Thomas howse waying thirty fowre shillings. Item I give unto my sister Ursula Dodwell one silver spoone which is in my brother Thomas his house. And after all these legacies and bequests paid and pformed (all which my will is shalbe paid within one twelve months after my decease) I give and bequeath the residue of my estate, goods and chattels unbequeathed to my nephew John Dodwell sonne to brother John Dodwell whom I doe nominate and appoint the sole executor of this my last will and testament. In wittnes whereof I the said Robert Dodwell have hereunto putt my hand and seale dated the second day of May in the foureteenth yeare of ye raigne of Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland fraunce and Ireland Defender of the faith &c Ano Dmi 1638."

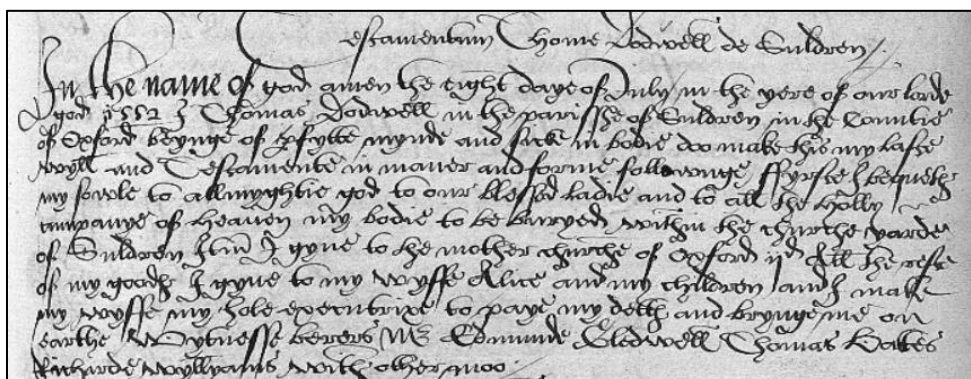
4. Ursula

SOURCES: Will of William Dodwell of Souldern, 1616, Prerogative Court of Canterbury; History of the Present Deanery of Bicester, Oxon; Bicester parish register; www.ancestry.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND ALICE DODWELL

Thomas Dodwell was born in about 1520 of Souldern, likely the son of John and Alice Dodwell. He married Alice.

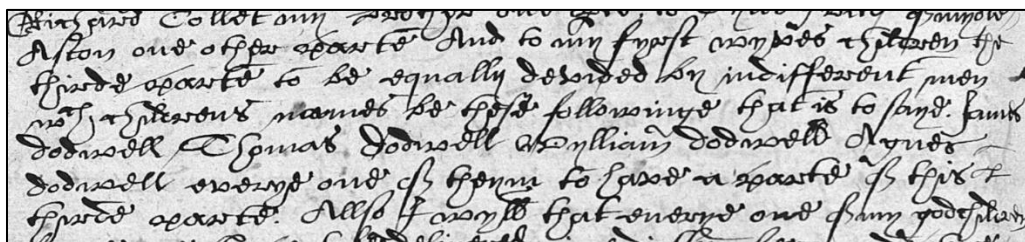
Thomas died in about 1552, young with small children, leaving a will.



Will of Thomas Dodwell of Souldern, 1552

*In the name of God amen the eight daye of July in the yere of our Lorde God 1552 I **Thomas Dodwell** in the parisshe of Suldren in the Countie of Oxford beyng of ppytte mynde and sick in bodie doo make this my laste wyll and testament in maner and forme follownge ffyrste I bequeath my sowle to Allmyghtie God to our blessed ladie and to all the holly companye of heaven y bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Suldren. Item I gyve to the mother churche of Oxford ijd. All the reste of my goodes I gyve to **my wyffe Alice and my children** and I make my wyffe my hole exxecutorixe to paye my detts and brynge me on earthe. Wytnesse berers Mr Edmunde Gledwell Thomas Battes Richarde Wylliams with others more.*

Alice was left a widow with four small children. She married William Collet of Souldren, and died some time before 1570. William left a will in 1570, leaving a third of his estate to Alice, his first wife's children James, Thomas, William and Agnes Dodwell. William did not leave any bequests to children of his own, so William and Alice did not have any surviving children at that time.



Will of William Collet of Souldern, 1570

"And to my first wyves children the thirde parte to be equally devided by indifferent men which childrens names be these following that is to saye James Dodwell Thomas Dodwell Wylliam Dodwell Agnes Dodwell everye one of theym to have a parte of this thirde parte"

Thomas and Alice had the following children:

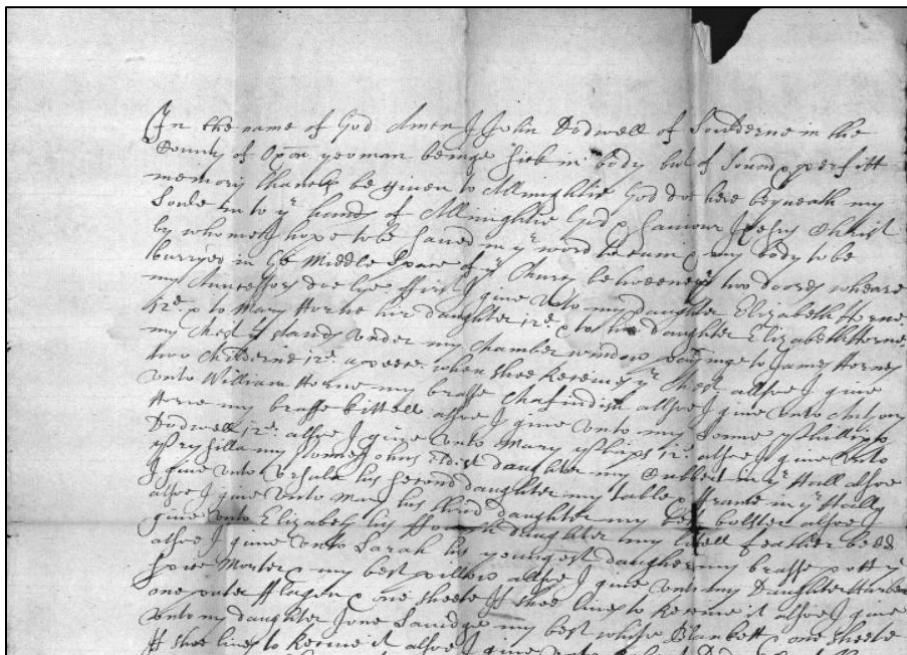
1. **James**, mentioned as deceased in William's will of 1616.
2. **Thomas**, married Alice Hale 4 June 1572 in Bletchington; died in about 1625 of Souldern.
- *3. **William**, born in about 1550 of Souldern; married Elizabeth; died in about 1616 of Souldern.
4. **Annis** (Agnes); married William Judge of Hethe, Oxfordshire; died after 1625.

SOURCES: Will of Thomas Dodwell of Souldern, 1625; will of Thomas Dodwell of Souldern, 1552; will of William Collet of Souldern, 1570; will of William Dodwell of Souldern, 1616; will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1548; www.findmypast.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND ALICE DODWELL

John Dodwell was born in about 1490 of Souldern. He married Alice.

John died in about 1548, leaving a will.



Will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1548

In the name of God amen th vth daye of Apryll in the yere of our Lorde God a thousand five hundred fortie eight and the seconde yere of the reigne off our soferaigne Lorde Edwarde the vijth by the grace of God K

*ynge of England Franncce and Irelande defender of the faith and of the churche of England and also of Irelande the supreame heed I **John Dodwell of Souldren** in the Countie of Oxforde husbandman sick in bodie but whole in mynde and of good remembrance ordeyne and make this my laste wyll in forme and maner folowinge ffyrste I bequeth my sowle to Allmyghtie God my maker and redeemer and savoure and my bodie to be buryed in Christen buryell ate Souldren. Item I gyve and bequeth unto the high altare of Souldren church a stryke of wheate. Item to the said churche a stryke of malte. Item to the box for poore people a stryke of malte. Item to everye one of my godchildren a stryke of barley. Item I bequeath to **everye one of my sonne Thomas chyldren** a bullock of five yere or of the laste yere. Item I bequeth to **Thomas my sonne** after the longer lyves of me and **Alice my wyffe** this my last wyll lawfully and truly prommed the resydew of all my goodes not given nether bequeathed. Item I wyll that **Alice my wyff** shall make no other wyll after my decease but durying her lyffe have all things and to use them for her commaditie and **my sonne Thomas** and his chyldren provided always that it shalbe lawfull for the foresaid Alice to gyve at her pleasure her apparelL. Item I make & ordayne **Thomas my sonne** my executor of this my last wyll. Item I appoynte and ordeyne to be overseers of this my last wyll Wyllyam Wedon Thomas Hatys witnesses wherof be Richarde Wyllyams Wyllyam Beggnoll.*

John and Alice had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, born in about 1520 of Souldern; married Alice; died in about 1552.

SOURCES; Will of John Dodwell of Souldern, 1548; www.findmypast.com.