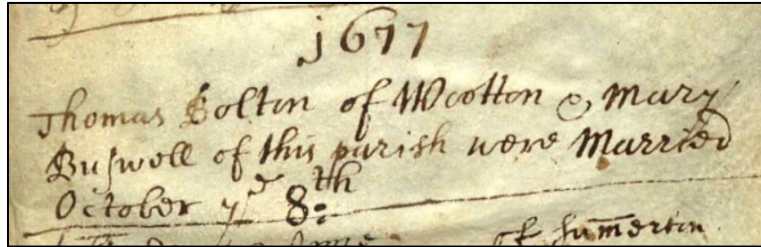


BUSWELLS OF WESTCOTE BARTON

Mary Buswell was born in about 1650 of Wescote Barton in Oxfordshire. She married Thomas Bolton 8 October 1677 in Wescote Barton.



*Marriage record for Mary Buswell and Thomas Bolton in Wescote Barton:
"1677 Thomas Bolton of Wootton & Mary Buswell of this parish were married October ye 8th"*



Wescote Barton

Mary and Thomas had two children:

1. **Hester**, christened 26 September 1678 in Wootton, Oxfordshire; married John Bartholomew, a goldsmith of London and Eynsham, Oxfordshire 1 January 1701; died, leaving a will in 1762. .
2. **Mary**, christened 17 October 1680 in Wootton; buried 13 April 1681 in Wootton.

Thomas died and was buried 12 January 1680/1, leaving a will: *"In the name of God Amen I **Thomas Bolton of Wootton** in the County of Oxond yeoman beinge weake in body but of pfect memory I prayse God doe make appoint and ordayne this my last will and testament in maner and forme as followeth first I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly father through Jesus Christ my most mercifull Redeemer by whose merits alone I hope to be saved and my body to the earth to be buryed in the pish church of Wootton aforstd as for my worldly goods chattles and cattles I give and bequeath them as followeth Imprimis I give unto **my eldest daughter Hester Bolton** all my messuage and halfe yard in Wootton holden by coppie of inheritance and formerly knowne by the name of Simonsey his land after the decease of Mary Bolton my wife and her mother to the onely use and behoof of her the sd Hester Bolton and her heires for ever. Itim I likewise give unto her my sd daughter Hester Bolton the sum of two*

*hundred pounds to be paid to her when she cometh to the age of one and twenty years old. Itim I give unto my youngest daughter **Mary Bolton** the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid to her when she cometh to the age of one and twenty years old and if either of them die before they shall com to the age aforsd then the aforsd half yard land and messuage and half the others portion of money to remaine to the longest liver of them and the other half of their portion of money to remain to their mother. Itim I give unto Alice Camden of Northly five shillings. Itim all the rest of my goods chattles and cattles I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife **Mary** whom I doe hearby make my hole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and doe likewise nominate and appoint **William Bolton my brother** and **John Buswell my brother in law** to be my ffeofies in trust to see this my will pformed for the good of my children. In witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the second day of December in the two and thirtieth yeare of his majesties reigne that now is and the yeare of our Lord God 1680. Thomas Bolton. Sealed and delivered in the presents of George Bolton Robert Buswell his marke John Boddington"*

Mary married again in 1683 to George Knapp of Cumnor, Berkshire. They moved to Eynsham, Oxfordshire in about 1690.

George and Mary had the following children:

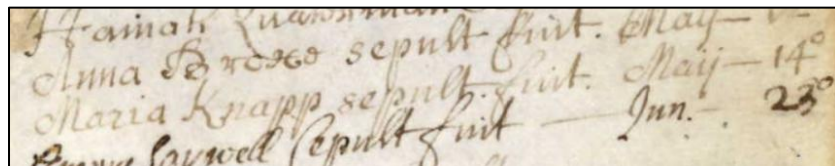
1. **Elizabeth**, christened 29 June 1684 in Cumnor, Berkshire; married John Knapp of Cumnor, gent.; bur 19 May 1721 in Cumnor.

*2. **John**, christened 15 September 1685 in Cumnor, Berkshire; married Mary Dodwell 22 June 1710 in Horspath, Oxfordshire; buried 13 February 1729 in Eynsham.

3. **George**, christened 24 December 1687 in Cumnor; apprenticed as a goldsmith in London in 1704; buried 23 October 1723 in Sr. Peters Cornhill.

4. **Robert**, christened 21 April 1690 in Eynsham; occupation: rector of Bramdean.

Mary died 12 May 1694 in Eynsham. She was buried 14 May in the chancel of St. Leonard's church in Eynsham. Her monument read: "*Here lieth the body of Mary the wife of George Knapp who deceased May the 12th 1694.*"



*Burial record for Mary Knapp in Eynsham:
"Maria Knapp sepult fuit May 14"*

Her husband George acted as a trustee for the marriage settlement of Hester Bolton in her marriage to John Bartholomew 1 January 1704.

Who were Mary's parents? There were two Buswell couples having children in Wescote Barton in the

right time period - John and Ann Buswell, and Robert and Ann Buswell. John and Robert were brothers.

Robert died in 1708, leaving a will. The will listed his children: sons Robert, John, and Edmond, daughters Sarah Coales and Anne Edon, and grandchildren William John Coales, Mary Coales, Robert Edon, Ann Edon, and Robert Buswell (son of John). The Wescote Barton parish register has christenings for three of the children: Robert in 1656, Sarah in 1660, and Edmond in 1664. Mary was deceased by 1708, but there was no mention of any of her Bolton or Knapp children in Robert's will.

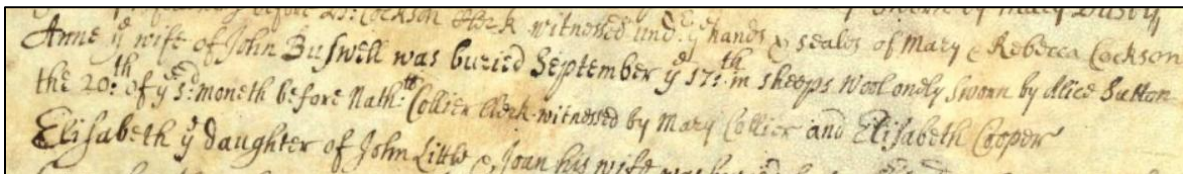
John had seven children christened in the Wescote Barton parish register. There was no christening record for Mary, and John did not leave a will.

Since Robert's will mentions many grandchildren and none of Mary's children were mentioned, it seems likely that John and Ann were Mary's parents, and her christening was not recorded.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND ANNE BUSWELL

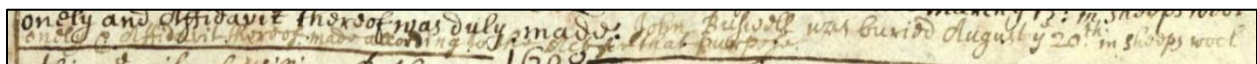
John was born in about 1620 of Wescote Barton, the son of Robert Buswell and Katherine Howse. He married Anne.

Anne died and was buried 17 September 1684 in Wescote Barton.



Burial record for Anne Buswell in Wescote Barton: "Anne ye wife of John Buswell was buried September ye 17th iin sheeps wool onely sworn by Alice Sutton the 20th of ye s: moneth before Nath: Collier clerk witnessed by Mary Collier and Elisabeth Cooper"

John died and was buried 5 August 1697 in Wescote Barton.



*Burial record for John Buswell in Wescote Barton:
"John Buswell was buried August ye 20th in sheeps wool onely & affidavit therof made according to the Act for that purpose"*

John and Anne had the following children:

1. **John**, christened 10 August 1649 in Wescote Barton; appointed as overseer in the will of Thomas Bolton of Wootton in 1680.

*2. **Mary**, born in about 1650; married 1) Thomas Bolton 8 October 1677 in Wescote Barton; 2) George Knapp in 1683; buried 14 May 1694 in Eynsham.

3. **Ann**, christened 20 February 1652 in Wescote Barton.

4. **Elizabeth**, christened 1 February 1655 in Wescote Barton.

5. **Robert**, christened 29 August 1658 in Wescote Barton.

6. **Thomas**, christened 2 January 1661 in Wescote Barton.

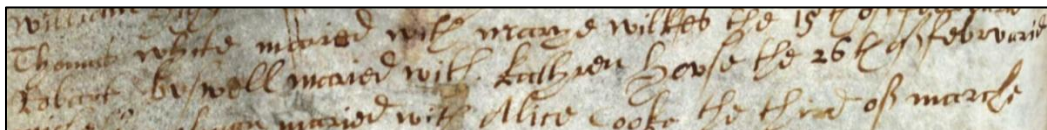
7. **Catherine**, christened 10 April 1665 in Wescote Barton.

8. **Sarah**, christened 23 January 1667 in Wescote Barton.

SOURCES: Wescote Barton parish register; www.ancestry.com; will of Robert Buswell of Wescote Barton, 1709.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT BUSWELL AND KATHERINE HOWSE

Robert Buswell was born in about 1590 of Witney, Oxfordshire, the son of William Bussell. Robert married Katherine Howse 26 February 1616 in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.



*Marriage license for Robert Buswell and Katherine Howse in Chipping Norton:
"Robart Buswell maried with Kathren Howse the 26th of februarie"*

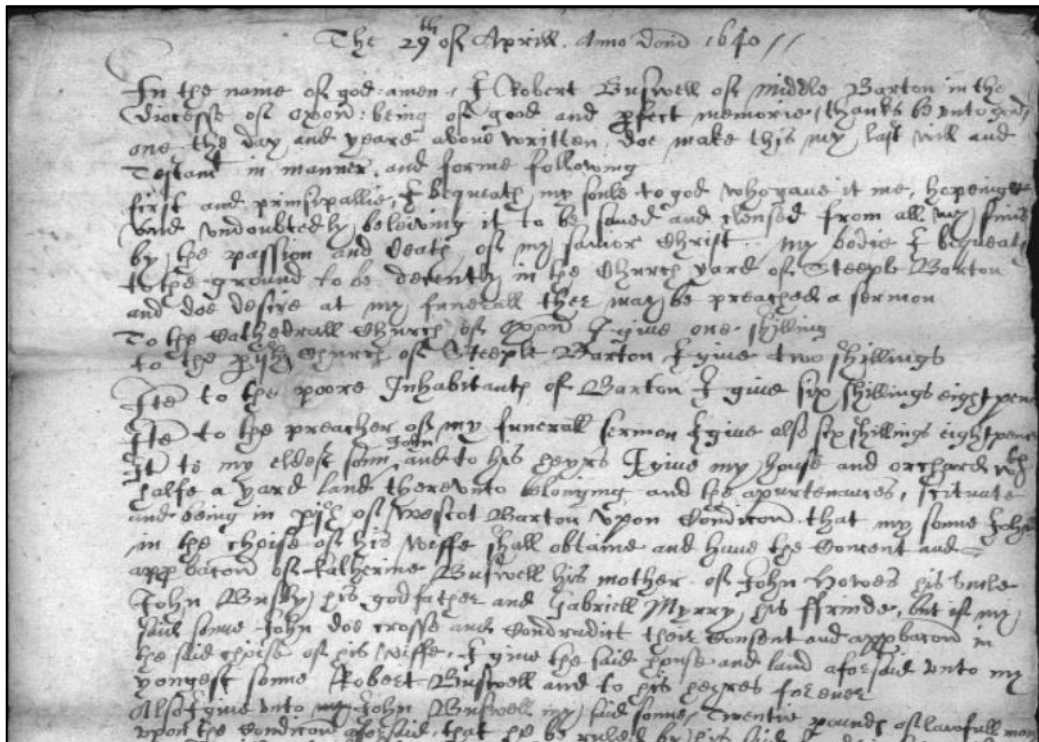
The Buswells moved to Wescote Barton in the early 1600s: *"The Buswell family was first recorded in the Bartons in 1633 when Richard Buswell held 1 yardland in Steeple Barton manor."* (British History Online - Steeple Barton)

"1638 - About this time the Buswell family came to reside in Westcott Barton, being possessed of almost the entire parish besides the manor." (British History Online - Wescote Barton)

The Buswells became a prominent family in the Bartons: *"There were several prosperous yeomen or minor gentry in the village in the 17th century, notably members of the Ford, Dandridge, Buswell, and Wright families who occupied Park, Manor, and Elm Grove Farms. All those families died out during the 18th century, and their properties were sold to men from outside the parish...By 1687 Robert Buswell had acquired one or both moieties of the manor, which descended in his family until the late 18th century...The*

manor house of the Buswell family was Manor Farm, just outside the village on the west. It is an earlier 17th-century house in two ranges which was refronted and partly refitted late in the 18th century." (British History Online - Wescote Barton) "The family of Buswell who for about a century and a half, resided in Westcott Barton have entirely disappeared from the parish, leaving the remains of between forty and fifty of their members deposited in the Churchyard." (Memorials of Westcott Barton)

Robert died in about 1640, leaving a will.



Will of Robert Buswell of Wescote Barton, 1640

The 29th of Aprill Anno Domini 1640

In the name of God Amen I **Robert Buswell of Middle Barton** in the diocesse of Oxon: being of good and pfect memorie (thanks be unto God) one the day and yeare above written doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following first and prinsipallie; I bequeath my soule to God who gave it me, hoping and undoubtedly beleiving it to be saved and cleansed from all my sins by the passion and death of my Saviour Christ. My bodie I bequeath to the ground to be decently in the Church yard of Steeple Barton and doe desire at my funerall ther may be preached a sermon. To the Cathedrall Church of Oxon I give one shilling to the pish church of Steeple Barton I give two shillings. Item to the poore inhabitants of Barton I give six shillings eight pence. Item to the preacher of my funerall sermon I give also six shillings eightpence. Item to **my eldest sonn John** and to his heys I give my house and orchard with halfe a yard land thereunto belonging and the appurtenances, scituate and being in pish of Westcot Barton upon condicon that my sonne John in the choise of his wiffe shall obtaine and have the consent and appbacon of **Katherine Buswell his mother of John Howes his uncle John Busby his godfather and Gabriell Myrry his ffrinde**, but if my said sonne John doe crosse and contradict their consent and

*appbacon in the said choise of his wiffe I give the said house and land aforesaid unto **my youngest sonne Robert Buswell** and to his heyres forever. Also I give unto John Buswell my said sonne twentie ponde of lawfull mony upon the condicon aforesaid, that he be ruled by his said friends in the choise of the wiffe as aforesaid otherwise I will it be voide Item to **my eldest daughter Elizabeth** I give the full and entire sum of eight score ponde of lawful money of England to be paid her at the day of her mariage pvided that my said daughter shall have the consent and apacon of Katherine Buswell her mother, John Howes her uncle Gabriell Myrry and John Buswell aforesaid in her said marriage, and if the said Elizabeth doe crosse and contradict the aforesaid pties consent and appbacon in her said marriage I give the said sum of eight score ponde to her two sisters betweene them equallie to be devided. Item I give to my sonne Robert Buswell and to his heyres, my house and orchard with the lande and appurtenances thereunto belonging scituate and lyeing in Hayly in the pish of Witney in pset possession of the benifit therof immediately at my death and I give him Twentie ponde of lawfull English money to be paid him when he come to the age of one and twentie years. Item to **my daughters, Marie and Jone** I give the sum of one hundred ponde of good and lawfull money of England equally betweene them to be devided when they shall attaine to the age of twentie and one yeares Item if either of my five children doe die and departe this life before they attaine to the age of twentie and one yeares or before their marrigge. my will is That their mother, (my) executor, or her assignes shall pay and dispose of what herin is bequeathed to them: unto the rest of my surviving children equaly to be devided Item I give to **my sister Elsebeth** xs. To **my sister Tabitha Hanes** fortie shillings and to **her sonn Edward Haines** i give fortie shillings. Item to **my welbeloved wiffe Katharine** I give all my estate and goods undesposed of whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testamen. In witesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale.*

*The marke of Robert Buswell
Sealed and signed in presence
Gabiell Myrry
John Busbe*

Robert and Katherine had the following children:

- *1. **John**, born in about 1620; married Anne; buried 5 August 1697 in Wescote Barton.
2. **Elizabeth**
3. **Marie**
4. **Jone**, married John Boddington 17 January 1652 in Rousham, Oxfordshire; buried 17 March 1705 in Steeple Barton, Oxfordshire.
5. **Robert**, married Anne; died 5 August 1708 in Wescote Barton, leaving a will.

SOURCES: Chipping Norton parish register; will of Robert Buswell of Wescote Barton, 1640; Wescote Barton parish register; British History Online - Wescote Barton.

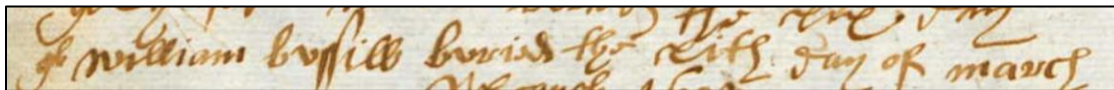
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM BUSSILL

William Bussill was born in about 1550 of Witney, Oxfordshire. Witney is a parish about fourteen miles southwest of Wescote Barton. William's son Robert made reference to *"my house and orchard with the lande and appurtenances thereunto belonging scituate and lyeing in Hayly in the pish of Witney"* in his will of 1640. Hayly, or Hailey was a rural deanery in the parish of Witney.



Hailey (British History Online)

William died and was buried 11 March 1603 in Witney.



*Burial record for William Bussill in Witney:
"William Bissill buried the xith day of March"*

William and his wife had the following children:

1. **Jone**, christened 26 September 1579 in Witney.
2. **Elizabeth**, christened 24 November 1588 in Witney.
3. (Male), buried 27 November 1594 in Witney.
- *4. **Robert**, born in about 1595 of Witney.
5. **Tabitha**, christened 24 December 1592 in Witney; married Mr. Hanes.

SOURCES: Witney parish register; www.ancestry.com.