

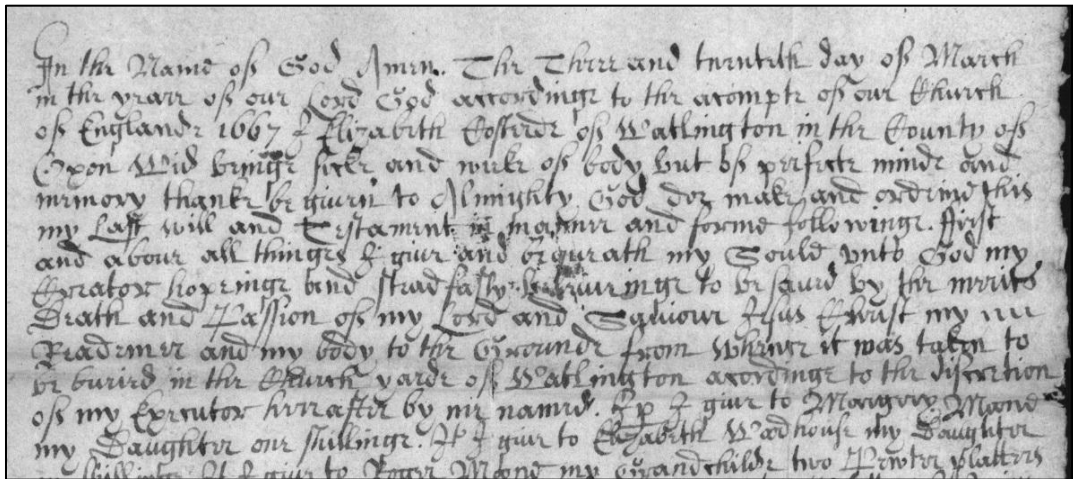
## THE COSTARD FAMILY OF WATLINGTON

### The Family of Elizabeth Costard

Elizabeth Costard married Richard Woodhouse in about 1644. Elizabeth was born in about 1620 of Watlington, Oxfordshire. She is named in the will of her mother, the widow Elizabeth Costarde of Watlington in 1667.

Elizabeth Costerde of Watlington, widow named these family members in her will:

- Margery Moone my daughter
- Elizabeth Woodhouse my daughter
- Roger Moone my grandchilde
- Robert Moone my grandchilde
- Jane Moone my grandchilde
- Agnes Moone my grandchild
- Elizabeth Holding my grandchilde
- Amy Woodhouse
- Susan Woodhouse
- Mary Woodhouse my grandchilde
- Richard Woodhouse my grandchilde
- Sary Woodhouse my grandchilde
- Dorothy Woodhouse my grandchilde
- Richard Woodhouse my son in lawe and executor of the will
- Cossins Alexander and William Nash



*Will of Elizabeth Costerde 1667*

*In the name of God Amen, the three and twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God according to the accounting of our Church of England 1667, I **Elizabeth Costerde of Watlington** in the County of Oxon, wid., beinge sick and weeke of body but of perfecte minde and memory thanks be given to Almighty God,*

doe make and ordine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, ffirst and above all things I give and bequeath my soule unto God my Creator hopeinge thru faith believing to be saved by the merits, death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my Reademer and my body to the groune from whence it was taken to be buried in the church yarde of Watlington acordinge to the discretion of my executor hereafter by me named. Imprimis, I give to **Margery Moone my daughter** one shilling. Item, I give to **Elizabeth Woodhouse my daughter** on shilling. Item, to **Roger Moone my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Robert Moone my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Jane Moone my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Agnes Moone my grandchild** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Elizabeth Holding my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Amy Woodhouse** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Susan Woodhouse** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Mary Woodhouse my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Richard Woodhouse my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Sary Woodhouse my grandchilde** two pewter platters. Item, I give to **Dorothy Woodhouse my grandchilde** to pewter platters. The rest of my goods and householde stufe, my debts payde and my ffunerall discharged I give and bequeath unto **Richard Woodhouse my son in lawe** who I make and ordaine soale executor of this my last will and testament and doe nominate and apoynte my welbeloved cossins **Alexander Nash** and **William Nash** my overseers to see this my will faithfully and truly to be performed. In witnese wherof this is my last will and testament the above named Elizabeth Costerd have heir unto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

The mark of Elizabeth Costerde



The mark of Elizabeth Costerde on her will

Elizabeth also left an inventory:

*Inventory*

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*John Story*

*Simon Benson*

Elyzabeth Costard died and was buried 9 September 1675 in Watlington. There are three men found in Costard records who could be her husband, as they died before her will was written in 1667. They are Francis, Edward and Richard Costard. A search of Watlington wills shows a will for Francis, naming his wife Mable, so he is not Elizabeth's husband. Edward died in 1668, and his wife Mary is found in the burial registers, being buried in 1667, so he is not Elizabeth's husband. That leaves Richard as the most likely husband for Elizabeth. Richard acted as a witness for a will in Watlington in 1640. He is listed as the father to Susan, who was buried in 1639 in Watlington. Richard died and was buried 25 August 1658 in Watlington.

Richard and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Margery**, married Roger Moone.
2. **Elizabeth**, born in about 1620; married Richard Woodhouse in about 1644.
3. **Susan**, buried 9 June 1639 in Watlington.

*SOURCES: Watlington parish register; will of Elizabeth Costarde, widow of Watlington, 1667 on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).*

### **Costards in Watlington**

The Watlington parish registers start later, in 1635.

#### Christenings

*1636 Oct 2 Coster Mary d. Edward  
1638 Nov 15 Coster Rebecca d Edmund  
1640 Jan 22 Coster Susan d. Edward  
1653 Aug 18 Coster John s. Thomas*

#### Marriages

*1685 25 Oct Costard James married Chaine Joanne*

#### Burials

*1639 9 June Costard Susan d Richard  
1640 2 Feb Coster Rebecca w Francis  
1651 29 Aug Costerd John  
1654 26 May Costard Frauncis  
1658 25 Aug Costard Richard  
1666 Aug 3 Costerd Mabell wid.  
1667 Mar 15 Costerd Mary w. Edward  
1668 Dec 2 Costerd Edward  
1675 Sep 9 Costerd Elyzabeth  
1686 10 Sep Costard Mary d James  
1686 10 Sep Costard Joane w James  
1686 22 Sep Costard Elizabeth d James  
1691 1 Dec Costerd William s. William  
1695 13 Oct Costard Susannah  
1700 14 Aug Costard John, yeoman*

#### **Wills**

In addition to the wills of Elizabeth Costarde in 1667 and Cuthbert Costard in 1587, these wills are found in the Oxford Archdeaconry:

- 1603 John Costard, weaver left a will mentioning sister Margaret, Andrew Costerd of Nettlebed, kinsman John Costerd of Nettlebed (who is given a coverlet loom), and wife Mary Costerd.
- 1640 Richard Costard acted as a witness for the will of Thomas Breemer
- 1649 Francis Costard Senior, wheelwright of Greenfield, Watlington left a will mentioning Mable his wife, Francis Costard his eldest son, and John Costerd his younger son.
- 1651 John Costard, coverlet weaver left an inventory and administration mentioning daughter Dorothy.
- 1666 Mabell Costard of Greenfield, Watlington, widow of Francis, left an inventory and administration mentioning son John Costard.

### Other Records

- In 1667, John Coster of Greenfield was taxed 3s. 9 1/2d in an assessment for the poor.
- In 1673 John Costerd of Greenfield was one of the overseers of the poor for the parish of Watlington.
- In 1681, Susan Costerd received 2s. 6d. from the overseer's distributions to the poor.

A record was listed for Thomas Costard in the 1377 poll tax, just four miles from Watlington in Pishill.

*Pyrton Hundred*

*Peshull (Pishill)   **Thomas Costard & Nicholaus Pew**  
Richardus Peshull  
Watlington 2nd April*

*(The Poll Taxes of 1377, 1359, and 1381: Oxfordshire)*

*SOURCES: Watlington parish register; Pyrton parish register; will of Thomas Breemer, 1640 PCC; will of John Costard, 1603, will of Francis Costard, 1649, administration of John Costard, 1651; administration of Mabell Costard, 1666, on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk); The People of Watlington, citing the Poor Rate 1667, Overseers of the Poor 1666-1706, and Overseers' Disbursements 1681.*