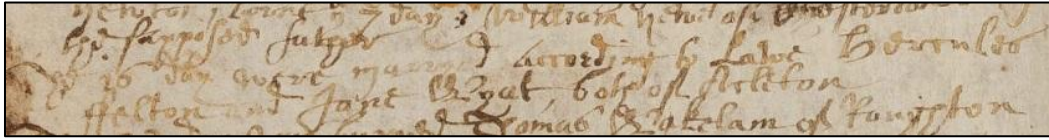


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HERCULES FELTON AND JANE WYAT (WHITE)

Hercules Felton was christened 4 December 1625 in Worfield, Shropshire, England, the son of Thomas Felton and Elizabeth Felkyn. He married Jane Wyatt (or White) 16 July 1666 in Worfield.



*Marriage record for Hercules Felton and Jane Wyatt in Worfield:  
"The 16 day were marryed according to lawe Hercules Ffelton and Jane Wyatt both of Acleton"*

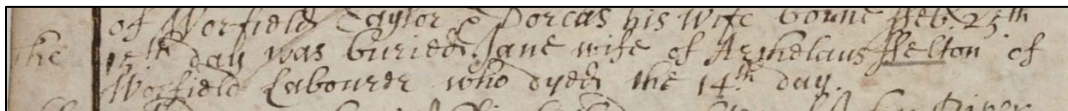
Jane was the daughter of Richard White and Jane Hawes, and was christened 2 February 1636 in Claverley, Shropshire.

Hercules worked as a labourer.



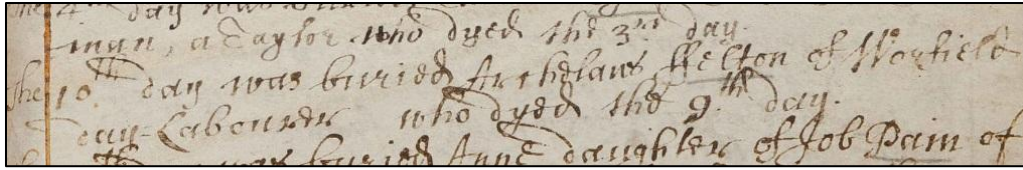
*Ackleton, Red Cow Pub*

Jane died and was buried 15 March 1696 in Worfield: *"The 15th day was buried Jane, wife of Archelaus Ffelton of Worfield, labourer, who dyed the 14th day"*.



*Burial record for Jane Felton in Worfield:  
"The 15th day was buried Jane wife of Archelaus ffelton of Worfield labourer who dyed the 14th day"*

Hercules died 9 May 1700 in Worfield: *"The 10th day was buried Archelaus Ffelton of Worfield, day labourer who dyed the 9th day"*.



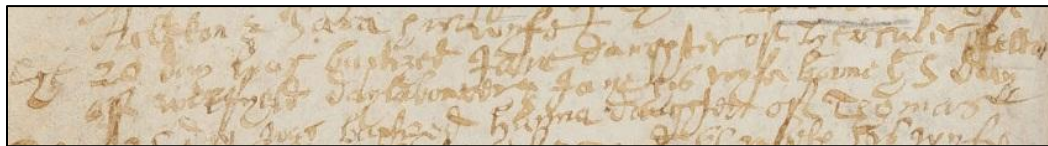
*Burial record for Hercules Felton in Worfield:*

*"The 10th day was buried Archelaus Ffelton of Worfield, day labourer who dyed the 9th day".*

Hercules and Jane had the following children:

1. **Thomas**, born 22 April 1667 in Worfield.

\*2. **Jane**, born 5 February 1669 in Worfield; christened 20 February 1699 in Worfield; married Humphrey Vaughan 6 April 1703 in Worfield; died 9 August 1720 in Worfield.



*Baptism record for Jane Felton in Worfield: "The 20 day was baptized Jane daughter of Hercules Ffelton of Worfyeld day labourer & Jane his wife borne the 5 day"*

3. **William**, born 14 January 1671 in Worfield.

Several Feltons appear in the *Exemption* lists for the Hearth Tax in Worfield:

1670

Andrew Felton  
Artchelos Felton  
Jonathan Felton  
William Felton

1671

Andrew Felton  
Archelios Felton  
John Felton  
William Felton

1673/4

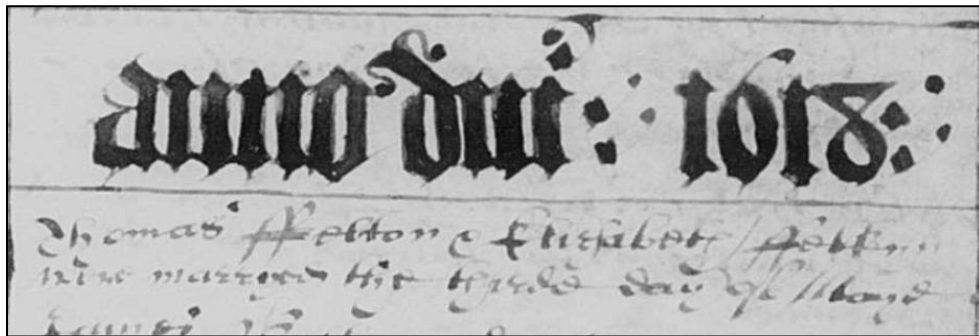
Andrew Felton  
John Felton  
Hercules Felton  
William Felton

Our Hercules Felton appears in 1673/4, and it is likely that Artchelios and Archelios are misspellings of his name. William Felton may be his brother. It is possible that the others on the list are brothers or uncles. Andrew was also a day labourer, and had a son named Hercules, christened in 1673.

*Source: Hearth Tax for Worfield; Worfield parish register.*

### FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS FELTON AND ELIZABETH FELKYN

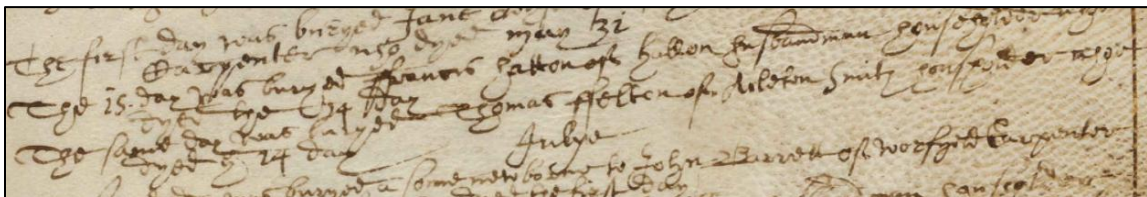
Thomas Felton was christened 18 March 1592 in Worfield, the son of Robert Felton and Elizabeth Foxall. Thomas married Elizabeth Felkyn 3 May 1618 in St. Peter, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. Elizabeth is likely the daughter of William and Jane Felkin of Wolverhampton.



*Burial record for Thomas Felton and Elizabeth Felkin in Wolverhampton:  
"Anno dni: 1618: Thomas ffelton & Elizabeth ffelkyn were marryed the thirde day of Maye"*

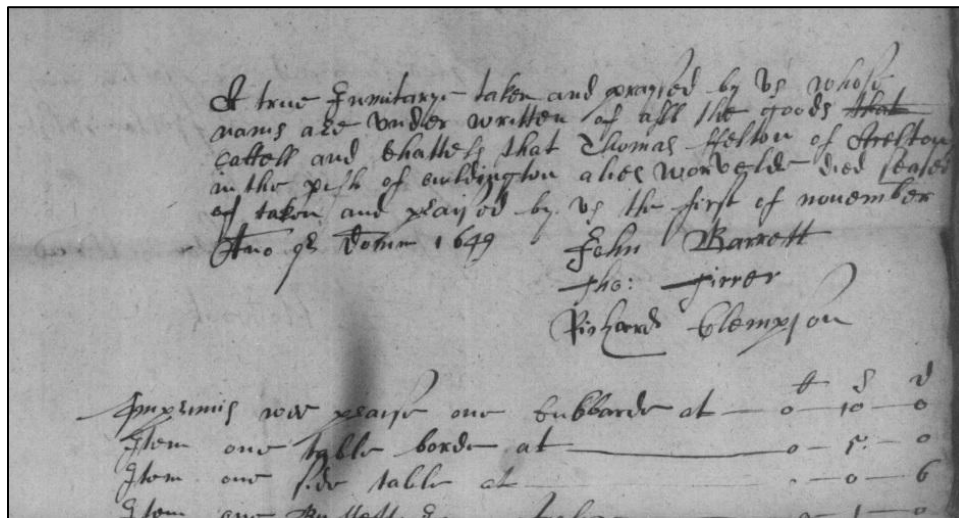
Thomas worked as a nailor or nailmaker in Worfield, and was a smith at the time of his death.

Thomas died 24 June 1649, and was buried 25 June in Worfield.



*Burial record for Thomas Felton in Worfield:  
"The same day was buried Thomas Ffelton of Acleton, smith householder who dyed ye 24th day".*

Thomas Felton of Ackleton, Worfield parish left an administration and inventory proven 3 November 1649:



Inventory for Thomas Felton, 1649

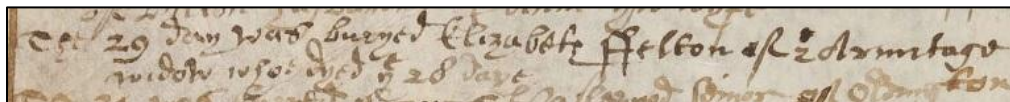
*A true inventory taken and prayed by us whose names also under written of all the goods cattell and chattels that Thomas Ffelton of Acelton in the parish of Bobbington also Worfield died sealed as taken and prayed by us the first of November anno domini 1649.*

*John Barrett  
Thos Tirrer  
Richard Clemson*

- Imprimus was prayed one cubbard at 0 10 0*
- Item one table bord at 0 5 0*
- Item one side table at 0 0 6*
- Item one buffet joyne, stool 0 1 0*
- Item two chayers at 0 2 0*
- Item one forme and a bowle 0 0 6*
- Item a paire of butter waights & ballance 0 0 6*
- Item his forge that he worrked upon 0 1 0*
- Item one brasse pott 0 12 0*
- Item tow small brasse bottels at 0 4 10*
- Item one iren pott 0 3 4*
- Item a bound gawn & a halfe whoep 0 0 4*
- Item an ould pott & a box 0 0 6*
- Item a paire of pott hookes & yayls and a paire of boultung wich, a small possenett 0 1 8*
- Item a chaffinge dishe & a salter 0 1 8*
- Item one coffer & a chest at 0 6 0*
- Item one barrel 0 2 0*
- Item one basket & one heaine \_\_\_ 0 1 2*
- Item one wooden platter & a dish 0 0 5*
- Item one trowelle and tow paires of small irons 0 0 7*

Item a payer of naylor's bolly & anirons at 0 13 4  
 Item three pewter dishes at 0 4 0  
 Item one spinning wheel at 0 1 6  
 Item one kettle in wish they did drafte meade in & one joyne bed at 3 0 14 4  
 Item an fether bed and one shorte bed tow bouldsters and other nenoripane  
 as welling & linnings belonging to these tow beds now praysed at 1 19 9  
 (This next line is crossed out in the inventory)  
 Item now praysed all things forgotten and not shown by us at 0 10 0

Elizabeth died 28 January 1660 in Worfield.

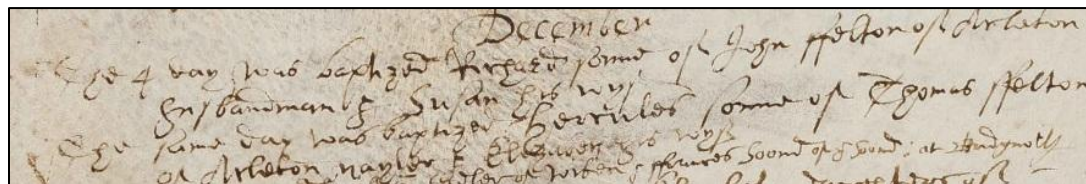


*Burial record for Elizabeth Felton in Worfield:*

*"The 29th day was buried Elizabeth ffelton of ye Armitage widow who dyed ye 28th day".*

Thomas and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Robert**, christened 10 September 1620 in Worfield, mentions father Thomas as a naylor.
- \*2. **Hercules**, christened 4 December 1625 in Worfield; married Jane Wyat 16 July 1666 in Worfield.



*Baptism record for Hercules Felton in Worfield: "The same day was baptized Hercules sonne of Thomas Ffelton of Acleton naylor & Elizabeth his wyf"*

3. **Jane**, christened 13 April 1635 in Worfield: *"The 13th day was baptized Jane, daughter of Thomas Ffelton of Acleton, naylor and Elizabeth his wife".*
4. **William**, christened 11 March 1637 in Worfield.

*Source: St. Peters, Wolverhampton parish register; Index to Lichfield Consistory Court; Worfield parish register.*

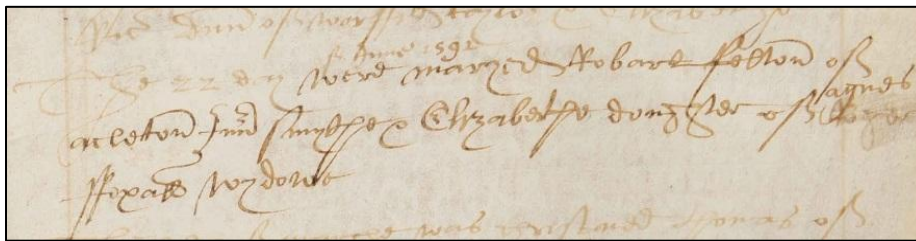


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT FELTON AND ELIZABETH FOXALL

Robert Felton of Ackleton, Worfield parish was born in about 1561 in Worfield, the son of Robert and Jease Felton.

Robert was mentioned in the Worfield Court Roll for 1590 as a young man: "*Aculton - William Bradeney & Roger Catstrey with others present that William Bradeney Senior, John Felton, **Robert Felton Junior**, William Mathewe, Thomas Barret, Ludovic Done, Jeremy Warter, Thomas Walker did not wear woollen hats on feast days according to the statute.*"

He married Elizabeth Foxall 22 March 1592 in Worfield.

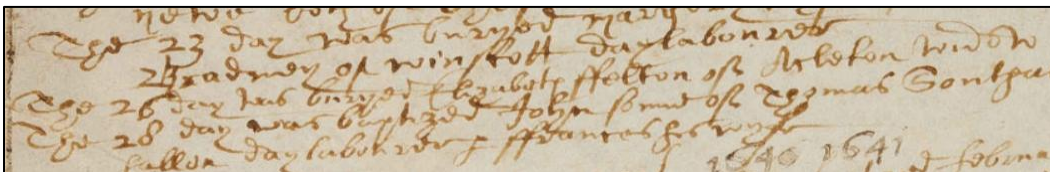


*Marriage record for Robert Felton and Elizabeth Foxall:  
"The 22 day were maryed Robard Felton of Weston smythe  
& Elizabethe daughter of Agnes Ffoxall wydow"*

Elizabeth was christened December 1562 in Worfield, the daughter of Robert and Agnes Foxall.

Robert worked as a blacksmith.

Elizabeth died, and was buried as a widow 26 February 1640 in Worfield.



*Burial record for Elizabeth Felton in Worfield;  
"The 26 day was buryed Elizabeth ffelton of Acleton widow"*

Robert and Elizabeth had the following children:

\*1. **Thomas**, christened 18 March 1592 in Worfield, "*of Chester(ton)*"; married Elizabeth Felkyn.



*Baptism record for Thomas Felton in Worfield:*

*"The 28 day was christened Thomas sonn of Robbt Ffelton of Chester smyth & Elizabeth"*

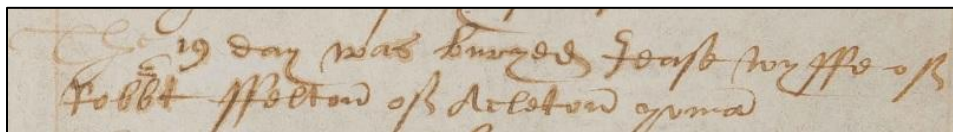
2. **Frances**, (female) christened 14 March 1595 in Worfield.
3. **Hercules**, christened 12 June 1597 in Worfield: *"The 12th day was baptized Hercules sonne of Robbt Ffelton of Acleton, smythe, and Elizabethhe"*.
4. **Robert**, born 1599 in Worfield; buried 31 March 1640 in Patshull, Shropshire. He left a nuncupative will mentioning son Robert, daughter Jane, and his *"beloved friends"*, including Thomas Sturmeay.
5. **Elizabeth**, christened 3 November 1605 in Worfield: *"Elizabeth daughter of Robert Ffelton of Acleton, smith, and Elizabeth his wife"*.

*Source: Worfield parish extracts; Worfield parish register.*

## **FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT AND JEASE FELTON**

Robert Felton was born in about 1528 of Ackleton, Worfield, the son of Richard Felton. He married Jease in 1552. Robert was a yeoman farmer.

Jease died and was buried May 1572 in Worfield.



*Burial record for Jease Felton in Worfield:*

*"The 19 day was buried Jease wyffe of Robbt Ffelton of Acleton yoman"*.

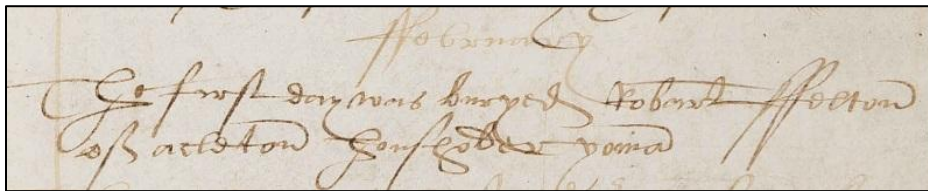
Robert then married Alice.

In 1577, Robert was a juror, as mentioned in the Worfield Court Roll: *"Jury for the View of Frankpledge - Robert Felton of Aculton"*. Richard Felton was on the same jury.

Robert and Alice were mentioned in a land deed in 1578: *"To this court came John Haselwood in person and surrendered into the hands of the lord one cottage in Newton called Parockes Yard and one nook of*

arable land lying in the three fields of Newton appointed, demonstrated and named by Richard Barret and **Robert Felton of Aculton** and commons for beasts for one nook of land to the work and use of **Robert Felton and Alice his wife** and their assigns from the date of this court for 21 years giving to John Haselwood his heirs and assigns 10s at the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael the Archangel in equal portions provided that **Robert Felton and Alice his wife** do not alienate this or part of the premises except to their sons and daughters and **Robert Felton and Alice his wife** are granted all and singular of the premises by the rod through the steward to have and to hold to themselves and their assigns and they give to the lord for ingoing, 3s 4d and by agreement of the parties when all the others die to pay to the aforesaid John and his heirs the best animal as a heriot." (Worfield Court Roll 5586/1/236 (1578-1579))

Robert died and was buried 1 February 1598 in Worfield.



*Burial record for Robert Felton:*

*"The first day was buried Robert Ffelton of Acleton householder yoman"*

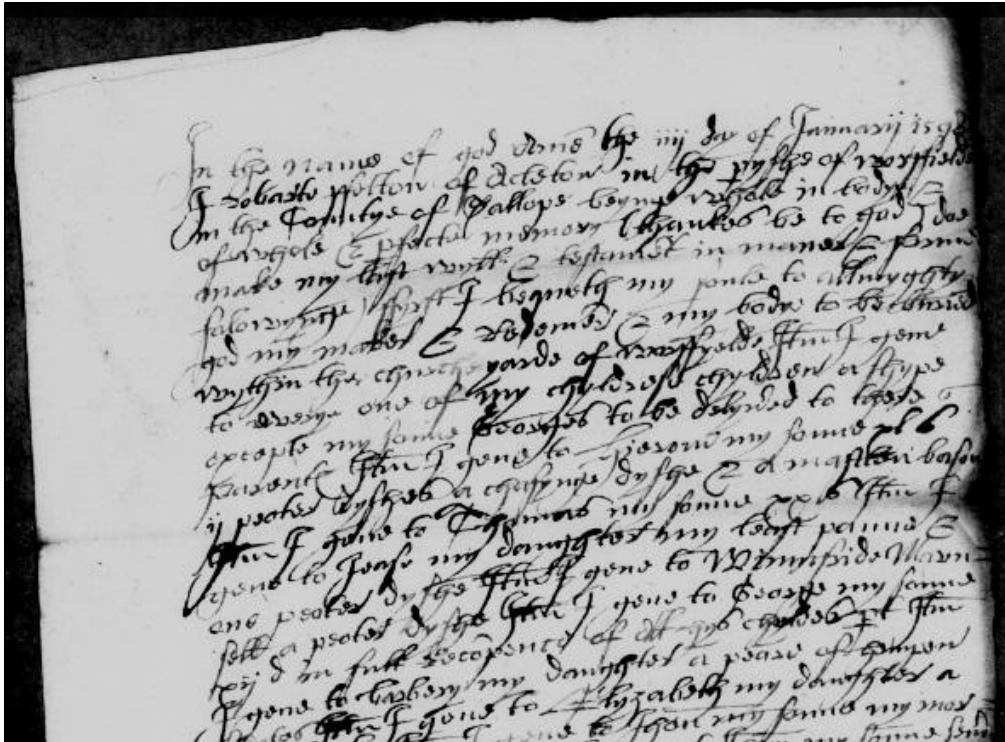
Robert is found in Worfield manorial records. He is mentioned in a lease in 1575: "John Mathewe chattels of Thomas Kyrkam, deceased and asks for a licence to be admitted to hold a cottage and a croft of land lying in Stapulford and six acres lying in the three common fields of Stapulford and to enter immediately after the end of the term of **Robert Felton** to hold the same for a term of 21 years, giving annually to Thomas Warter and his assigns 3d on the usual terms and commons for 20 sheep, two pigs and two beasts according to a licence made between Thomas Warter and Thomas Kyrkam and gave to the lord for a fine 12d."

Robert was a juror in the *Worfield Court Roll* of 1576, along with Richard Felton. Robert Felton was elected constable for the coming year in 1576.

Robert left a will, written in January 1598, as "*Robarte Ffelton of Acleton in the pyshe of Worfield*". In his will he mentioned:

- *Thomas my sonne*
- *Jease my daughter*
- *George my sonne*
- *Barbery my daughter*
- *Elyzabeth my daughter*
- *Jhon my sonne*
- *Jerom my sonne*
- *Robert my sonne*





Robert Felton will, 1598

In the name of God Amen, the iij day of January 1598, I **Robert Felton of Acleton** in the pyshe of Worfield in the Countye of Sallope, beyng whole in bodye & of whole & pfecte memory thanks be to God, doe make my last wyll & testament in maner & form falowinge, ffyrst I bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God, my maker & Redemer & my bodye to be buried within the churcheyarde of Worfflyelde. Item, I geve to every one of **my chyldrens chyldren** on shype excepte **my sonne George** to be delivered to there parents. Item I geve to **Gerom my sonne** xld ij peater dyshes on chafyng dyshe & a mastlen bason. Item I geve to **Thomas my sonne** xxs. Item I geve to **Jease my daughter** my best panne & one peater dyshe. Item I geve to **George my sonne** xijd in full recopence of all hys chyldes pt. Item I geve to **Barbery my daughter** a peare of hempen shytes. Item I geve to **Elyzabeth my daughter** a candlestick. Item I geve to **Jhon my sonne** my \_\_\_ & my furnesse Item I geve to **Jhon my sonne** a peare of nayen shytes a flockbedd & bedstiddes to yt. Item all the rest of my goodes & cattells moveable & unmoveable I geve & bequeth to **Roberte my sonne** to paye my detts & bringe me home whom I make my soule executor to see thys my last wyll pformed accordyng to the trewe meanyng & intente thereof.

Detts which I owe

Imprimis to Jhon Hatton of Gurnalt iijl

Item to Agnesse Hattam

Iten to Mistrisse Kynersley viijd iiij

Iten to Nycolasse Pissye which Jhon my sonne muste dyscharge by a bonde xij iij

These beyng wytnesse

Hymfrey Barney Clark

**Jhon Ffelton**

***Robarte Ffelton***

*With others*

Robert and Jease had the following children:

1. **Winnefred**, born about 1553 of Worfield.
2. **George**, born about 1555 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; buried 1616 in Patshull, Staffordshire.
3. **Jerome**, born about 1557 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598;.
4. **Barbara**, born about 1559 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598.
- \*5. **Robert**, born about 1561 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; married Elizabeth Foxall 22 March 1592.
6. **Elizabeth**, born about 1563 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; married Nicholas Perry 18 August 1594 in Pattingham, Staffordshire.
7. **Thomas**, born in about 1566 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; married Jease Pytt 4 September 1587 in Worfield; died May 1606 in Worfield.
8. **Jease**, born in about 1567 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; married Roger Foxall 2 February 1588 in Worfield..
9. **John**, born in about 1569 of Worfield; mentioned in father's will of 1598; married Agnes Barrett 27 October 1593 in Worfield; died February 1615 in Worfield.

Robert and Alice had the following children:

1. **Richard**, christened 30 May 1574 in Worfield; buried 24 April 1588 in Worfield.
2. **Mary**, christened 9 June 1577 in Worfield.

Alice lived another 22 years after Robert died, and she died as a widow and was buried on 17 August 1620 in Worfield.

*Source: Worfield parish register; will of Robert Felton on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).*

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD AND ELIZABETH FELTON

Richard Felton must have been born in about 1490. He married Elizabeth.

Earlier records in Worfield show **Richard Felton**, listed as Robert's father. In 1514/15 (6 Henry VIII), Richard Felton made a donation to the church, and gave to "*Saynt Nicholas a Heyfre of 2 years age*". (*Worfield on the Worfe, a Brief History*)

On 8 February 1518/19, Richard Felton was found on the Worfield Court Rolls as a juror. (*Worfield Court Roll*) In the *Lay Subsidy for Shropshire 1524-7* in Ewdness, Richard Felton was the only entry for that townland: "*Ric Felton g. x.Li.-v.x*". John Felton was listed in the nearby townland of Allscott, about 1 1/2 miles away.

In *A List of Families in the Archdeaconry of Stafford 1532-3* Richard was shown with his family in Ewdness, but Robert was not listed. It is possible that he was missed, as he appeared just six years later with his father in a muster roll, showing them both as being from Ewdness.

*Richard Felton, Elizabeth, uxor eius, William, Richard, John.*

This showed Richard Felton, his wife Elizabeth and children William, Richard and John. Two other Felton families lived in the parish of Worfield, but in the townland of Allscott: The family of "*John Felton, Joan, uxor eius, Elizabeth, Hugh, Margery, Thomas, William, Richard, Edward*" and "*Thomas Felton, Eleanor, uxor eius, Richard*". These may be brothers or even a parent for Richard.

A muster roll for Worfield showed both Richard Felton and his son Robert:



*1538-9 Muster Worfield*

Ewdness

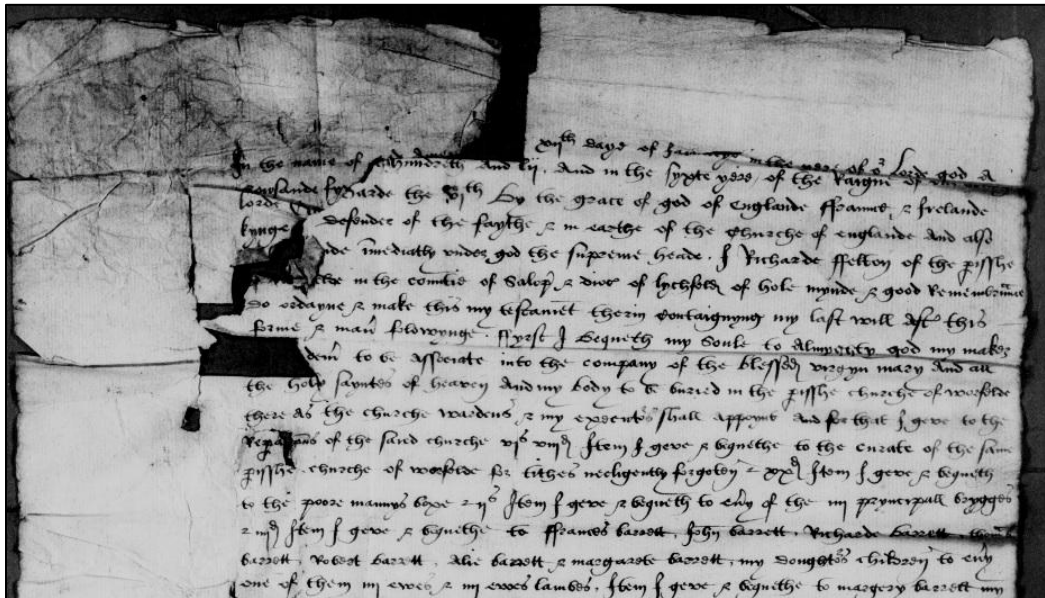
*Rych. Felton & Robert (sone) a bowe, such harnes for a man*

A harness is defined as a headpiece (sallet), thick padded coat (jack), gorget (neck armor), and protective armor for chest and back (splints). The muster was an assessment of the men and weapons available for the defense of the town.

*Medieval harness*

Richard was mentioned in a chancery proceeding in 1544-7: "*Henry, son and heir of William Petyitt v. Richard Felton. Reviver of a suit for lands in Worfield and Ackleton.*" (*Lists and Indexes, Issue 54*)

Richard died in about 1553, leaving a will proven 12 January 1552/3:



Will of Richard Felton, 1552/3

Will of Richard Felton of Worfield dated 12 Jan 1552/3

*In the name of God Amen the xijth daye of Januarye in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsand five hundredth and ij and in the syxte yere of the raign of Kynge Edwarde VI by the grace of God defender of the faythe & in earthe of the churche of Englande and also (page torn) immediatly under God the Supreme heade, I **Richarde Ffelton of the pisshe of Worfield** in the countie of Salop & Dioces of Lychfeld, of hole mynde & good remembrance do ordayne & make this my testament therin containgnyng my last will after this forme & maner folowyng. Ffyrst I bequeath my soule to Almyghty God my maker (torn) to be associate into the company of the blessed virgin Mary and all the holy sayntes of heaven. And my body to be buried in the pisshe churche of Worfelde there as the churche wardens & my executors shall appoint. And for that I geve to the repaires of the saied churche vis viijd. Item I geve & bequeath to the curate of the same pisshe churche of Worfelde for tithes innocently forgotten – xxd. Item I geve & bequeath to the poore mannys boxe ijs. Item I geve & bequeath to eny of the iiij pryncipull brygges iiijd. Item I geve & bequeathe to **Ffrances Bassett, John Bassett, Richarde Bassett, Thomas Bassett, Robert Bassett, Alic Bassett & Margarete Bassett, my daughters children** to eny one of them iiij ewes & iiij ewes lambes. Item I geve & bequethe to **Margery Bassett my sonne & daughters childe** ij kyne & iiij ewes & iiij ewes lambes. Item I geve and bequeath to **Dorothee Newe** a heyfer & the use of her snowe mare & twoo sheepe to be delivered by the discretion of myne executors. Item I geve & bequeath to **Ric Felton my godson Robert Feltons son & John hys brother** eyther of them xs to synde them to scole. Item I geve & bequethe to **Ric Dawley & Joyse my daughter hys wyff** vil xiijs iiid. Item I will that there be delivered at my burienge xxxty dosen of breade or els the value therof in money at the discretion of myne executors. Item I geve & bequethe to eny godchild that I have one sheepe to be delivered by my executors. The residue of all & singular my goods & cattals that I have unbeckusted my funeral legacies & dettes contented satsissfied & paid I geve & bequethe to **Robert Ffelton my son** whom I ordayne & make my sole executor truly to execute thys my last will & testament. And also I desire assygne & appoint **John Ffelton***

*pryst to be assistant to the said **Robert** in the execution of the same to whom I geve & bequethe and above hys chargein takynge of paynes in & about the executynge of the saied will & testament xxs & thes beyng witnes Roger Catsere, Humfrey Barrett, Willm Hasilwood of oldyngton, Richarde Crogynton, Water Laite of Hugsord, Thomas Ffelton of Woaton with others.*

Richard's sons Robert and William apparently had a disagreement after their father's death, and a complaint was filed between 1553 and 1555:

*"William Felton of Ewdenes, yeoman v. Robert Felton his brother. Detention of deeds relating to a messuage and land in Worfield, late of Richard Felton, their father, deceased." (List and Indexes, Issue 550, Early Chancery Proceedings - File 1350, 1553-5)*

Richard's will did not mention William, and Robert was left most of the estate and named as the executor, so that may be the cause of William's suit against his brother.

Richard and Elizabeth had children:

\*1. **Robert**, born in about 1528 of Ackleton, Worfield; married Jease in 1552 of Worfield; yeoman farmer of Ackleton; buried 1 February 1598 in Worfield.

2. **Joyse**, married Richard Dansley.

3. **Anne**, married Richard Barrett; had children Margery, Frances, John, Rycharde, Thomas, Robert, Alice, and Margaret.

4. **William**, yeoman of Ewdness.

5. **Richard**

6. **John**

Two other Feltons are mentioned in early marriage records:

- Richard Felton of Burcott married Alice Chatcham 27 May 1563.
- William Felton of Burcott married Jease Marrall, daughter of Henry Marrall, in 1572.

There is a mention of a Felton in Worfield in the *Worfield Court Roll* of 1422: "*Fealty to the lord king - Roger Felton 24 years old...remaining in Worfield for a year or more came to the court and made fealty to the Lord King*". The king he pledged fealty to was the infant King Henry VI, who became king at the age of nine months in 1422, following the death of his father Henry V. This Roger Felton was born in 1398.

*SOURCES: Worfield Court Roll on [sharehistory.org](http://sharehistory.org); 1538/9 Muster Roll for Worfield on [sharehistory.org](http://sharehistory.org); Worfield on the Worfe, a Brief History; will of Richard Felton on [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).*