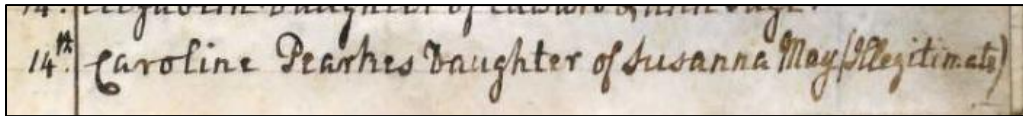


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF SUSANNAH MAY

Caroline May was christened on 14 October 1798 in St. John Bedwardine, the daughter of Susannah May. She is shown in the parish register as "*Caroline Pearkes, daughter of Susanna May (illegitimate)*". From this we can suppose that her father was Mr. Pearkes. St. John Bedwardine is a suburb of the city of Worcester.



*Baptism record for Caroline Pearkes or May in St John Bedwardine: :
"Caroline Pearkes daughter of Susanna May (illegitimate)*

Who was this Mr. Pearkes? There was only one possibility in St. John Bedwardine:

- Edward Pearkes, the son of Edward and Susannah Pearkes, christened 15 November 1772 in St. John Bedwardine.

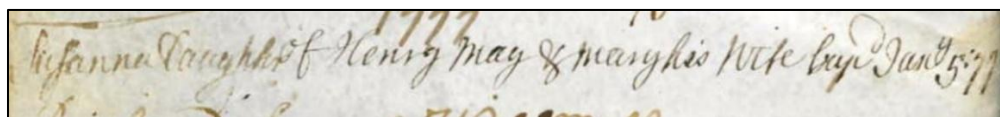
There were other possibilities in nearby parishes:

- Thomas Pearkes, son of Edward and Susannah Pearkes, christened 9 April 1780 in St. Clement, Worcester.
- John Pearkes, son of Matthew and Mary Pearkes, christened 6 December 1779 in St. Michael Bedwardine, Worcester.
- Edward, son of Thomas and Mary Pearkes, christened 4 January 1773 in All Saints, Worcester.

No record has yet been found which identifies Caroline's father. Any of these could be her father.

Susannah was christened 5 January 1777 in Britwell Salome, Oxfordshire, the daughter of Henry and Mary May. Britwell Salome is a village in Oxfordshire, not far from Watlington. Britwell may mean a spring or stream of the Britons, from the Old English Bryt wella. The town was known as Brutwelle in 1086. Salome is a manorial affix from the de Suleham family dating from the 13th century. It was known as Brutewell Solham by 1320, and later on as Bruttewell Sulham.

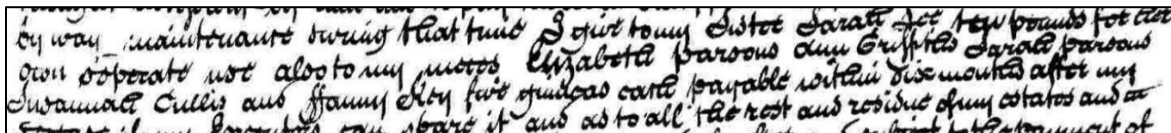
(<http://www.ontaworld.co.uk/england/oxfordshire/britwellsalome/>)



*Baptism record for Susanna May in Britwell Salome:
"Susanna daughter of Henry May & Mary his wife bap'd Jan ye 5th 77"*

Susannah later married William Cullis 25 May 1801 in Whittington, Worcestershire, when Caroline was three years old. The Whittington parish register reads "*William Cullis of this parish, batchelor and Susanna May of the same, spinster, married in this chapel by banns this 25th day of May 1801.*" Whittington is also nearby the city of Worcester. This William Cullis is likely the same man who acted as a witness at Caroline's wedding to William Wishaw.

Susannah was mentioned in the will of her uncle John Knapp, gentleman of St. Martin in the city of Worcester in 1827:



by way maintenance during that time I give to my Sister Sarah Lee ten pounds for her
own separate use also to my nieces Elizabeth Parsons Ann Griffiths Sarah Parsons
Susannah Cullis and Fanny Key five guineas each payable within six months after my
decease if my executors can spare it and as to all the rest and residue of my estate and as

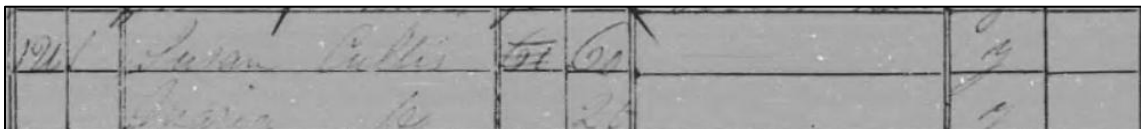
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Susannah and William Cullis then had the following children:

1. **Betty**, buried 25 July 1802 in St. Nicholas, Worcester.
2. **Sarah**, christened 19 April 1803 in St Nicholas, Worcester.
3. **Frances**, christened 10 March 1805, St Nicolas, Worcester.
4. **Eliza**, christened 10 May 1807 in St. Martin, Worcester.
5. **Jane**, christened 18 July 1809 in St. Martin, Worcester.
6. **Maria**, christened 1 July 1811 in St. Martin, Worcester.
7. **Henry**, christened 17 March 1813 in St. Martin, Worcester.
8. **Charlotte**, christened 23 Aug 1815 in St. Martin.

William died 23 September 1835 in St. Andrews parish, Worcester.

Susannah and her daughter Maria were listed in the 1841 census in Worcester.



191	Susan Cullis	60			
	Maria Cullis	25			

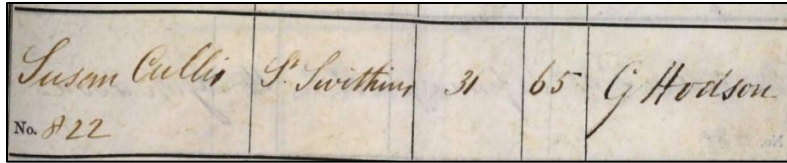
1841 census, Worcester

Address: Countrey Shambles, St Swithin, Worcester, Worcestershire

Susan Cullis, female, age 60, birth year 1781 in Worcestershire

Maria Cullis, female, age 25, birth year 1816 in Worcestershire

Susannah died the next year at the age of 65, and was buried on 31 July 1842 in St Andrews parish in Worcester. Her birth year was listed as 1777.

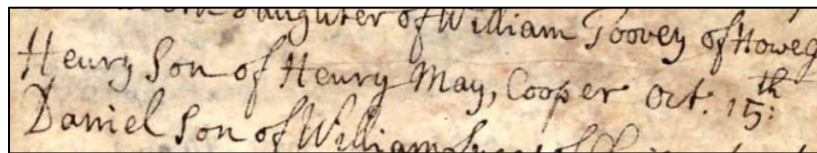


Burial record for Susannah Cullis in St Andrews, Worcester

SOURCE: IGI, Claines parish register, FHL# 352033; Whittington parish register, FHL# 435353; Bedwardine parish register, FHL# 350860; St Andrew parish register, St Nicolas parish register; National Burial Index; 1841, St Swithin parish, Worcester; www.findmypast.com; will of John Knapp of St. Martin, Worcestershire, 1827, Prerogative Court of Canterbury. .

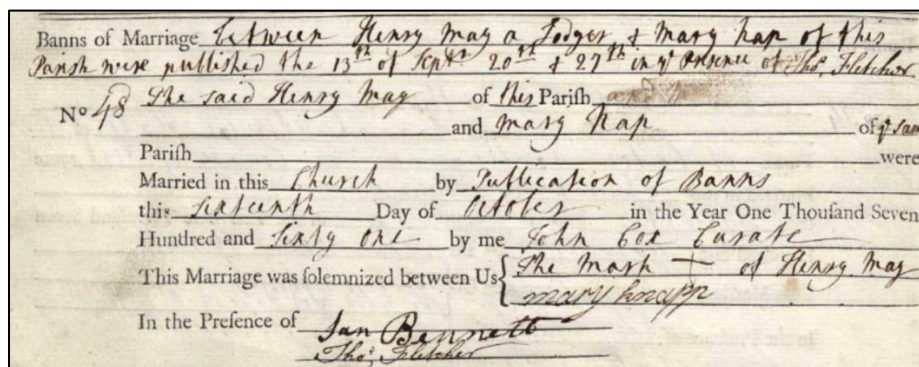
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HENRY MAY AND MARY KNAPP

Henry May was christened 15 October 1725 in Watlington, Oxfordshire, the son of Henry May and Elizabeth Rose. Watlington is a parish about one mile from Britwell Salome.



*Baptism record for Henry May in Watlington:
"Henry son of Henry May, Cooper Oct. 15th:"*

Henry married Mary Knapp 16 October 1761 in Oxford, St. Martin, Oxfordshire, a town about 17 miles from Watlington. Mary was the daughter of John Knapp and Anne Smith of Eynsham, Oxfordshire, and was christened 9 September 1739 in Eynsham.



*Marriage record for Henry May and Mary Knapp in Oxford, St. Martin:
"Banns of marriage between Henry May a lodger & Mary Nap of this parish were published the 13th of Sept, 20th & 27th"*

j. MARY, bap. 9 Sep. 1739, at Eynsham ; m. Henry May, of Oxford, who was living 1825, & had issue, Henry, of Worcester, Fanny, m.—Key, & Susannah, m.—Cullis.

Details from A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp

Mary's family was mentioned in the will of her uncle John Knapp, gentleman, of St. Martin in the city of Worcester, written in 1819 and proven in 1827. He left five guineas to his nieces Susannah Cullis and Fanny Key, and fifty pounds to his nephew Henry May.

Henry died and was buried 24 December 1797 in St. Andrews parish, Worcester city.

Mary died and was buried 13 March 1814 in St. Andrews parish, Worcester city, at the age of 75.

Henry and Mary had the following children:

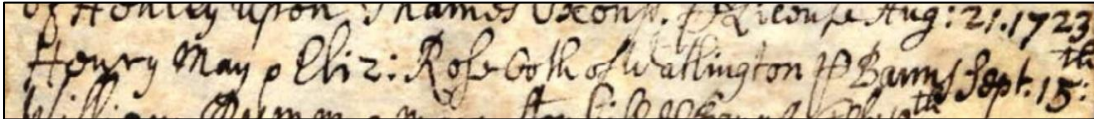
1. **Mary**, christened 3 October 1762 in Britwell Salome.
2. **Jane**, christened 22 January 1764 in Britwell Salome.
3. **Ann**, christened 2 February 1766 in Britwell Salome.
4. **Sarah**, christened 10 May 1768 in Britwell Salome.
5. **John**, christened 20 January 1770 in Britwell Salome; buried 7 June 1771 in Britwell Salome.
6. **Mary**, christened 2 August 1772 in Britwell Salome; may have died young.
7. **Mary**, christened 20 November 1774 in Britwell Salome.
- *8. **Susannah**, christened 5 January 1777 in Britwell Salome; mother of Caroline May; married William Cullis 25 May 1801 in Whittington, Worcestershire.
9. **Frances**, christened 21 Feb 1779 in Britwell Salome; married Henry Key 23 June 1801 in Whittington, Worcestershire. William Cullis and Susanna May acted as witnesses for this marriage.
10. **Henry**, privately baptized 31 December 1780, christened in the church 21 January 1781 in Britwell Salome; married Harriet Reynolds 13 October 1816 in Worcester city; buried 26 October 1836 in St Martins parish, Worcester city, age 56.

SOURCE: IGI; Britwell Salome parish register, FHL# 95219; Whittington parish register, FHL# 435353; Britwell Salome parish register extracts on CD; A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp by Oswald Greenway Knapp; will of John Knapp of St. Martin, Worcestershire, 1827,

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HENRY MAY AND ELIZABETH ROSE

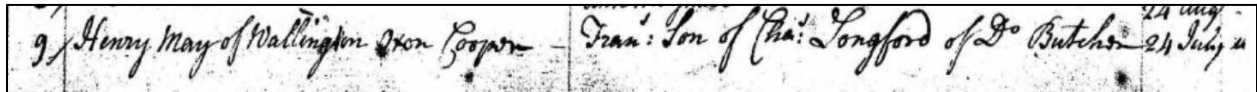
Henry May was christened 20 May 1700 in Watlington, Oxfordshire, the son of John May and Mary White. He married Elizabeth Rose 15 September 1723 in Watlington. Both were shown as being "of this parish".



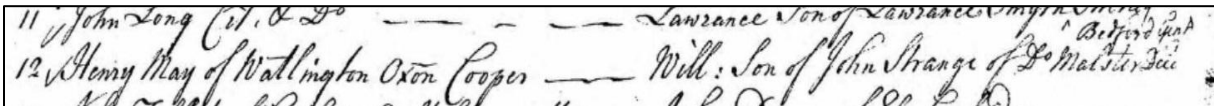
Marriage record for Henry May and Elizabeth Rose in Watlington:
"Henry May & Eliz: Rose both of Watlington by banns Sept. 15:"

Elizabeth was christened 7 April 1700 in Watlington, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Rose.

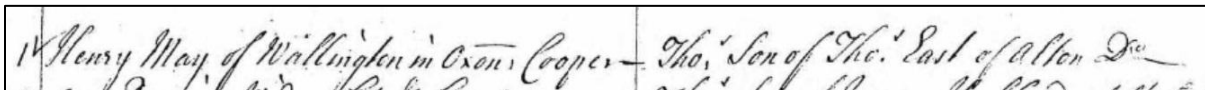
Henry's occupation was shown in the parish registers as a cooper, or a barrelmaker. He appears in apprenticeship records in Watlington.



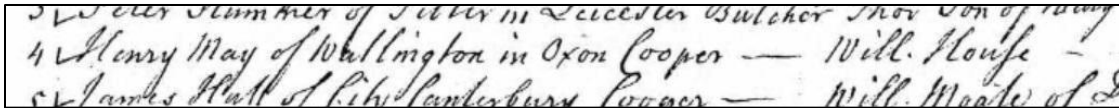
Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Duties, 3 September 1730:
9 - Henry May of Watlington, Oxon, Cooper - Francis: son of Chas Longford of ditto, butcher 24 July"



Register of Duties for Apprentices' Duties, 24 December 1735:
"12 - Henry May of Watlington, Oxon, Cooper -
Will: son of John Strange of ditto, maltster, Bedford, gent, Dec"

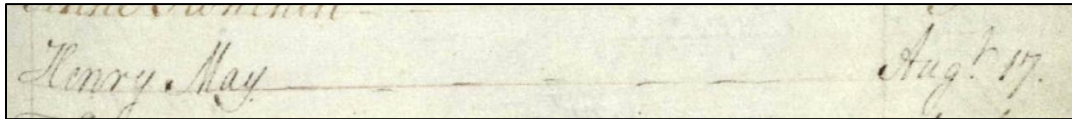


Register of Duties for Apprentices' Duties, 24 August 1742:
"1 - Henry May of Watlington in Oxon, Cooper - Tho. son of Thos. East of Alton



*Register of Duties for Apprentices' Duties, 30 September 1747:
"4 - Henry May of Watlington in Oxon, Cooper - Will. House"*

Henry was buried 17 August 1768 in Watlington.



*Burial record for Henry May in Watlington:
"Henry May - Augt. 17"*

Elizabeth was buried a few months later, 10 October 1768 in Watlington.



*Burial record for Elizabeth May in Watlington
"Elizabeth May - Oct 10"*

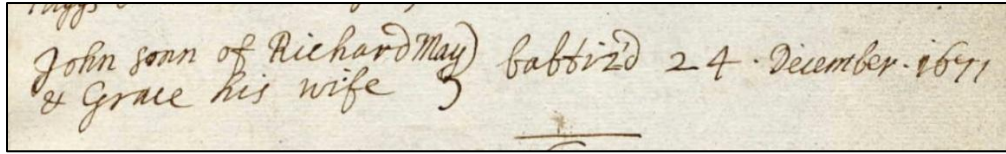
Henry and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Henry**, christened 15 October 1725 in Watlington; buried 20 October 1725 in Watlington.
2. **Elizabeth**, christened 23 February 1726 in Watlington.
3. **Rose**, christened 10 June 1730 in Watlington; buried 30 January 1731 in Watlington.
- *4. **Henry**, christened 26 February 1740 in Watlington; married Mary.
5. **Martha**, christened 26 January 1742 in Watlington; buried 17 March 1742 in Watlington.

SOURCE: Watlington parish register; Register of Duties for Apprentices' Duties; www.ancestry.co.uk.

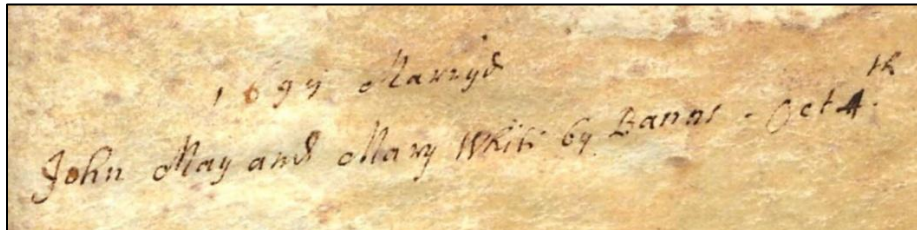
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN MAY AND MARY WHITE

John May was christened 24 December 1671 in Lewknor, Oxfordshire (a parish about 2 1/2 miles from Watlington), the son of Richard and Grace May.



*Baptism record for John May in Lewknor:
"John sonn of Richard May & Grace his wife, baltiz'd 24 December 1671"*

John married Mary White 4 October 1697 in Watlington. John's occupation was shown in the parish registers as a laborer.

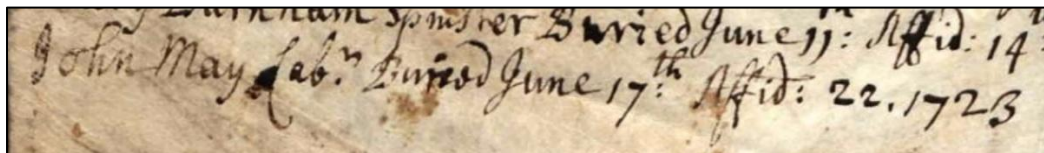


*Marriage record for John May and Mary White in Watlington:
"1697 Marry'd - John May and Mary White by banns - Oct 4th"*

In 1716, the will of his mother-in-law, Mary White, gave John's occupation as a "maultmaker". She left John an acre of arable land in Watlington. She left her cottage and household goods to Mary her daughter.

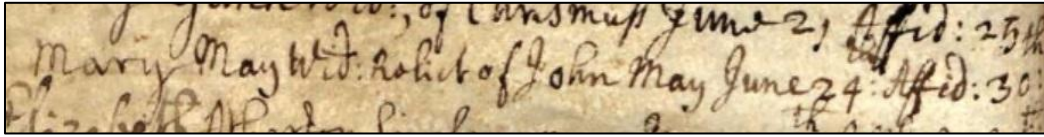
Mary was christened 30 June 1673 in Watlington, the daughter of Thomas White and Amie Woodhouse.

John died and was buried 17 June 1723 in Watlington.



*Burial record for John May in Watlington:
"John May, labr. buried June 17th affid: 22. 1723"*

Mary died as a widow, and was buried 24 June 1726.



*Burial record for Mary May in Watlington:
"Mary May wid: relict of John May, June 24: Affid: 30:"*

John and Mary had the following children:

*1. **Henry**, christened 20 May 1700 in Watlington; married Elizabeth Rose 15 September 1723 in Watlington.



Baptism record for Henry May in Watlington: "Hendry the son of John May, labr & Mary his wife May 20"

2. **John**, christened 21 February 1701 in Watlington.

3. **Richard**, christened 6 March 1703 in Watlington.

4. **Mary**, christened 26 January 1705 in Watlington.

5. **William**, christened 12 April 1710 in Watlington; buried 11 May 1711 in Watlington.

6. **William**, christened 3 May 1713 in Watlington.

SOURCE: Watlington parish register.

Earlier Mays in Watlington records:

On 15 November 1705, a Henry May acted as surety for a bastardy bond in Watlington: "*Bond of Henry May or his assigns to "acquitt discharge and save harmless: all and every the parishioners and inhabitants of the parish of Watlington from all and every costs charges troubles and expenses whatsoever for or by reason of the birth and bringing up of the unborn child of Ann Browne, wife or pretended wife of Thomas Browne of the parish of St. Mary Le Bow in the county of Middlesex, which Ann Browne is now abiding in the parish of Watlington."* This Henry was too old to be the Henry born in 1700.

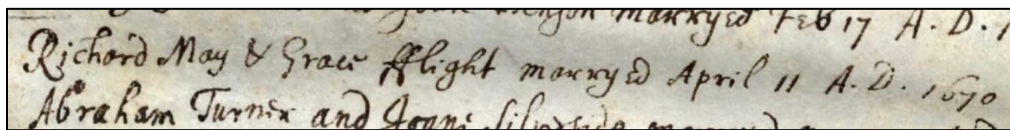
On 2 July 1726, there in an apprenticeship indenture: "*Indenture for apprenticing William May, a poor child, with Richard White of Henly upon Thomas in the County of Oxon, taylor, until his full age of one and twenty years."* John May's son William would have been thirteen years old at this time, and may be

the child in the indenture. His father died when William was ten years old, and his mother died when he was thirteen, just a few weeks before the indenture.

SOURCE: The People of Watlington, citing bastardy bonds and apprenticeship indentures.

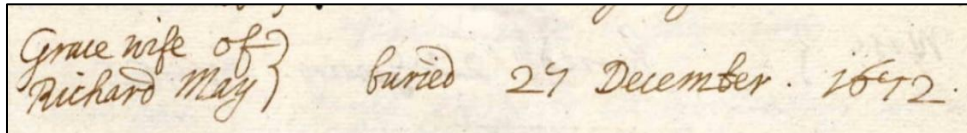
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD MAY AND GRACE FLIGHT

Richard May was born in about 1640, the son of Richard and Anne May of Stoke Talmage, Oxfordshire. Stoke Talmage was a parish about three miles northwest of Lewknor. He married Grace Flight 11 April 1670 in Oxford St. Clement, about 16 miles from Lewknor.



*Marriage record for Richard May and Grace Flight in Oxford St. Clement:
"Richard May & Grace Flight married April 11 A.D. 1670"*

Grace and Richard had a baby, John in 1671. Grace died a year later and was buried in Lewknor 27 December 1672.



*Burial record for Grace May in Lewknor:
"Grace wife of Richard May buried 27 December 1672"*

Richard then married Anne by 1680.

Richard and Grace had the following child:

*1. **John**, christened 24 December 1671 in Lewknor; married Mary White 4 October 1697 in Watlington; buried 17 June 1723 in Watlington.

Richard and Anne had the following children:

2. **William**, christened 28 June 1680 in Lewknor; buried 19 April 1682 in Lewknor.

3. **Joseph**, christened 24 November 1682 in Lewknor; may have died young.

4. **Joseph**, christened 19 May 1684 in Lewknor.

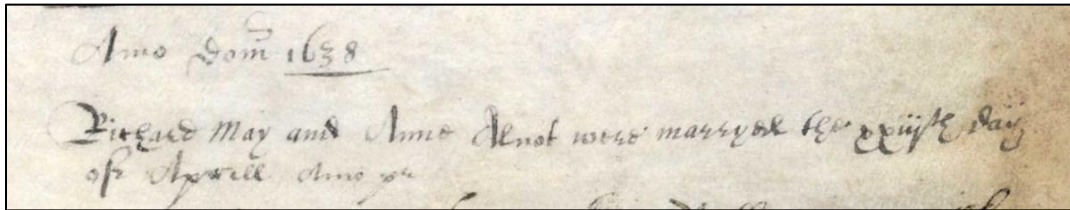
5. **Anne**, christened 22 February 1687 in Lewknor; buried 17 July 1693 in Lewknor.

6. **Elizabeth**, christened 27 November 1690 in Lewknor; buried 1 December 1690 in Lewknor.

SOURCE: Lewknor parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD MAY AND ANNE ALNET

Richard May was born in about 1618 of Stoke Talmage, Oxfordshire, the son of Richard and Anne May of Ipsden, Oxfordshire. He married Anne Alnet 23 May 1638 in Ipsden, a parish about twelve miles south of Stoke Talmage.



*Marriage record for Richard May and Anne Alnet in Ipsden, Oxfordshire:
"Richard May and Anne Alnot were marryed the xxijth day of Aprill Anno pr"*



Stoke Talmage

Richard died in about 1683, leaving a will:

In the name of God Amen. I Richard May ye elder of Stoke-Talmage
In ye county of Oxon husbandman doe make this my last will & testament
in manner & form as followeth. first & principally I bequeath my
soul into ye hands of God Almighty my creator, hoping by ye merits of my
blessed Redeemer Christ Jesus to be recievde into everlasting rest. My
body I commit to ye ground to be decently interred according to ye discretion
of my executrix hereafter named. And for ye small worldly estate whereas
it hath pleased God to blesse me I dispose of it in ye following manner.
I bequeath to my son Robert twenty shillings.
I bequeath to my son Richard twenty shillings.
I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth twenty shillings.
I bequeath to my son Mathew ye sum of ten pounds.
I bequeath to my son Grand-son, John ye son of Richard May ye sum
of ten pounds. I bequeath to my daughter Anne ye sum
of forty pounds. And further it is my will & all these
legacies above-mentioned be payed within a twelve moneth after my
decease. And lastly I do hereby ordain & constitute my wife
-Richard wife Anne May, ye full & sole executrix of this my last
will & testament, giving & bequeathing to her all my goods & chatties
residue; & appointing her to pay ye legacies above-said at ye time
before-mentioned; after my debts & funeral expences are discharged.
An testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the
first & twentieth day of August in ye year of our Lord God 1683

Sealed & delivered
in ye presence of
Nath: Dorn
Richard May
Robert May : Richard 21st May

Will of Richard May of Stoke Talmage 1683

In the name of God Amen I **Richard May ye elder of Stoke Talmage** in ye county of Oxon husbandman doe make this my last will & testament in manner & form as followeth. First & principally I bequeath my sould into ye hands of God Almighty my creator, hoping by ye merits of my blessed Redeemer Christ Jesus to be recievde into everlasting rest. My body I commit to ye ground to be decently interred according to ye discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And for ye small worldly estate whereas it hath pleased God to blesse me I dispose of it in ye following manner:

I bequeath to **my son Robert** twenty shillings.

I bequeath to **my son Richard** twenty shillings.

I bequeath to **my daughter Elizabeth** twenty shillings.

I bequeath to **my son Mathew** ye sum of ten pounds.

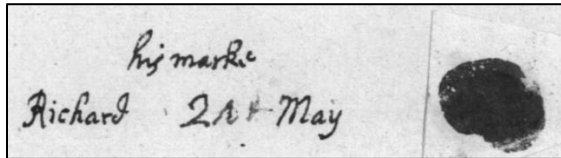
I bequeath to **my grand-son, John ye son of Richard May** ye sum of ten pounds.

I bequeath to **my daughter Anne** ye sum of forty pounds.

And further it is my will yt all these legacies above mentioned be payed within a twelve moneth after my decease.

And lastly I do hereby ordain & constitute **my welbeloved wife Anne May** ye full & sole executrix of this my last will & testament, giving & bequeathing to her all my goods & chattles whatsoever; & appoinoting her to pay ye legacies above said at ye time before mentioned, after my debts 7 funeral expenses are discharged.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the five & twentieth day of August in ye year of our Ld God 1683.



The marke of Richard May

Sealed & delivered in ye presence of
 Nath: Penn
 Robert May
 Mary Higgins

A true & exact Inventory of all the goods & chattles of Richard May late of y^e Parish of Stoke Newington, deceased, taken y^e fifth day of September Anno Dni 1683. by y^e whose names are hereunto subscribed.

His wearing apparell	5	0	0
Twenty six cows & a Bull	86	0	0
four calves	4	0	0
two hundred & two sheep	107	16	0
the stock of hay	40	0	0
five horses & two colts	20	0	0
Ploughs, carts, Harrows, & all implements of husbandry	3	10	0
seven hogs & nine pigs	10	0	0
forty & five acres of corn	90	0	0
All y ^e household goods	30	0	0
	402	16	0

Inventory of Richard May

A true & pfect inventory of all the goods & chattles of Richard May late of ye parish of Stoke Talmage, deceased, take ye fifth day of September Anno Dm 1638 by those whose names are hereunto subscribed.

His wearing apparel – 5-0-0

Twenty six cows & a bull - 86-0-0

Four calves – 4-0-0

Two hundred & two sheep - 107-16-0

The stock of hay - 40-0-0

ffive horses & two colts - 20-0-0

Ploughs, carts, haresse, & all implements of husbandry - 10-0-0

Seven hogs & nine pigs - 10-0-0

Fort & five acres of corn 90-0-0

All ye household goods - 30-0-0

402-16-0

Taken & valued ye day & place above written by us

Thomas Hasting

John Taylor

Josh Stone

Richard and Anne had the following children:

1. **Robert**, married Susanna; died 1696 of Stoke Talmage. Robert was mentioned in a history of Stoke Talmage: "*A few large farmers, moreover, such as Robert May, who died in 1695 and was described as a grazier, also kept sheep. May had a flock of 122 sheep, 11 milking cows and 7 horses, valued at £208 as against crops worth £121.*" (*British History Online - Stoke Talmage*)

*2. **Richard**, born in about 1650; married 1) Grace Flight 11 April 1670 in Oxford St. Clement; married 2) Anne.

3. **Elizabeth**

4. **Mathew**

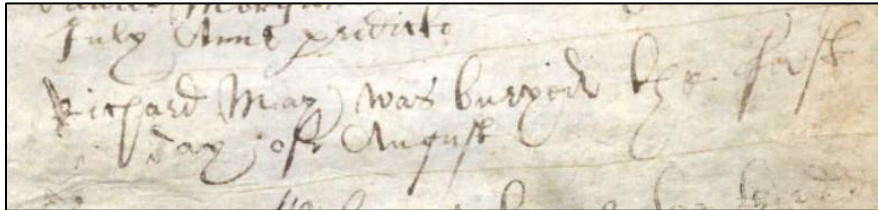
5. **Anne**, married George Eustace 2 September 1682 in Oxford, St. Clement, Oxfordshire. Anne was shown as being of Stoke Talmadge and George was of Stoke Grange.

SOURCES: Will of Richard May of Stoke Talmage, 1683; Ipsden parish records; www.ancestry.com; Oxfordshire Marriage Index; St. Clement parish register; www.ancestry.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD AND ANNE MAY

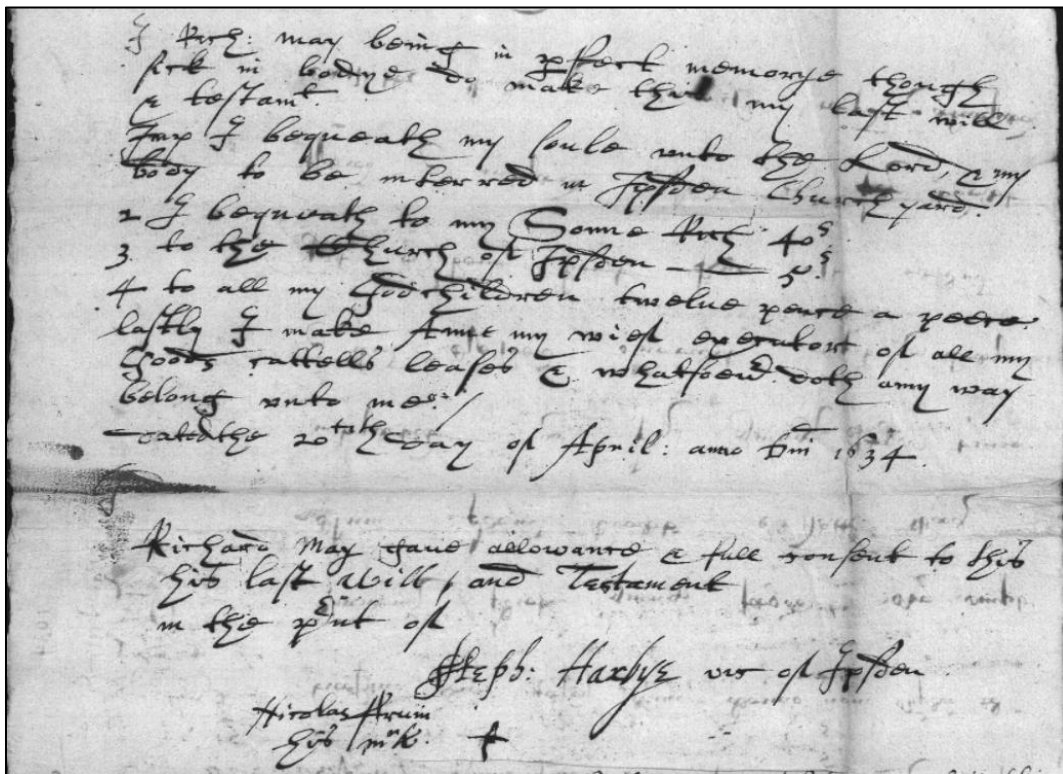
Richard May was born in about 1590 of Ipsden. He married Anne.

Richard died and was buried 1 August 1634 in Ipsden.



*Burial record for Richard May in Ipsden:
"Richard May was buried the first day of August"*

Richard left a will:

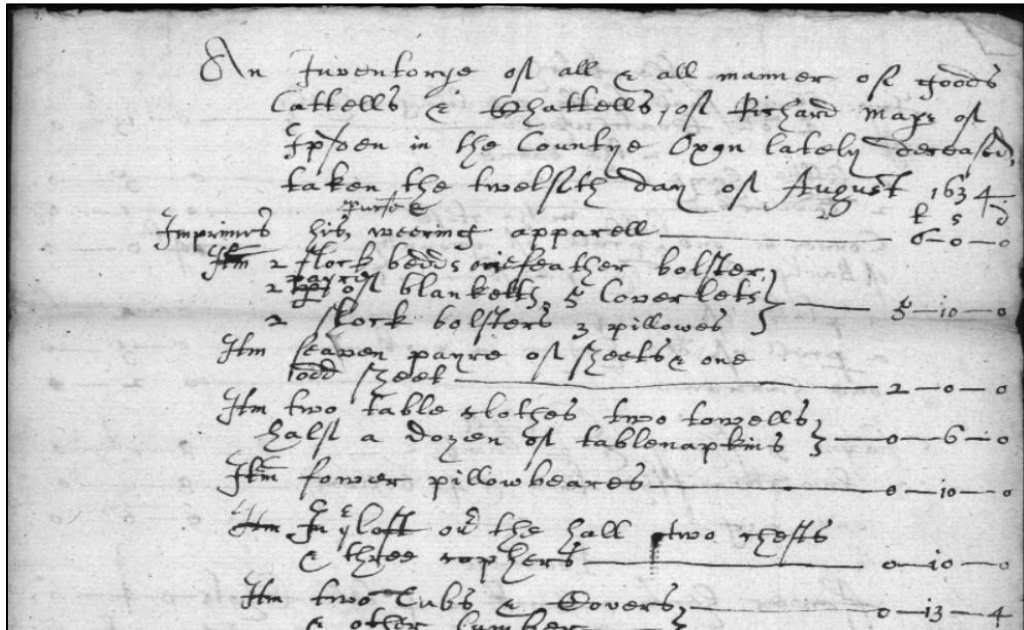


Will of Richard May of Ipsden, 1634

20 die Aprill 1634: in noie Dni Amen **I Rich: May** being in pfect memory though sick in bodye do make this my last will & testament. Imp I bequeath my soule unto the Lord & my bodye to be interred in Ipsden churchyard. I bequeath to **my sonne Rich** 40s. & to the church of Ipsden 5s. To all my godchildren twelve pence a peece lastly I make **Anne my wife** executor of all my goods cattells leases & whatsoever doth any

way belong unto me. Dated the 20tith day of Aprill anno dmi 1634. Richard May gave allowance & full consent to this his last will and testament in the presence of Steph: Haxbye vic of Ipsden Nicholas ffruin his marke.

An inventory was created for Richard:



Inventory for Richard May of Ipsden, 1634

An inventorie of all & all manner of goods cattells & chattels of Richard Maye of Ipsden in the Countye Oxon lately deceased taken the twelfth day of August 1634

- Imprimus his weering apparell – 6-0-0
- Item 2 flock beds one feather bolster 2 payre of blankets, 5 coverlets 2 stock bolsters 3 pillowes – 5-10-0
- Item seaven payre of sheets & one odd sheet – 2-0-0
- Item two table clothes two towels half a dozen of tablenapkins – 0-6-0
- Item fower pillowbeares – 0-10-0
- Item In ye loft over the hall two chests & three napkens – 0-10-0
- Item two tubs & covers & other lumber – 0-13-4
- Item a flitch & an half of bacon – 0-10-0
- Item a pcell of linen yarne – 0-3-4
- Item In the loft over the chamber
- A pcell of wooll – 6-16-0
- 5 sithes and other old iron – 0-8-8
- An old chest & other lumber – 0-2-6
- In the chamber two chests 2 barrells, a salting troughte – 0-13-4
- On flasket, one warming pan, 2 bedsteads – 1-3-4
- In the haul
- On cupboard one table one forme – 1-6-8
- Fower chayrs a payre of bellowes two buckets – 0-6-8

2 kettles 1 pan a little pott 2 skilletts and a chakindish and frying pan a brass candlestick – 1-13-4

Seavon pewter pottingers & small pewter – 0-9-9

One spit one payre of andirons and other my implements at the fyre -0-304

In the kitchin

Imp three small tubs one lining wheel 2 old coatchwhels – 0-13-0

In the barne

A little haye – 0-5-0

2 ladders – 0-1-6

Corne in one little pcell of ground of barly oates & pease – 4-0-0

A plot of hemp – 0-206

A pcell of old hay in a cock – 0-5-0

One harrowe – 0-2-0

Cattell

Imp: 31 sheep & 2 lambs – 8-0-0

Two old milche kine & 4 bullocks – 8-0-0

Poultrye

Ffower hens a cock & 4 litte chicks – 0-4-6

Sum: total: 52l 8d

Valewed & prised August 12 1634 by

Ffra: Brown

Richard ffrewen

John Buckeridg

Witnesses

Steph: Haxbye vicar of Ipsden

Nicholas fruin his mark

Richard and Anne had the following children:

*1. **Richard**, born in about 1618; married Elizabeth Alnet 23 May 1638 in Ipsden; buried 1683 in Stoke Talmage.

SOURCES: Ipsden parish register; will of Richard May of Ipsden, 1634; www.ancestry.com; www.findmypast.com.