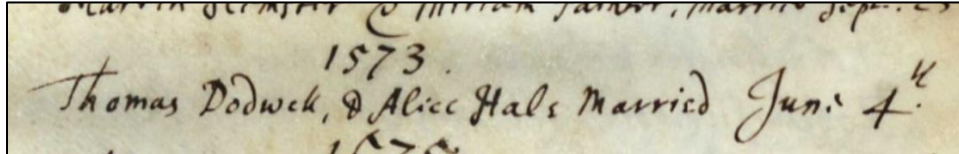


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS DODWELL AND ALICE HALE

Thomas Dodwell was born in about 1550 of Souldern, Oxfordshire. He had a sister, Annis, who married William Judge of Hethe, Oxfordshire.

Thomas married Alice Hale 4 June 1573 in Bletchingdon, Oxfordshire, a parish about ten miles south of Souldern.



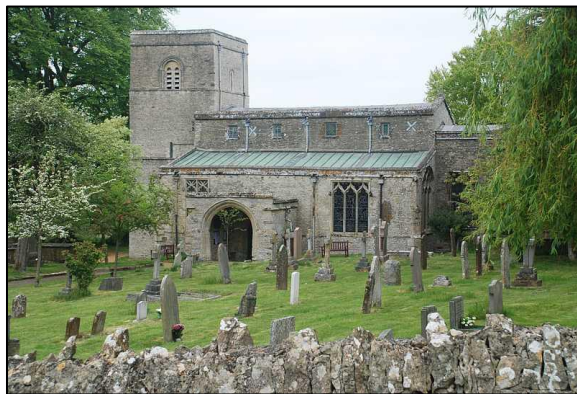
*Marriage record for Thomas Dodwell and Alice Hale in Bletchingdon:  
"Thomas Dodwell & Alice Hale married June 4th"*

A history of the area mentions the Dodwell family: *"The family of Dodwell, yeomen, 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."* (*History of Bicester, Oxon, Volume 7*)

Thomas is mentioned in the *History of Bicester*:

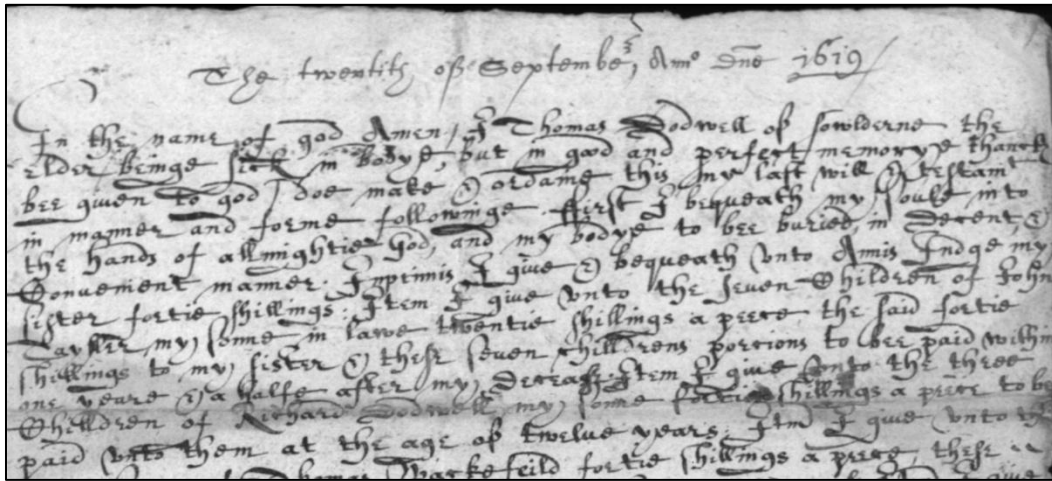
*"5 May 1592. Thomas Norburie, clerk, was reallie inducted and admitted into the Church of Soulderne in the presence of these persons hereunder written:*

*Cuthbert Scott, James Balye, Richard (illegible), John Medcroft, Gabriel Chambers, John Penn, **Thomas Dodwell**, Willyam Baynard, Willyam Hogges"*



*Souldern*

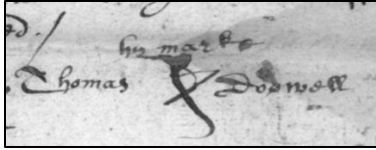
Thomas died in about 1625, leaving a will written 20 September 1619, and proven in 1625:



The will of Thomas Dodwell senior of Sowlderne, 1625

The twentieth of September anno dno 1619

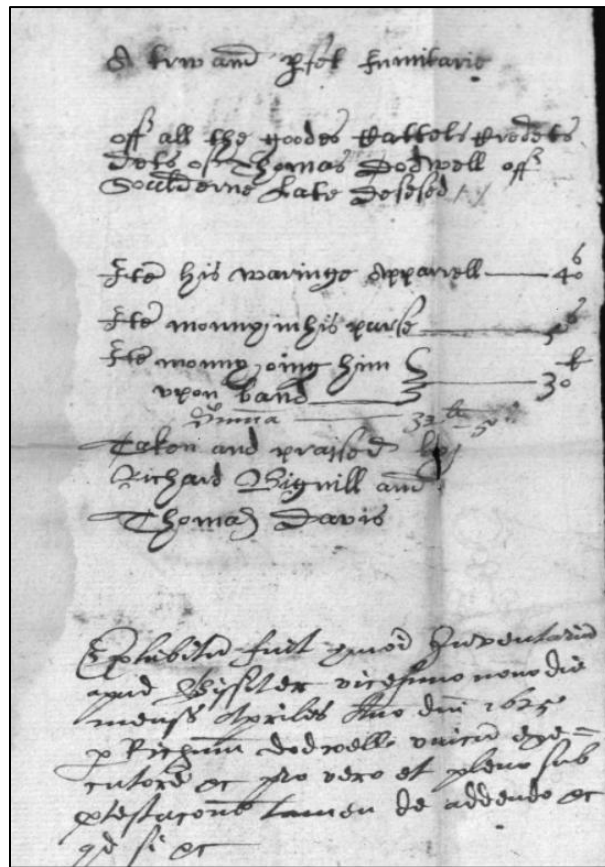
In the name of God Amen I **Thomas Dodwell of Soulderne** the elder beinge sicke in bodie, but in good & pfect memorye thanke be given to God doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in manner & forme followinge, ffirst I bequeath my soule unto the handes of Allmightie God and my bodie to be buried in decent & convenient manner. Imprimis I give & bequeath unto **Annis Judge my sister** forty shillings. Item I give unto **the seaven children of John Tayler my sonne in lawe** twenty shillings apiece. The saide forty shillings to my sister and these seaven childrens porcions to be payde within one yeare & a halfe after my decease. Item I give unto **the three children of Richard Dodwell my sonne** forty shillings a peece to be payde unto them att the age of twelve yeares. Item I give unto the two sonnes of Thomas Wackefeild forty shillings a peece, these legacies to be payde within two yeares after my decease. Item I give unto Awdrye Wackefeild the daughter of the aforesaide Thomas Wackefeild my god daughter ten poundes to be payde by my executor unto her att the age of twenty yeares if she shall live soe longe but if she live not to the age of twenty yeares to receave her porcon, then forty shillings of the saide porcon, shalbe payde to her brothers or brother then living, and the residue of the saide ten poundes to fall to my executor. Item I give unto the children of **Martha my daughter the now wife of one Edward Griffin** xiijs iiijd a peece to be payde unto them within five yeares after my decease. Item I give unto Thomas Newman my godsonne vs in money or two strikes of mill corne att the choyce of my executor. Item I give unto Thomas Dodwell and Richard Dodwell two other of my godchildren iijs iiijd apiece to be payde unto them within one yeare after my decease. Item I give unto William Bignell & his household one strike of millcorne this corne to be payde within an yeare after my decease. Item I give unto Richard Butcher, Simon Bates, William Parker, Hugh Hale, & Elizabeth Crafte vs that is xijd a peece. The remayder of my goodes & cattell no given nor bequeathed I give unto **Richard Dodwell my sonne** whom I make the sole executor of this my last will & testament. Item I make Richard Gough & William Baynard overseers that is my will may be pformed.



Thomas Dodwell his marke.

Memorand this if any of my childrens children shall decease before the tyme of the receipt of their porcons that then the children of my saide child then surviving shall have the same porcon equally to be distributed amongst them (excepting the porcon of Audry Wackefeild which is to remayne as before the expressed in my will. Witnesses hereunto Thomas Norbery William Baynard Richard Gough fferdinando Gough.

An inventory was created for Thomas:



Inventory of Thomas Dodwell

A tru and pftet inventarie of all the goodes cattels credits detts of Thomas Dodwell off Soulderne late desesed

Item his waringe apparel - 4d

Item monny in his purse 5d

Item monny oing his upon land 30l

*Suma – 32li 5d*

*Taken and praised by Richard Bigwill and Thomas Davis*

Thomas left very few possessions and a little money, but had likely passed his estate on to his son by this time, and was living with their family. Richard, his son, was a yeoman farmer and left a comfortable estate at his death.

Thomas and his wife had the following children:

1. **Richard**, occupation - yeoman; died in about 1641, leaving a will mentioning sons Richard and John, daughters Jane, Joane, and Mary, with a request "*to bee buryed in Soulderne Churchyard as neere the place where my mother and sisters are buried*".

\*2. **Martha**, born in about 1570 of Soulderne; married Edward Griffin 12 June 1599 in Bishops Itchington, Warwickshire.

3. (Daughter); married John Tayler; had seven children; died before 1619.

*SOURCES: Will of Thomas Dodwell of Souldern, 1625, on [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com); Bishops Itchington parish register, on [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com); will of Richard Dodwell of Souldern, 1641, on [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com); Bletchington Bishops Transcript; [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com); will of William Judge of Hethe, 1611.*

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### **Earlier Dodwells in Soulderne**

Thomas Dodwell was born in about 1550 of Souldern. The Souldern parish register doesn't start until 1667. Thomas was mentioned in the will of his step-father, William Collet of Souldern in 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 Wyllyam Dodwell Agnes Dodwell everye one of theym to have a parte of this thirde parte*".

William's will does not mention any children he and his first wife had during their marriage. Thomas was left a bequest along with his brothers James and Wyllyam, and his sister Agnes (or Annes). No other Thomas Dodwells are mentioned in any Souldern wills in the right time period.

So, who were Thomas' parents? William Collet did not give the name of his first wife. Probate records show these family groups in Souldern in the early 1500s:

- **John Dodwell** left a will dated 1548 naming wife Alice, son Thomas and Thomas' children, not named. John Dodwell did have a son named Thomas, but this Thomas was already a father in 1548, so is too old to be our Thomas.
- **William Dodwell** left a will dated 1550 naming son James, James' children, not named, and daughter Julyan. The will of Thomas Penn of Souldern in 1546 mentions his wife Elizabeth, father-in-law William Dodwell, and James Dodwell. William is most likely the William Dodwell who died just four years later in 1550.

- **Thomas Dodwell** left a very short will in 1552, naming wife Alice and their children, not named. Thomas Dodwell of 1552 did not leave the names of his children, but died about the right time to be our Thomas' father, dying with young children in 1552.
- **Thomas Dodwell** left a will dated 1568, naming wife Joane, and children John, William, Bridgett, Katherine, and Annys, called Annys Ewen in the will. He did not have a son named Thomas, so cannot be our Thomas' father.

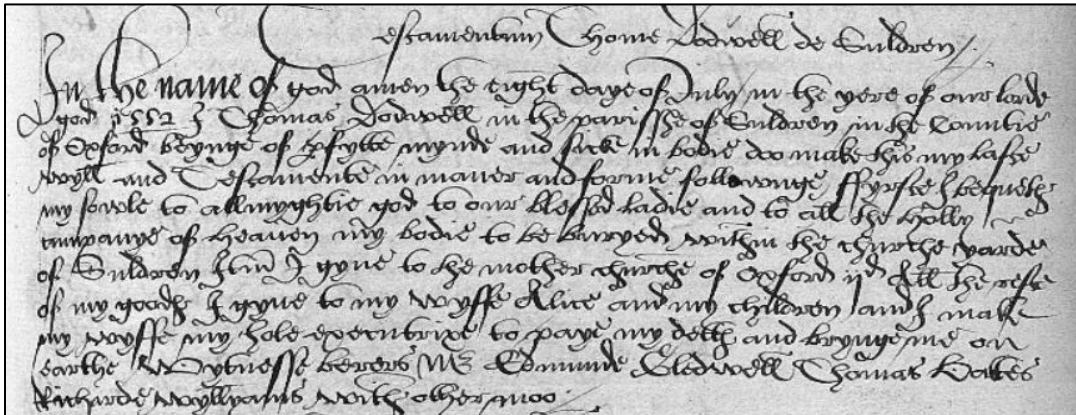
By the process of elimination, Thomas of 1552 is the most likely father, and then Alice would be our Thomas' mother, who married William Collet after the death of her first husband, with four small Dodwell children. John Dodwell of 1548 is probably the grandfather of our Thomas.

These family groups are speculative:

### 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, leaving a will.

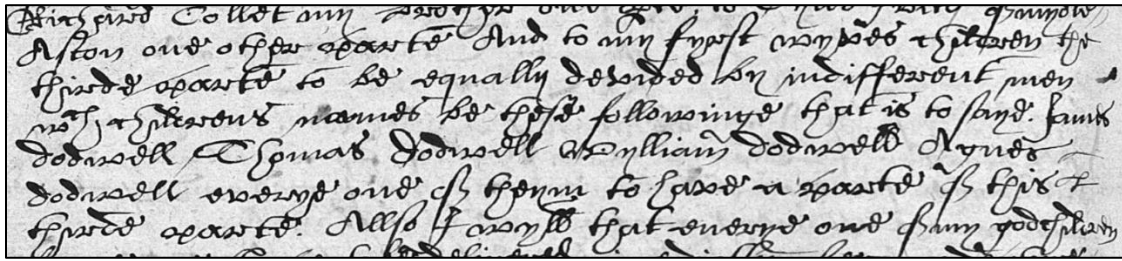


*Will of Thomas Dodwell of Souldern, 1552*

*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 followunge ffryste 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 excecutorixe to paye my detts and bryng me on earthe. Wynesse berers Mr Edmunde Gledwell Thomas Battes Richarde Wyllyams with others more.*

Alice was left a widow with four small children. She married William Collet of Souldern, and died some time before 1570. William left a will in 1570, leaving a third of his estate to 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 them to have a parte of this thirde parte"*

Thomas and Alice had the following children:

**1. James**

\*2. **Thomas**, born in about 1550 of Souldern; married Alice Hale 4 June 1572 in Bletchingdon; died in about 1625 of Souldern.

**3. William**

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 John Dodwell of Souldern, 1548; www.findmypast.com.*

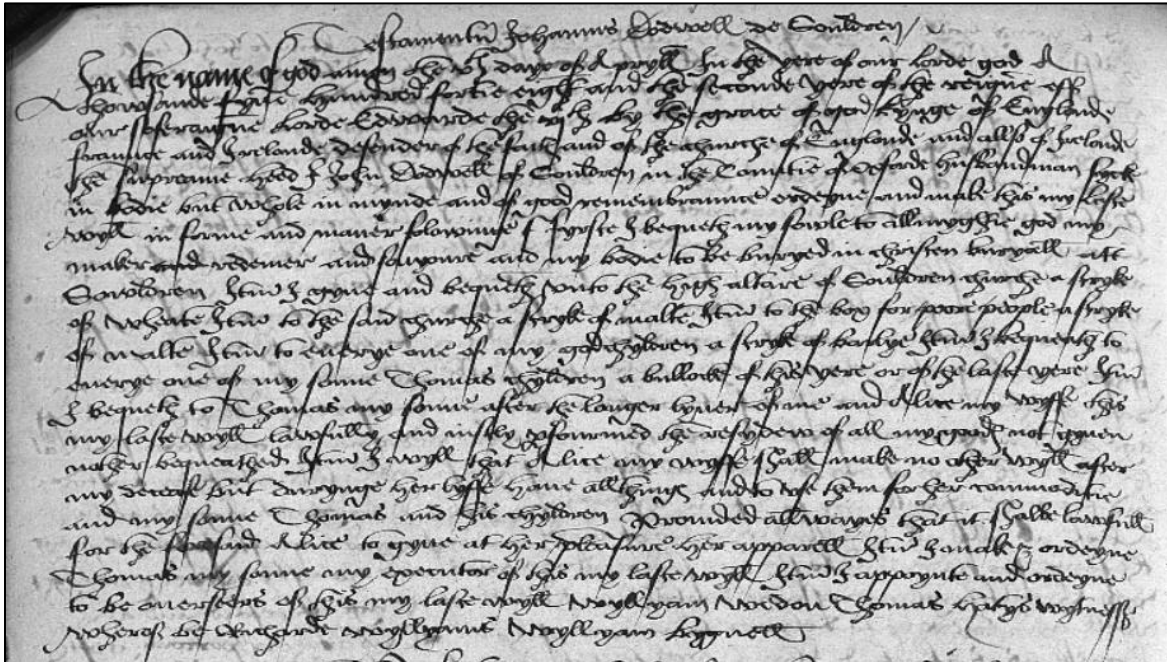


*Souldern village*

## 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 vjth 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 supreamme 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 Sowldren. Item I gyve and bequeth unto the high altare of Sowldren 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 chyl dren** 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 prormmed the resydw 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 chyl dren 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](http://www.findmypast.com).*