

Proved by Joane Smythes the widow at London on 2 September 1626.
(109, Hele.)

The will of Joane Smythes of Wrington, widow of the above, is dated 2 May 1638. In it, after expressing a wish to be buried in the church of Wrington "before my seat," she makes bequests "unto my daughter Elizabeth Godwin, my daughter Mary Cope, my daughter Jane Barnard, my daughter Sarah Diar, my daughter Joane Chichester, my daughter Judith Tavernor; my grandchildren Edward Godwin, Sarah Harvey, Elizabeth Godwin, Anna Godwin, Joane Godwin, and Thomas Godwin; two daughters Katherine and Joane; my daughter Mary Byssse; . . . my sonn-in-lawe Edward Barnard and my grandson William Strode to be overseers. Witnessed by Edw. Barnard and George Foorde, and proved 2 July 1639 in P.C.C. by Mary Bisse, daughter and executrix named.

N.B.—John Smythes refers to John Cope as his son-in-law and Mary Cope as his daughter-in-law; Joane Smythes refers to Mary Cope as her daughter. From this it seems likely that Mary Cope was a daughter of Joane Smythes by a previous marriage. A daughter, Sarah Diar, is also mentioned by Joane Smythes, but not by her husband under that name; she is, however, probably identical with Sarah Harvie, who may have become a widow and remarried in the interval between the wills. A daughter Katherine left £10 by Joane Smythes is not mentioned by John Smythes, and her name has not been included in the pedigree. The Parish Registers of Wrington, however, record that "Katherine d. of John Smythes" was baptized there 16 June 1602. A granddaughter Johane Strode is mentioned by John Smythes and a grandson William Strode by Joane Smythes. These may have been children of Katherine Smythes above mentioned, but her marriage is not recorded at Wrington.

(8) Thomas Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record that "Thomas s. of George Smithes" was baptized 26 May 1555, and that on 13 February 1570 "Thomas Smithies" was buried.

(9) Timothy Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "Tymothy s. of George Smythe(s)" on 14 December 1565, and the burial of "Timothy Smythes" 1 October 1566.

(10) George Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "George s. of George Smithes" on 11 November 1569, and the burial of "George Smythe(s)" on 23 August 1570.

(11) William Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "William s. of George Smithes" on 7 October 1576. Between this date and 1626 there is no record of a William Smythes having been buried at Wrington. He is not referred to in the will of his brother Gideon (1609) or the will of his brother John (1626), and no further information regarding him has yet been obtained. He may have gone to London or the eastern counties, and, marrying at about the age of twenty-three, become the father of William Smythes of Gosfields. Having regard to all the ascertained facts this seems most probable.

(12) Gideon Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record the baptism of "Gedion s. of George Smithe(s)" on 5 June 1579, and the burial of "Gideon Smithies" on 30 September 1609. His will, dated 12 September and proved P.C.C., 17 November 1609 (99, Dorset), shews that his wife's Christian name was Elizabeth, and that he had a son living named George (see 14, below).

(13) Edward Smythes. The Parish Registers at Wrington record that "Edward s. of George Smithes" was baptized 5 June 1583. Between this date and 1626 there is no record of an Edward Smythes being buried at Wrington. He is