

Thomas Smithsend (c.1540) & Alice Riccards and their descendants

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This is the history of the Smithsend family whose origins we can trace back to the 14th century in and around Tewkesbury. This document describes branch of the family from Thomas Smithsend (c.1540) & Alice Riccards.

The main branch of the family is from Thomas' brother Nicholas (c.1545-1614) and this branch along with earlier references to the family are covered in separate documents.

Most records are from public sources and there is only limited information on those born after 1920.

Dates before 1751 are based on the Julian calendar. In some cases the calendar used by the source is not clear so dates from 1st January to 25th March are may refer to one year or the other, e.g. 1705/1706.

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Thomas Smithsend (c.1540). The son of Richard Smithsend and Eleanor and brother of Nicholas Smithsend (c.1545-1614). He was under 20 in 1566 when his father died.

Both his father and his elder brother William left him properties and land in Tewkesbury.

A property in Barton street had a tenant in 1566/7; when Thomas received them.

Thomas was apprenticed as a shoemaker or leather worker to John Barebon in Tewkesbury in 1576. This was probably the John Barebon who was married to his Aunt.

Thomas appeared as a witness on a Manor court roll of 1577 involving John Berrow and Thomas' brother Nicholas.¹

Thomas also appeared on an indenture of 1578 with his brother Nicholas transferring land to a John Stratford and Francis Woodward.²

Indenture involving Nicholas and Thomas Smythsend - 1578

This Indenture made this 21st Day of January in the 21st year the Reygne of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

Between Nicholas Smythsend of Fiddington in the County of Gloucester Yeoman and Thomas Smythsend of Tewkesbury in the said County Cordwayner of the first part and John Stratford of Farmecote in the said County of Gloucester Esquire and Francis Woodward of Lyddgate in the said County Yeoman of the other part.

Witnesseth that the said Nicholas Smythsende and Thomas Smythsend for deeds and sundry good causes and considerations [] thereunto moving have granted yielded up and surrendered by there part do grant yield up and surrender unto the said John Stratford and Francis Woodward all their right by the interest estate possession and demand whatsoever of and in two akers of arrable land with th'appurtenances sett lying and being in the felde of Walton Cardiff in the said County of Gloucs. To have and to hold the said premises to the said John Stratford and Francis Woodward their heirs and assigns forever.

Provided always that and upon consideration that if the said John Stratford and Francis Woodward their Executors or assigns or some of them do not content and pay or cause to be contented and payed unto the said Nicholas Smythsend and Thomas Smythsend to either of them their Executors or assigns or to any of them the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England and upon the first day of June after the date of these [---]. That then and from thenceforth this [---] granted yielded up and surrendered shall be utterley frustrate and voyd and shall be from thenceforth taken accepted and completed as nothing in such manner and forme as if the same had never been hadd nor made there parts or anything in the same conveyed to the contrary thereor in any wise notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof to these parts the said [parties] have inchangeably put their seales given the day and year first above witnessed.

*Nycolas Smythsend
Thomas Smythsend
Sealed and Delyvered*

Thomas married Alice Riccarde? in April 1567.^{3 4}

Thomas and Alice had seven children: William (b.1573), Alice (b.1576), Thomas (b.1579), Margaret (b.1580), Bridgett (b.1581), Ellen (b.1583), Thomas (b.1584).

William Smithsend (b.1573). Also Wyllyam Smethesen. The son of Thomas and Alice. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 15th March 1573/74. His father was given as Thomas Smethesen.⁵

He may be the William mentioned in the Will of John Hatton dated 9th April 1628.⁶

Item. I give and bequeath unto Anthone Hopcot Vs. to Ann Holder Vs. to William Smithsend Vs. to Elizabeth Tesse IJs. VJd. and to Thomas Ward IJs. VJd.

Alice Smithsend (b.1576). Also Ales Smethesend. The daughter of Thomas and Alice. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 22nd February 1576/77. She was described as the daughter of Thomas Smethesend.⁷

Alice married George Whitledge (d.1619?) in Tewkesbury on the 17th January 1605. George was a tanner of Tewkesbury.^{8 9}

Alice was the '*Alice Smithsend widow*' mentioned in her Aunt Joan Smithsend's will of 1620.

Alice was a first cousin of Nicholas Smithsend (1587-1627). Nicholas married Elizabeth Greeves in 1613 and as part of the marriage arrangement Nicholas's father (Alice's uncle) granted possession of the premises and land where he was tenant in chief (to the crown) to Elizabeth's father and a John Ferrers for 80 years. He also set up George Whitledge and a Thomas Edwardes as Trustees for the premises to ensure they were for the use of his son Nicholas and his heirs.¹⁰

Nicholas Smithsend, senior, by indenture dated 7th May, Il James I [1613], made between himself of the one part, and Thomas Edwardes of Walton Cardiff, yeoman, and George Whitledge of Tewkesbury, tanner, of the other part, in consideration of the marriage abovesaid, and of the sum of £260 paid by the said John Greeves, and for other considerations, sold and granted to the said Thomas Edwards and George Whitledge all the premises aforesaid: to hold them to the uses following, to wit, as to one moiety of all the premises to the use of Nicholas Smythsend, senior, for life, and for the whole year next after his decease, and afterwards to the use of Nicholas Smithsend, junior, and his heirs male; for default, to the use of Thomas Smithsend, another son of the said Nicholas Smithsend, senior, and his heirs male for default, successively to the use of the heirs of Nicholas Smithsend, junior, of the heirs of Nicholas Smythsend, senior, and of Nicholas Smythsend, junior, and his heirs and assigns.

It is not clear why there was this complicated arrangement but it may be he was seriously ill and felt the young couple needed some sort of mature supervision. Nicholas senior died in September 1614.

A William Whitledge was one of the bailiffs of Tewkesbury in 1622 – very possibly the brother of George as Whitledge is a rare surname in Gloucestershire.

Alice and George had a son George Whitledge (b.1606) who was mentioned in his Great Aunt's Will of 1620 - *Item. I doe geve and bequeath unto George Whitledge my Godsonne £VJ XIIJs IVd of lawfull English money*. He may also be the George Whitledge who was a juror at an inquest for Lady Craven in Tewkesbury in 1627. He may also be the 'George Whitledge a resident of Tewkesbury' whose petition was presented to the Long Parliament in 1642 – it was about religious divisions in Tewkesbury. George's Will of 1635 mentions a son George Whitledge.^{11 12}

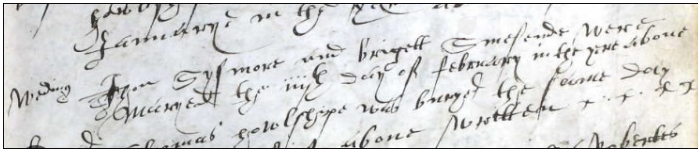
A George Whitledge senior and junior are listed in the Tewkesbury Churchwardens accounts in the period 1615-1624.

Thomas Smithsend (b.1579-c.1583). Also Smithson. The son of Thomas and Alice. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 16th June 1579. Thomas may have died, as an infant, as another Thomas was christened in 1584. He was described as the son of Thomas Smithson.¹³

Margaret Smithsend (b.1580). The son of Thomas and Alice. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 14th July 1580.¹⁴

Bridgett Smithsend (b.1581). Also Brigit, Brigett. The daughter of Thomas and Alice. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 17th September 1581.¹⁵

Bridgett married John Sysmore, Yeoman, on the 4th February 1610 at Ashchurch.



Marriage of Bridgett Smithsend & John Sysmore, Ashchurch 1610

John died not long after they were married in 1613. His will was dated 12th August 1613 in which he says he is sicke. He leaves his property and lands to his wife Brigett and son John and some money to his son John, who was born in 1611 and baptised at Ashchurch on the 8th December.¹⁶

He also leaves money to several of his friends in which he mentions Nicholas Smithson the younger and Thomas Smithson the elder. These are probably Nicholas Smithsend (1587-1627) and Thomas Smithsend (c.1540).

Joan re-married to John Beale on the 3rd May 1615 in Ashchurch.¹⁷

Joan Smithsend (d.1620) mentions a Goddaughter Joan Beale in her Will of 1620. Joan was the wife of Bridgett's Uncle Nicholas Smithsend (1545-1614). *I doe geve unto Johan Beale my Goddaughter Vs.*

A Joan Beale was born in Ashchurch in about 1614.

Joan and John Sysmore had one child: John Sysmore (1611-1646).

Joan and John Beale had one child: Joan Beale (b.1614).

Ellen Smithsend (b.1583). Also Ellin. The daughter of Thomas and Alice. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 9th September 1583.¹⁸

Thomas Smithsend (b.1584). The son of Thomas and Alice. He was christened in Tewkesbury in September 1584.¹⁹ The second son with this name.

Thomas married Christian Michell in Tewkesbury on the 1st August 1616.^{20 21}

Thomas was referred to as Maltster in 1628/29. He may be the Thomas referred to in the Tewkesbury Churchwardens Accounts in 1622.²²

of Thomas Smisins for his wives roome. 15s

It is probably Thomas who was involved in a case at the Tewkesbury Consistory court in 1628/29.²³

Tithe and Cases Relating to Church Fabric and Maintenance. Walton Cardiff. Fulke Read v. Thos. Smithend: tithe.

Thomas and Christian had eight children: Elinor (1617-1635), Hanna (b.1619), Sarah (b.1622), Richard (1623-1671), Joseph (b.1625), Anne (b.1628), Joseph (b.1630), Esther (1631-1636).

Elinor Smithsend (1617-1635). The daughter of Thomas and Christian. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 19th October 1617.²⁴

She may be the Ellenor who died in 1635 and was buried in Tewkesbury on the 6th July 1635.²⁵

Hanna Smithsend (b.1619). The daughter of Thomas and Christian. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 27th June 1619.²⁶

Sarah Smithsend (b.1622/23). The daughter of Thomas and Christian. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 10th February 1622/23.²⁷

Richard Smithsend (1623-1671). The son of Thomas and Christian. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 23rd November 1623.²⁸

Richard married Elizabeth in about 1650.

He may be the Richard who died in 1671.²⁹

Richard and Elizabeth had two children: Mary (b.1657), John (b.1654).

John Smithins (1654-1710). Also Smithends. The son of Richard and Elizabeth. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 22nd January 1654/55.^{30 31}

He may be the John who married Joan White on the 20th December 1690.³² Joan died in 1706 and was buried in Tewkesbury on the 17th January.³³

John married a second time to Mary Chapman in Tewkesbury on the 19th July 1708.³⁴

John died in 1710 and was buried in Tewkesbury on the 19th October 1710.³⁵

John and Mary had a daughter Mary (bd.1710).

Mary Smithsend (bd.1710). The daughter of John and Mary. She was christened on the 29th October 1710 in Tewkesbury.³⁶ She died as an infant in the same year and was buried in Tewkesbury.³⁷

Susanna Smithsend (b.1657). Also Smithins. Possibly daughter of Richard and Elizabeth. She was born in about 1656.

Susanna married Anthony Keare at Stoke Orchard, Gloucester on the 1st September 1667. christened in Tewkesbury on the 16th July 1657.³⁸

Margery Smithsend (b.1657). Also Smithins. The daughter of Richard and Elizabeth. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 16th July 1657.³⁹

Joseph Smithsend (b.1625). The son of Thomas and Christian. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 18th March 1625.⁴⁰ He may have died by 1630.

Anne Smithsend (b.1628). The daughter of Thomas and Christian. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 18th March 1628/29.⁴¹

Joseph Smithsend (b.1630). The son of Thomas and Christian. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 18th July 1630.⁴²

Esther Smithsend (1631-1636). Also Hester. The daughter of Thomas. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 7th October 1632.⁴³

Esther died in 1636 and was buried in Tewkesbury on the 22nd July.⁴⁴

Elenor Smithsend (b.1587). Also Elinor. The daughter of Thomas. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 30th March 1587.⁴⁵

John Smithsend (b.1591). The son of Thomas and Alice. He was christened in Tewkesbury on the 14th November 1591.⁴⁶

Dorothy Smithsend (b.1592). Also Dorothie. The daughter of Thomas. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 2nd of August 1592.⁴⁷

Nicholas Smithsend (c.1575). Also Smyson. Possibly the son of Thomas and Alice. He was born in about 1575.

Nicholas married Joan in about 1595.

William Smithsend (b.1596). Also Smyzzen. The son of Nicholas. He was christened on the 19th September 1596.⁴⁸

Nicholas Smithsend (b.1599). The son of Nicholas and Joan. He was christened at Tewkesbury on the 19th April 1599.⁴⁹

Richard Smithsend (b.1601). Also Smyson. The son of Nicholas Smithsend. He was christened at Tewkesbury on the 5th March 1601.⁵⁰

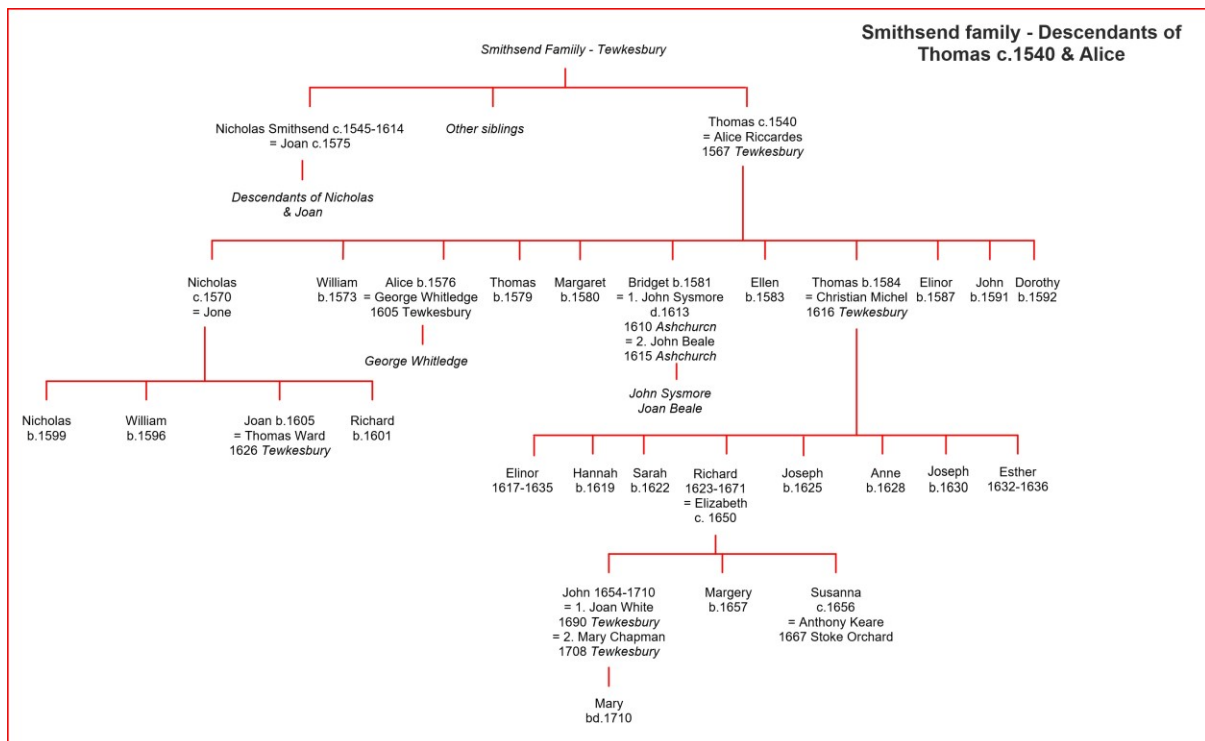
Joan Smithsend (b.1605). The daughter of Nicholas and Joan. She was christened in Tewkesbury on the 4th August 1605.^{51 52}

She is possibly the Jone mentioned in the Will of Joan Smithsend (d.1620) as her goddaughter.

Item. I doe geve unto Johan Smithsend my Goddaughter One smocke and one Ruffe of Scottish Cloth.

She may be the Joan who married Thomas Woorde in Tewkesbury on the 17th December 1626.^{53 54}

Family Tree ⁵⁵



¹ List of apprentices. They lived in Tewkesbury, 'Tewksburian'

² GIRO: D760

³ IGI: Gloucestershire

⁴ TWPR: Apr 1567, Thomas Smethsend and ---[illeg] Riccarde[?]. P329 IN 1/1

⁵ TWPR: 19 Mar 1573/4, William, s. of Thomas Smithsen. P329 IN 1/1

⁶ GRO. Wills. John Hatton 1628

⁷ TWPR: 22 Feb 1576/7, Ales, d. of Thomas Smethsend. P329 IN 1/1

⁸ IGI. Gloucestershire. Ales Smyzene = Gorge Whitleg, 17 Jan 1605, Tewkesbury

⁹ TWPR: 17 Nov 1605, George Whitley and Ales Smysend. P329 IN 1/2

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- ¹⁰ GIRO: Inquisitiones Post Mortem. Vol 1 1625-1635
- ¹¹ Abstracts of Gloucestershire inquisitiones post mortem : returned into the Court of Chancery in the reign of King Charles the First. London: British Record Society, 1893-1914.
- ¹² IGI: Gloucestershire. Gorge Whitledge ch.15 Feb 1606
- ¹³ TWPR: 16 June 1579, Thomas, s. of Thomas Smithson. P329 IN 1/1
- ¹⁴ TWPR: 14 July 1580, Margaret, d. of Tho Smithson. P329 IN 1/1
- ¹⁵ TWPR: 17 Sep 1581, Brigit, d. of Tho Smithsen. P329 IN 1/1
- ¹⁶ IGI: England Marriages, 1538–1973. Ashchurch 1610. Family Search
- ¹⁷ IGI: Brigett Syssmore=John Beale, 3 May 1615, Ashchurch. Family Search
- ¹⁸ TWPR: 9 Sep 1583, Ellin, d. of Thos Smithson. P329 IN 1/1
- ¹⁹ TWPR: 8[?] Sep 1584, Thomas, s. of Tho Smythson. P329 IN 1/1
- ²⁰ IGI: Thomas Smissens = Christian Michel, 1 Aug 1616, Tewkesbury
- ²¹ TWPR: 1 Aug 1616, Thomas Smissens and Cristian Michell. P329 IN 1/3
- ²² Tewkesbury Churchwardens Accounts 1563-1624. p.132
- ²³ Fulke Read v Thos. Smithsend 1628/29. GDR/B4/3/1275
- ²⁴ TWPR: 19 Oct 1617, Elinor, d. of Thomas Smissens. P329 IN 1/3
- ²⁵ TWPR: 6 July 1635, Ellenor, d. of Thomas Smythens. P329 IN 1/6
- ²⁶ TWPR: 27 June 1619, Hanna, d. of Thomas Smissens. P329 IN 1/3
- ²⁷ TWPR: 10 Feb 1622/3, Sara, d. of Thomas Smissens. P329 IN 1/3
- ²⁸ TWPR: 23 Nov 1623, Richard, s. of Thomas Smissens. P329 IN 1/3
- ²⁹ TWPR: 15 May 1671, Richard Smithsend, Sr. P329 IN 1/6
- ³⁰ TWPR: John Smithins, ch. 22 Jan 1654, Tewkesbury, Robert/Elizabeth. P329 IN 1/3
- ³¹ TWPR: 22 Jan 1654/5, John, s. of Richard and Elizabeth Smithens. P329 IN 1/5
- ³² TWPR: 20 Dec 1690, John Smithsend and Jone White, widow. P329 IN 1/5
- ³³ TWPR: Bur. 17 Jan 1706, Joan wife of John Smithends. P329 IN 1/7
- ³⁴ IGI - Gloucestershire
- ³⁵ TWPR: 19 Oct 1710, John Smithends. P329 IN 1/7
- ³⁶ TWPR: 29 Oct 1710, Mary, d. of John and Mary Smithends. P329 IN 1/7
- ³⁷ TWPR: 22 Feb 1710/11, Mary, d. of Mary Smithends, widow. P329 IN 1/7
- ³⁸ Monthly Meeting of Gloucester: Stoke Orchard and Gloucester. Quakers. Gloucester Archives RG6/1000
- ³⁹ TWPR: 16 July 1657, Margery, d. of Richard and Elizabeth Smithsend. P329 IN 1/3
- ⁴⁰ TWPR: 27 Mar 1625, Joseph, s. of Thomas Smissens. P329 IN 1/3
- ⁴¹ TWPR: 18 Mar 1628/9, Anne, d. of Thomas Smithsend, Maulster[?]. P329 IN 1/3
- ⁴² TWPR: 18 July 1630, Joseph, s. of Thomas Smithsend [?]. P329 IN 1/4
- ⁴³ TWPR: 7 Oct 1632, Ester, d. of Thomas Smithsend[?]. P329 IN 1/4
- ⁴⁴ TWPR: 22 July 1636, Hester, d. of Thos Smythends. P329 IN 1/2
- ⁴⁵ TWPR: 30 Mar 1587, Elinor, d. of Tho Smithsen. P329 IN 1/1
- ⁴⁶ TWPR: 14 Nov 1591, John, s. of Tho Smisend. P329 IN 1/1
- ⁴⁷ TWPR: 2 Aug 1592, Dorotheie, d. of Tho Smithson. P329 IN 1/1
- ⁴⁸ IGI: Willm Smyzzen, ch. 19 Sep 1596, Tewkesbury, F=Nicholas Smyzzen
- ⁴⁹ IGI: Nicholas Smyzzen, ch. 19 Apr 1599, Tewkesbury, F=Nicholas Smyzzen
- ⁵⁰ IGI: Rich Smyson, ch. 5 Mar 1601, Tewkesbury, F=Nichelolas Smyson
- ⁵¹ IGI: Jone Smyson, ch. 4 Aug 1605, Tewkesbury, Nickles/Jone
- ⁵² TWPR: 4 Aug 1605, Jone, d. of Nickles and Jone Smyson. P329 IN 1/2
- ⁵³ IGI: Joane Smissens = Thomas Woorde, 17 Dec 1626, Tewkesbury
- ⁵⁴ TWPR: 17 Dec 1626, Thomas Warde and Joane Smissens. P329 IN 1/2
- ⁵⁵ GIRO – Gloucester Record Office
- PRO/GRO: Public record office, General Registry Office, UK
- NBI: National burial index
- IGI: International Genealogical index. England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975, database, FamilySearch
- TWPR: Tewkesbury parish registers
- ASPR: Ashchurch parish registers
- WRO: Worcester Record Office
- Some of these records can also be found at ancestry.co.uk and findmypast.co.uk