

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Edward Miles

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Edward Miles.

Those details are –

Edward was baptised on 8th January 1714 in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire.

He was baptised to William and Jane Miles.

No marriage record was located for Edward, so his wife's¹ details are unknown except for the fact that her first name was Elizabeth.

The date and place of Edward's death and/or burial are unknown.

(The research for this brief was conducted in late 2025).

Edward's marriage

Martha Miles was baptised privately on 24th March 1743 to Edward and Elizabeth Miles in Whatcote, Warwickshire, see the brief relating to her.

In addition to Martha, an Edward and Elizabeth Miles baptised –

- a Jane on 28th January 1738 in Stretton-on-Fosse, 6 miles south-west of Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-5QH?lang=en>²
- a Mary on 7th April 1741 in Stretton-on-Fosse, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-TPV?lang=en>
- [Martha in Whatcote on 24th March 1743]
- an Anne on 5th March 1744 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWQL-JP5?lang=en>
- an Edward on 27th September 1747 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-W1Q?lang=en>
- a William on 25th March 1750 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-SVC?lang=en>, (Family Search also records a William baptised to an Edward and Elizabeth Miles on 25th September 1750 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMFH-MHK?lang=en>, when actually that William was buried on that date, see the parish baptisms, marriages and burials register at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FWHATCOTE%2FDR0023-06-00003>)

¹ No marriage record was located, but it is presumed they married. Obviously, common law wives do not appear in the available records of the time, being parish records.

² URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

- an Elizabeth on 25th February 1752 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-CW1?lang=en>
- a second William on 20th April 1755 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-948?lang=en>
- a Joseph on 21st March 1762 in Whatcote, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXL-WWC?lang=en>.

No other baptisms to an Edward and Elizabeth (or Elisabeth) Miles were returned on a FindMyPast search for baptisms to them between 1720 and 1760 in Whatcote or within a 10 mile radius of it.³

The sequence of baptisms listed above strongly suggests all the children had the same parents Edward and Elizabeth Miles, that is, there was no other couple so named having children in the area. The adjacency of Stretton-on-Fosse to Whatcote also suggests the exact same couple were the parents of all the above children. (Although, ultimately, no marriage record was found for them, a search for the marriage of an Elizabeth or Elisabeth to an Edward Miles in Warwickshire in the early 18th century returned no records,⁴ which also tends to suggest that the couple were the only Warwickshire couple so named at the time).

The list of children above suggests a marriage about or shortly prior to 1738, and in Stretton-on-Fosse. However, a FindMyPast search for an Edward Miles marriage there between 1730 and 1740 proved fruitless.⁵ The Stretton-on-Fosse parish register of baptisms, marriages and burials from 1725 to early 1734 was also reviewed manually,⁶ but no marriage of an Elizabeth or Elisabeth to Edward Miles was found. The Stretton-on-Fosse parish register of marriages from early 1734 to 1753 was also inspected,⁷ but again, no relevant record was observed.

It was noted, however, that the Stretton-on-Fosse marriage entries often listed the place where the spouses came from, and Birmingham, Stratford and Long Compton, and particularly Shipston, were each named as such more than once. (Shipston-on-Stour is 2½ miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, and 3½ miles south-west of Whatcote, in fact, close to mid-way between them). Accordingly, a Family Search search for an Edward Miles marriage between 1728 and 1765 was conducted for the whole of Warwickshire.⁸

Four marriages of Edward Miles to an Elizabeth were returned, but they were in Over Whitacre, Little Packington, Alveston and Seckington which are, respectively, 33 miles north, 29 miles north, 11½ miles north, and 43 miles north, of Stretton-on-Fosse. Also, all four marriages were prior to 1728. The birth of 9 children over 24 years (1738 to 1762) suggests that Elizabeth had married by her early to mid-twenties, as otherwise she would be over 50 by 1762 and almost certainly beyond child-bearing age.⁹ She thus would have been in her early to mid-teens at most in 1728, making a marriage then, or before then, most unlikely.

³ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?lastname=miles&yearofbirth=1740&yearofbirth_offset=20&keywordsplace=whatcote%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=10&keywords=edward%2c%20elizabeth&sourcecountry=england&sid=100.

⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1710&q.anyDate.to=1765&q.givenName=Edward&q.s.pouseGivenName=Elizabeth&q.surname=Miles&q.surname.exact=on&c.marriageLikePlace1=on&f.marriageLikePlace0=9&c.marriageLikePlace2=on&f.marriageLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.marriageLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>. Changing the wife's name to "Elisabeth" returned the exact same records.

⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?datasetname=warwickshire%20marriages&eventyear=1735&eventyear_offset=5&place=stretton-on-fosse&sid=999.

⁶ Commencing at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00018>.

⁷ See the register pages commencing at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-03-00018>.

⁸ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1728&q.anyDate.to=1765&q.givenName=Edward&q.surname=Miles&c.marriageLikePlace1=on&f.marriageLikePlace0=9&c.marriageLikePlace2=on&f.marriageLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.marriageLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>.

⁹ See <https://www.healthline.com/health/womens-health/childbearing-age>. Also <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4389129/>: "the end of fertility [approaches] 100% at age 50 years".

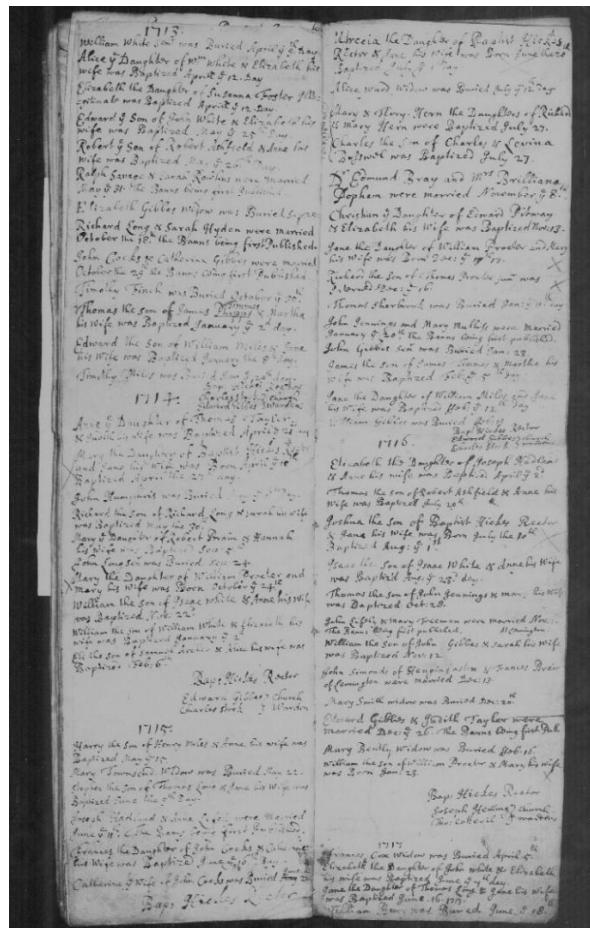
A search of the "Warwickshire Banns" collection of FindMyPast¹⁰ for an Edward Miles marriage between 1725 and 1765 also returned no record.

Accordingly, a record which was feasible for the marriage of Edward Miles to Elizabeth, the parents of Martha Miles, was not located.

Edward's birth

No marriage record was located for Edward, but he started having children in early 1738 in Stretton-on-Fosse, see above, indicating he was likely born there in about the 1710s.

A Family Search search for an Edward Miles baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1705 and 1720¹¹ returned one record only, that of a baptism on 8th January 1714 in Stretton-on-Fosse to William and Jane Miles, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-GBD?lang=en>. The original parish register record of the christening is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00014>:

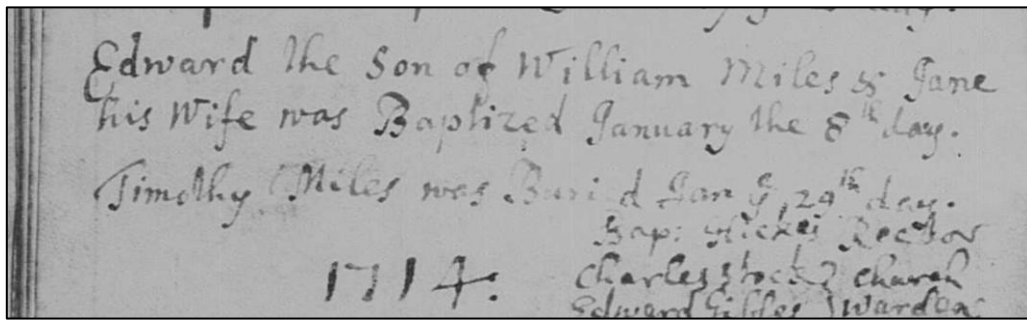


This is a close up:

¹⁰ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-world-records/warwickshire-banns>.

¹¹ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1705&q.anyDate.to=1720&q.birthLikePlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.birthLikePlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Edward&q.surname=Miles>.



(Note that the curate wrote the new year after the January entry).

A FindMyPast search returned no other Edward Miles baptised within 10 miles of Whatcote between 1700 and 1720.¹² Nor did a Family Search search for any Edward Miles baptism in Warwickshire in that period.¹³ (The latter search returned a baptism in Warwick on 21st October 1717, but Warwick is 12 miles north of Whatcote, and 17 miles north-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse. The Edward baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse is by far the obvious candidate given he subsequently baptised children in Stretton-on-Fosse and nearby Whatcote).

Accordingly, Edward was baptised on 8th January 1714 in Stretton-on-Fosse to William and Jane Miles.

Edward's death

Edward baptised a number of children in Whatcote, Warwickshire from at least 1743 until March 1762, see above. By March 1762, he would have been aged 48. It seems likely that he continued to reside in Whatcote after 1762, and thus likely died there. However, a Family Search search for a burial there between 1760 and 1820 proved fruitless,¹⁴ as did a like FindMyPast search.¹⁵ Changing the location for the Family Search search to Stretton-on-Fosse returned the exact same results.¹⁶ A FindMyPast search with the location likewise amended also returned no additional candidates.¹⁷

(The only records returned in the right period were for the burial of an Edward Miles in Barford on 16th March 1770, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FBARFORD%2FDR0048-03-00063>, and burials of a "Miles" in Coventry in 1810 and 1813. However, Barford is 10 miles north of Whatcote, and Coventry almost 22 miles north, and neither has any known connection to Edward).

¹² See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=edward&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&keywordsplace=whatcote%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=10&sourcecountry=england&yearofbirth=1710&yearofbirth_offset=10&sid=999.

¹³ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1690&q.anyDate.to=1722&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Edward&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Miles&q.surname.exact=on>.

¹⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1760&q.anyDate.to=1820&q.anyPlace=Whatcote%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Edward&q.surname=Miles&c.deathLikePlace1=on&f.deathLikePlace0=9&c.deathLikePlace2=on&f.deathLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.deathLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>.

¹⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=edward&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&keywordsplace=whatcote&keywordsplace_proximity=10&yearofdeath=1780&yearofdeath_offset=40&sid=999.

¹⁶ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1760&q.anyDate.to=1820&q.anyPlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Edward&q.surname=Miles&c.deathLikePlace1=on&f.deathLikePlace0=9&c.deathLikePlace2=on&f.deathLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.deathLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>.

¹⁷ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=edward&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&keywordsplace=stretton-on-fosse&keywordsplace_proximity=10&yearofdeath=1780&yearofdeath_offset=40&sid=999. See also https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=edward&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variant_s=true&yearofdeath=1780&yearofdeath_offset=40&keywordsplace=warwickshire%2c+england&keywords=stretton&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england.

It was noted that an Elizabeth Miles, “widow” was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse on 26th July 1778, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-03-00010>, and it may be that this was Edward’s wife,¹⁸ and that she moved back to Stretton-on-Fosse at some time after 1762, possibly after her husband died. If that is so, Edward died sometime between 1762 and 1778. Accordingly, the Stretton-on-Fosse parish burial records between those years (see the above page and the preceding three) were manually inspected, but there was no Edward Miles burial.

The Whatcote parish register of baptisms and burials from 1761 to 1797, which commences at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/WHATCOTE/DR0023-03-00005>, was also manually inspected, but there was no relevant entry.

The date and place of Edward’s death and/or burial were therefore not located, and are unknown.

¹⁸ It could also be Edward’s daughter baptised 1752, see above, although she would have been young to have died by 1778, and even more unlikely to have been widowed by then too. It was also apparent from manual examination of Stretton-on-Fosse records for this and other briefs that there were a number of other Miles families in Stretton-on-Fosse at the time.