

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Jane Gibbes

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Jane Gibbes.

Those details are –

Jane was baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 29th July 1677.

He father was John Gibbes. Her mother is unknown.

Jane married William Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 4th June 1699.

Jane was buried at Stretton-on-Fosse on 17th March 1768.

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

Jane's marriage

Jane married William Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse on 4th June 1699, see the brief relating to him for verification of that fact.

The Family Search record of the marriage is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-G5J?lang=en>.¹

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch record for William Miles. The record is titled "William Miles" and is categorized as "Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972". It includes a "Check Image Availability" button and a "Document Information" section. The "Document Information" section lists the collection as "England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972" and provides a citation for the marriage record. The "Similar Records" section lists other records for William Miles. The "Attached in Tree to" section shows William Miles as the father of Jane Gibbes. The "William Miles's Spouses and Children" section lists Jane Gibbes as his wife.

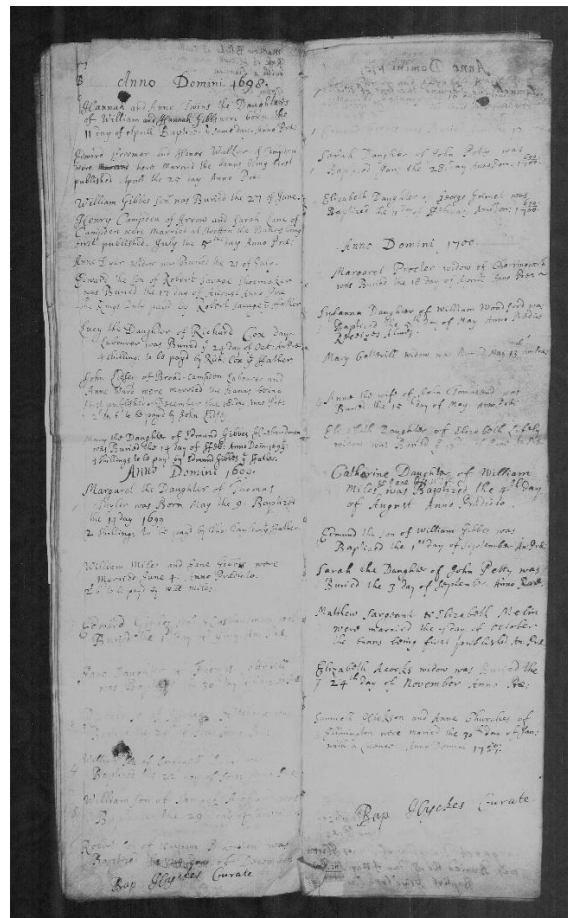
Name	Sex	Spouse's Name	Spouse's Sex	Event Type	Event Date	Event Place	Event Place (Original)
William Miles	Male	Jane Gibbes	Female	Marriage	04 Jun 1699	Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England	Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

William Miles's Spouses and Children

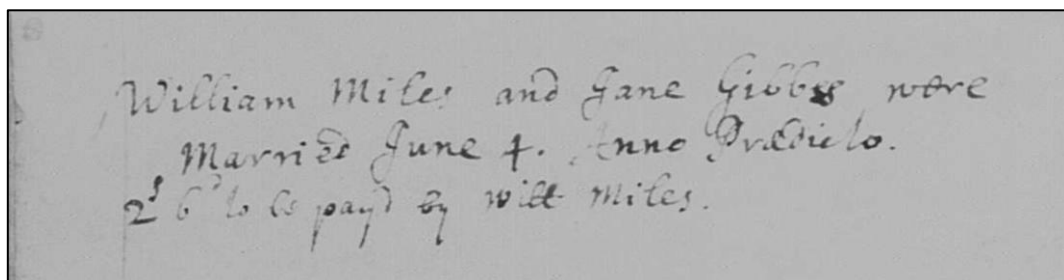
Name	Sex	Spouse's Name	Spouse's Sex	Event Type	Event Date	Event Place	Event Place (Original)
William Miles	Male	Jane Gibbes	Female	Marriage	04 Jun 1699	Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England	Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

¹ URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

An image of the relevant page of the parish register is available through FindMyPast at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00009>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



Jane's birth

The Family Search person record for Jane attached to the person record for William Miles is at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/KPHM-641>. It lists her baptism as occurring on 29th July 1677 at Stretton-on-Fosse.²

² The Fosse is not a river, rather the Fosse Way is a Roman road, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fosse_Way.

And, indeed, a Jane Gibbes was so baptised, and to John Gibbes, see the Family Search record of the baptism at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTC-NG9?lang=en>:

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch record for Jane Gibbes. The record is titled "Jane Gibbes" and is from the "Vital • England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975" collection. The record includes a "SAVE" button, an "EDIT" button, and a "SHARE" button. The record details are as follows:

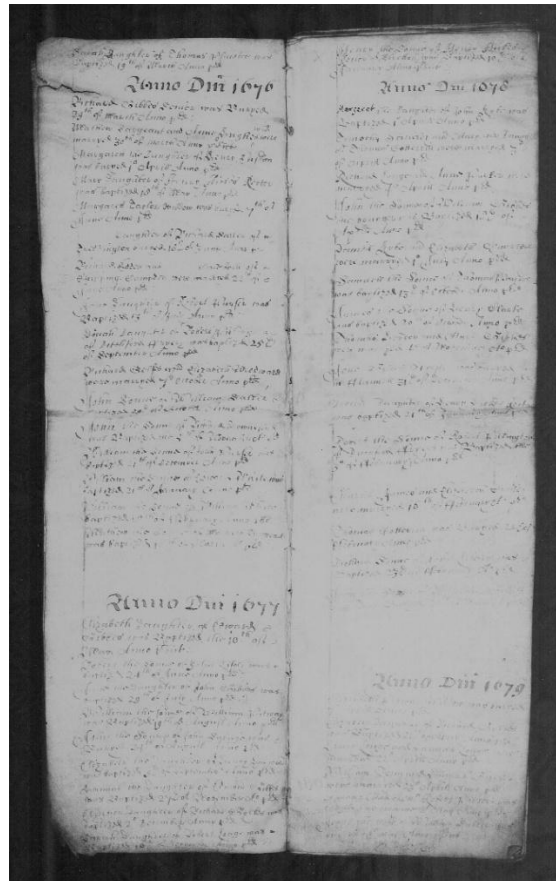
Name	Jane Gibbes
Sex	Female
Father's Name	John Gibbes
Father's Sex	Male
Event Type	Christening
Event Date	29 Jul 1677
Event Place	Gloucestershire, England
Event Place (Original)	Stretton-On-Fosse, Gloucester, England

Below the record details, there is a section for "Jane Gibbes's Parents and Siblings" which shows her father as John Gibbes. There is also a "Tree" section with an "ATTACH TO TREE" button. The "Document Information" section shows the collection as "England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975" and provides a citation for the record.

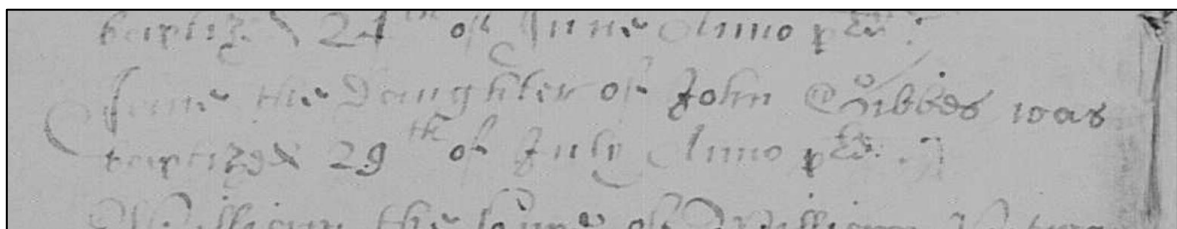
(Whilst the village of Stretton-on-Fosse is close to the Warwickshire-Gloucestershire border, it is in fact in Warwickshire not Gloucestershire, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stretton-on-Fosse>, and there is no similarly named town in Gloucestershire).

This Jane was eminently aged to have married in June 1699, when she would have been almost 22.

An image of the relevant page of the parish register listing Jane's baptism is available through FindMyPast at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00003>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



A Family Search search for any other baptisms of a Jane Gibbs or Gibbs in Stretton-on-Fosse any time between 1660 and 1685 returned two other such baptisms, on 16th September 1661 and on 15th May 1664.³ These Janes would have been 37 and 35 respectively if they married on 4th June 1699. Each was thus of an age which would be very late in life for a woman to marry in those times.

More particularly, William was baptised on 19th July 1672 in Stretton-on-Fosse, see the brief relating to him, and thus he was almost 27 at his marriage on 4th June 1699. It seems most unlikely in those times that he would have married a woman either 8 or 10 years older than him.

Further, Jane and William baptised ten children between 1700 and 1720 in Stretton-on-Fosse, the last on 4th December 1720, see the brief relating to William for verification of those facts. The Jane baptised in 1661 would have been 59 in December 1720, and the Jane baptised in 1664 would have been 56. Both would thus have been beyond a normal child-bearing age range.⁴

³ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1660&q.anyDate.to=1685&q.anyPlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Jane&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Gibbes>. Changing the surname to "Gibbs" returned the same results.

⁴ See <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4389129/>: "the end of fertility [approaches] 100% at age 50 years".

Lastly, Jane was buried on 17th March 1768, see below, and the Janes baptised 16th September 1661 and 15th May 1664 would have been well over 100 years old in March 1768, specifically they would have been 106 and 103 respectively. The younger Jane born in 1677 is thus the much more likely one to have died in 1768, even though she lived to the age of 90.

FindMyPast searches for baptisms of a Jane Gibbes or Gibbs in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1645 and 1685⁵ likewise returned the 1661 and 1664 baptisms already ruled out, as well as the 1677 baptism, and no others.⁶

Accordingly, Jane was baptised to John Gibbes in Stretton-on-Fosse on 29th July 1677.

Jane's death

As noted above, Jane and William baptised ten children between 1700 and December 1720 in Stretton-on-Fosse. Jane thus died after December 1720, and it is highly likely that she did so in Stretton-on-Fosse.

The abovementioned Family Search person record for Jane lists her burial as occurring on 17th March 1768 at Stretton-on-Fosse. A FindMyPast search for burials of a Jane Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1700 and 1780 only returned this 1768 burial, and no others.⁷ That was also the only burial returned on a Family Search search for events for a Jane Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1720 and 1780.⁸

Accordingly, Jane was buried at Stretton-on-Fosse on 17th March 1768.

An image of the relevant page of the Stretton-on-Fosse parish register listing Jane's 1768 burial is available through FindMyPast at

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-03-00008>:

⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=jane&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&keywordsplace=stretton%20on%20fosse%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&eventyear=1665&eventyear_offset=20&sid=999. Changing the surname to "Gibbs" returned two irrelevant results.

⁶ The search did, however, return a burial of a "Jone" Gibbes in Stretton-on-Fosse on 31st December 1678, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBR%2F001008195&tab=this>. The original record is close to indecipherable, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00003&parentid=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBR%2F001008195>, so it could be written "Jane", which raises the possibility that the Jane born in 1677 in fact died the following year as an infant. However, the above FindMyPast software transcription of the entry names her as a spinster, thus ruling out that possibility. Also, Jone is a known, separate name to Jane, see <https://www.ancestry.ca/first-name-meaning/jone>. "Jone" as a first name was not often seen in the viewing of a considerable number of genealogical records. Presumably, it is a version of the phonetically equivalent "Joan".

⁷ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=jane&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&keywordsplace=stretton%20on%20fosse%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&yearofdeath=1740&yearofdeath_offset=40&sid=999.

⁸ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1720&q.anyDate.to=1780&q.anyPlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Jane&q.surname=Miles>.

Flanna Daughter of Edward & Sarah White was born - - -
Jane Miles Widow was buried March 15th 1768 - - -
William son of Thomas & Miss Edg. April 10th - - -

⁹ See <https://www.campop.geog.cam.ac.uk/blog/2024/08/15/three-score-and-ten/>: “studies of mortality suggest that, in England, average life expectancy at birth varied between 35 and 40 years in the centuries between 1600 and 1800”. But that was so low due to high infant and child mortality rates, and “the most common age for adult deaths was around 70 years”. See also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_expectancy.