

# Birth, parentage, marriage and death of John Gibbes

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

Those details are –

John was baptised, very likely either in 1638 or 1645 in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, but which of those years could not be determined with sufficient certitude.

His parents were very likely either Richard and Alice Gibbs, or Richard and Ann Gibbs, but which of those could also not be determined with sufficient certitude.

John's marriage record was not located, so the date and place of his marriage is unknown, as is his spouse's name.

John's burial date is unknown. He was likely buried in Stretton-on-Fosse.

(The research for this brief was conducted in late 2025 and early 2026).

## John's marriage

Jane the daughter of John Gibbes was baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1677, see the brief relating to her. This is the Family Search database extract from the baptism record, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTC-NG9?lang=en>:<sup>1</sup>

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

| Field                  | Value                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Name                   | Jane Gibbes                            |
| Sex                    | Female                                 |
| Father's Name          | <a href="#">John Gibbes</a>            |
| 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" with a link to [John Gibbes](#) and a button to "OPEN ALL".

Document Information: Collection Information: [England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975](#). Cite This Record: "England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975", database, FamilySearch.

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

(As with the above extract, no mother is specified in the relevant entry in the original parish register, which is set out in the brief relating to Jane Gibbes).

The link to John Gibbes in the above baptism record for Jane in turn links to his person record at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/MNQG-69B>. That record suggests that John married a Mary Webb in Gloucestershire on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1674, the accuracy of which suggestion is doubtful, see below.

The person record also lists the children in the unshaded lines in the following table as John's children and Jane's siblings:

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Birth/baptism date</b>                   | <b>Event location</b> | <b>Father's name</b> | <b>Mother's name</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sarah       | 14 <sup>th</sup> February 1675 <sup>2</sup> | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| Anne        | 26 <sup>th</sup> September 1675             | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbs           | Not given            |
| Jane        | 29 <sup>th</sup> July 1677                  | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| Katharine   | 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1679                   | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| John        | Sep 1680                                    | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbs           | Not given            |
| Elizabeth   | 11 <sup>th</sup> June 1681                  | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| John        | 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1681                  | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbs           | Not given            |
| Emma        | 27 <sup>th</sup> January 1683               | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| Richard     | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1686                  | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| William     | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1686                  | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |
| Mary        | 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1689              | Stretton-on-Fosse     | John Gibbes          | Not given            |

The additional children in the shaded lines were located upon a FindMyPast search for any Warwickshire baptism record between 1670 and 1690 with a John Gibbes/Gibbs as father.<sup>3</sup> Nineteen records, all for Stretton-on-Fosse, were returned on that search, including all the children in the unshaded lines as well as the additional children in the shaded lines. It therefore seems likely that all Stretton-on-Fosse records for the period 1670 to 1690 of a John Gibbes/Gibbs as a father of a baptised child have been captured by the FindMyPast search.

The relevant Family Search or FindMyPast records for the above baptisms are at the following URLs:

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sarah     | <a href="https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066815&amp;tab=this">https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066815&amp;tab=this</a> |
| Anne      | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-LXH?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-LXH?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| Jane      | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTC-NG9?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTC-NG9?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| Katharine | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PY5?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PY5?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| John 1680 | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PBR?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PBR?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| Elizabeth | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PBB?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PBB?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| John 1681 | <a href="https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066861&amp;tab=this">https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066861&amp;tab=this</a> |

<sup>2</sup> The FindMyPast transcript of the baptism record gives the year as 1674, but the baptism was actually on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1675, as is apparent on an examination of the original parish register at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00002>. The relevant entry is at the end of the 1674 entries, that is, this was another case where the vicar wrote the year heading after writing one or more entries for the year. Notably, the father's surname is quite obscure in the original parish register entry.

<sup>3</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1680&eventyear\\_offset=10&keywords=stretton&datasetname=warwickshire%20baptisms&fatherfirstname=john&sid=999](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1680&eventyear_offset=10&keywords=stretton&datasetname=warwickshire%20baptisms&fatherfirstname=john&sid=999).

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Emma    | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-L8X?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-L8X?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| Richard | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-L6Z?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-L6Z?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| William | <a href="https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-52Q?lang=en">https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-52Q?lang=en</a>                                                                       |
| Mary    | <a href="https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066916&amp;tab=this">https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066916&amp;tab=this</a> |

The time difference between the baptisms of Sarah and Anne, the time difference between the baptisms of the first John and Elizabeth, the time difference between the baptisms of Elizabeth and the second John (all being less than 9 months), and the fact of two Johns, indicate that there were at least two John Gibbes/Gibbs baptising children in Stretton-on-Fosse during the period 1670 to 1690.

However, three of those four grounds for that inference are questionable because:

1. There is reason to query whether the 1680 John baptism occurred. A FindMyPast search for a John Gibbes/Gibbs record for 1680 did not return any original record for any such baptism.<sup>4</sup> The relevant Family Search database entry was added to John Gibbs' person record by a contributor, and they commonly speculate, and they are commonly wrong.  
  
The Stretton-on-Fosse parish register entries for 1680<sup>5</sup> are severely faded in the relevant FindMyPast image, and only the entries for the start of that year are legible. There is no legible entry for a John Gibbes baptism in 1680, and FindMyPast also could not discern one, as it gives no transcript for one. That the Family Search software could read and transcribe such a baptism from that register is therefore problematic.
2. If the 1680 John baptism did not occur, then there would only be one John in the list of children, not two.
3. Although FindMyPast provides a transcript for the 1681 John Gibbs baptism,<sup>6</sup> and it does give the date of his baptism as 15<sup>th</sup> June 1681, the very next transcript given is for Elizabeth Gibbes,<sup>7</sup> and it gives the date of her baptism as 11<sup>th</sup> June 1681, that is, the event in the transcript before is dated after the event in the transcript that follows, suggesting that a date has been wrongly transcribed.

Then, going to the linked image of the original parish record,<sup>8</sup> John's baptism record is the entry at the bottom of the left hand page in the image, and the date is illegible. But the next entry, which is at the top of the right hand page, is legible, and it states: "Elizabeth Daughter of the said John Gibbes Baptised the said 11<sup>th</sup> of June". The use of the words "the said" is an obvious reference back to the previous entry. Accordingly, the same John Gibbes was the father of both children, and the transcript for John's baptism wrongly specifies the event as occurring on the 15<sup>th</sup> June when it should be the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Since Elizabeth and John were both baptised to the same father on the same day, they were almost certainly twins.<sup>9</sup> Notably, other children in the above list, Richard and William, were baptised on the same day, and are named in the same record as both being sons of a John,<sup>10</sup> that is, named as having the same father, so they also were almost certainly twins.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>4</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1680&eventyear\\_offset=0&datasetname=warwickshire%20marriages&sid=999](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1680&eventyear_offset=0&datasetname=warwickshire%20marriages&sid=999).

<sup>5</sup> See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00004>.

<sup>6</sup> See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066861&tab=this>.

<sup>7</sup> See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002066862&tab=this>.

<sup>8</sup> See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00004>.

<sup>9</sup> The only other explanation being that the baptism of one of them was held up for over 9 months, an implausible scenario.

<sup>10</sup> See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00005>.

<sup>11</sup> The next entry in the parish register records William's burial on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1686.

A mother who has had twins is more likely to have a second set of twins,<sup>12</sup> which fact tends to further confirm (if further confirmation be needed) that Elizabeth and the second John were twins, and that Richard and William were twins. That fact also tends to verify that Richard and William were siblings to Elizabeth and the second John.

Save for the remaining fourth anomaly, these question marks suggest there might be grounds to conclude that just one John Gibbes was the father of all of the above-listed children, on the basis that there were then 10 children arriving at regular intervals in the same town to the same-named father over a span of 15 years, which is as may be expected of a child-producing family of the times. However, there is the remaining unquestioned anomaly (namely, that Anne's baptism was only 7 months after Sarah's) which compellingly tends<sup>13</sup> to disprove that conclusion.

And it was also discovered, see below, that two John Gibbes/Gibbs were baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse, in 1638 or 1645 respectively, so each could have been baptising children there in the period from 1675 to 1689.

Given the likelihood that there were two John Gibbes families baptising children in Stretton-on-Fosse at the time, deducing a likely date range for Jane's father John's marriage from the above list of children is problematic, as there is nothing to indicate which family Jane belonged to, and when that family commenced having children.

The best that can be said is that, given the listed children were all baptised between 1674 and 1689, Jane's father most probably married in the early 1670s, or perhaps the mid-1670s if Jane, who was baptised in 1677, was his first-born. Also, he likely married in Stretton-on-Fosse given Jane was baptised there, and so were all the children found on a FindMyPast search to have been baptised to a John Gibbes/Gibbs in Warwickshire between 1670 and 1690.

Unfortunately –

- FindMyPast searches for the marriage of a John Gibbes or Gibbs in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1669 and 1679 returned no such record<sup>14</sup>
- a search for a John Gibbes/Gibbs marriage in Warwickshire between 1664 and 1674 returned seven marriages, in Idlicote (5½ miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse) on an unspecified date, in 1665 in Snitterfield (13½ miles north), in 1667 in Berkswell (25½ miles north), in 1667 and 1673 in Newbold Pacey (12½ miles north-north-west), in 1669 in Warwick (17 miles north-north-west), and in 1667 in Solihul (25 miles north). The nearest located marriage, in Idlicote, can be ruled out as it is unlikely John's, as it proved upon examination of the original record to have occurred in 1686.<sup>15</sup> The remaining six marriages are in locations which, for the times, are relatively distant from Stretton-on-Fosse
- a Family Search search for a marriage of John Gibbes/Gibbs in Warwickshire between 1660 and 1680<sup>16</sup> produced an additional candidate marriage in 1666 in Bilton, but that town is also remote from Stretton-on-Fosse, being 27 miles north-east of it.

Accordingly, the search for John Gibbes' marriage record was inconclusive. Also, as none of the above-listed baptisms named the mother, we do not know her first name.

<sup>12</sup> See a BBC article at <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-22813345> quoting Jane Denton, Director of the Multiple Births Foundation: "Family studies have shown that a woman who has had DZ (non-identical) twins is about four times more likely to have more" twins in a subsequent pregnancy.

<sup>13</sup> It is faintly possible that Sarah's baptism was postponed to a day well after her birth for some reason, again an implausible scenario.

<sup>14</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear\\_offset=5&datasetname=warwickshire+marriages](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear_offset=5&datasetname=warwickshire+marriages). The search returned the marriage of a John Gibbs to a Bridgett Smith in Idlicote on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1686, but that would be too late for them to be Jane's parents. See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FIDLICOTE%2FDR0209-02-00005>. She is also named as a widow, which suggests an older couple. Idlicote is 5 miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse.

<sup>15</sup> See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FIDLICOTE%2FDR0209-02-00005>.

<sup>16</sup> See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.givenName=John&q.marriageLikeDate.from=1660&q.marriageLikeDate.to=1680&q.marriageLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.marriageLikePlace.exact=on&q.surname=Gibbs>. The search also returned a Berkswell marriage in 1668, but it proved to be to the same woman recorded in the 1667 Berkswell marriage record referred to above.

As noted above, the Family Search person record for John states that he married a Mary Webb in Gloucestershire on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1674. Such a marriage date aligns reasonably well with the sequence of baptisms listed above, and, in particular, with Jane's baptism in 1677. That 1674 marriage event was added to the Family Search person record by both Family Search and a contributor,<sup>17</sup> but the basis for linking it is unspecified – no reason for doing so is given, no source record for such a marriage is linked, and the name of the relevant town in Gloucestershire is not given.<sup>18</sup>

Searches were therefore conducted for a 1674 marriage of a John Gibbs/Gibbes to a Mary Webb, but no record could be located either in Family Search<sup>19</sup> or FindMyPast.<sup>20</sup> A specific Family Search search for a Mary Webb marriage in Gloucestershire around 1674 returned 70 records, but none relating to a marriage to a John Gibbs or any similar name.<sup>21</sup>

A similar specific FindMyPast search for a Mary Webb marriage in Gloucestershire in 1674 (with "Gibb" as a keyword) returned no relevant record.<sup>22</sup>

Conversely, a specific FindMyPast search for a John Gibbes marriage in Gloucestershire around 1674 returned 3 records, but none relating to a marriage to a Mary Webb or any similar name.<sup>23</sup> A similar Family Search search also proved fruitless.<sup>24</sup>

No source record or other information is at Mary Webb's person record linked to John's person record, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/sources/4XPT-CLG>, except information that she was born in 1646 in "England". That information was added by a contributor. As noted above, such contributors often speculate. One would expect the record to exist, given the very specific date nominated for the marriage, but it could not be located. Accordingly, the suggested marriage could not be substantiated.

The sources attached to the person record for John Gibbes include a Family Search record of the baptism to John Gibs of a child Margret on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1675 in Ebrington.<sup>25</sup> That town is 2½ miles west-north-west of

<sup>17</sup> See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/changelog/MNQG-69B/couple/MH2C-924>.

<sup>18</sup> Although it is noted that many Stretton-on-Fosse records observed stated that it was in Gloucestershire, such as Jane's Family Search baptism record. That anomaly is not explained by the fact that Stretton-on-Fosse is less than ½ mile from the Gloucestershire border, or that other parts of southern Warwickshire were in Gloucestershire in the late 1600s, see Joan Blaeu's 1662 map of Gloucestershire linked at the webpage [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four\\_Shire\\_Stone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Shire_Stone). Stretton-on-Fosse is 3¾ miles north by west of the Four Shire Stone, making it the place named "Stratton" in Joan Blaeu's map, and thus still in Warwickshire at the time, not Gloucestershire. But nearby Ebrington, 2½ miles west-north-west of "Stratton", is in Gloucestershire in the map, as it is today. Also, the anomaly is not explained by parish boundaries, as the Diocese of Gloucester appears never to have included parts of South Warwickshire, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocese\\_of\\_Gloucester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocese_of_Gloucester). In fact, it was the Diocese of Worcester which did that at the time, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican\\_Diocese\\_of\\_Worcester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Diocese_of_Worcester).

<sup>19</sup> See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1674&q.givenName=John&q.spouseGivenName=Mary&q.spouseGivenName.exact=on&q.spouseSurname=Webb&q.spouseSurname.exact=on&q.surname=Gibbes>.

<sup>20</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear\\_offset=2&keywords=webb](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear_offset=2&keywords=webb).

<sup>21</sup> See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1674&q.givenName=Mary&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Webb&q.surname.exact=on&c.marriageLikePlace1=on&f.marriageLikePlace0=9&c.marriageLikePlace2=on&f.marriageLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.marriageLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CGloucestershire>. See also <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1674&q.givenName=Mary&q.givenName.exact=on&q.marriageLikePlace=Gloucestershire%2C%20England&q.marriageLikePlace.exact=on&q.spouseGivenName=John&q.spouseSurname=Gibbes&q.surname=Webb&q.surname.exact=on>.

<sup>22</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=mary&lastname=webb&eventyear=1674&eventyear\\_offset=0&keywords=gloucestershire+gibb](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=mary&lastname=webb&eventyear=1674&eventyear_offset=0&keywords=gloucestershire+gibb).

<sup>23</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&eventyear=1674&eventyear\\_offset=2&keywordsplace=gloucestershire%2c+england&keywordsplace\\_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&eventyear=1674&eventyear_offset=2&keywordsplace=gloucestershire%2c+england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england).

<sup>24</sup> See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1674&q.givenName=John&q.marriageLikePlace=Gloucestershire%2C%20England&q.marriageLikePlace.exact=on&q.spouseGivenName=Mary&q.spouseSurname=Webb&q.surname=Gibbes&q.surname.exact=on>.

<sup>25</sup> See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3DR-MQ2?lang=en>. This Ebrington record was attached to John's person record by Family Search itself. A John Gibbes married an Alice Pery on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1680 in Mickleton, Gloucestershire, 5 miles north-west of Stretton-on-Fosse, but that likely occurred too late for them to be Jane's parents. See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=GBOR%2FPHILLIMOREMARS%2FYPGLS03%2F0055>.

Stretton-on-Fosse, and also over the Gloucestershire border. Given the suggestion that John's marriage occurred in Gloucestershire, that raises the possibility that the Ebrington baptism was to Jane's father.

However, it is unlikely that this John Gibbs record was correctly attached to the person record of the father of Jane, as the Ebrington baptism event is in the same month as the Stretton-on-Fosse baptism of Anne, who is also said by the same person record to be John's daughter and a sibling of Jane.<sup>26</sup> No other information obtained in the course of research for this brief suggested that the Ebrington baptism was to Jane's father, notwithstanding Ebrington's proximity to Stretton-on-Fosse.

Accordingly, despite extensive searching, John's marriage could not be located.

## John's birth

The above Family Search person record for John suggests that he was christened in Stretton-on-Fosse on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1645, and that he was the son of Richard Gibbes and Ann Canning. There is a source record provided for that information, which is at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-LCN?lang=en>:

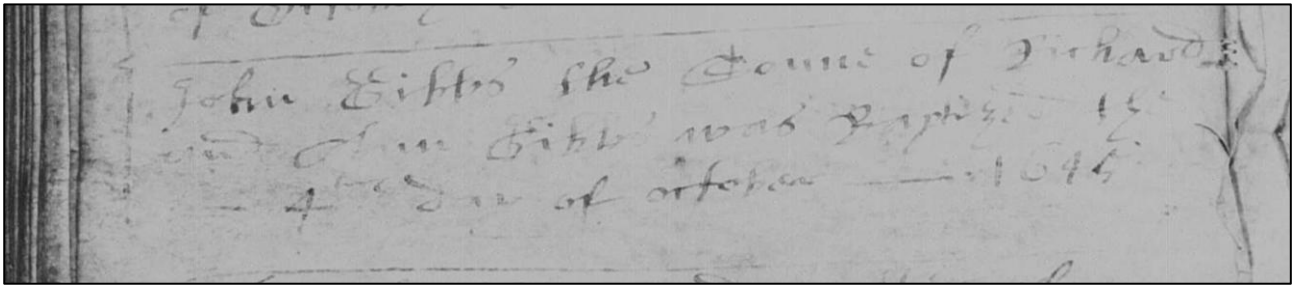
The screenshot shows a FamilySearch.org person record for John Gibbs. The record is titled "John Gibbs" and "Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972". It includes a "Check Image Availability" button for a document image. The record details are as follows:

|                        |                                          |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Name                   | John Gibbs                               |
| Sex                    | Male                                     |
| Father's Name          | <a href="#">Richard Gibbes</a>           |
| Father's Sex           | Male                                     |
| Mother's Name          | <a href="#">Ann Gibbs</a>                |
| Mother's Sex           | Female                                   |
| Event Type             | Christening                              |
| Event Date             | 04 Oct 1645                              |
| Event Place            | Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England |
| Event Place (Original) | Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England |

Below the record details, there is a section for "John Gibbs's Parents and Siblings" showing Richard Gibbes as the father and Ann Gibbs as the mother. The record is also attached to a tree and has several similar records listed on the right side.

This is a close up of the relevant entry in the original parish register containing the record of that 1645 baptism, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-01-00015>:

<sup>26</sup> In case this John Gibbs married a Mary Webb, a FindMyPast search for any John Gibbes/Gibbs event anywhere in England in 1674 was conducted, but no Ebrington record was located. See [https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear\\_offset=40&keywords=stretton&sid=999](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1674&eventyear_offset=40&keywords=stretton&sid=999).



Having likely baptised a number of children in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1674 and 1689, John the father of Jane likely was born around 1650, and likely in Stretton-on-Fosse. Accordingly, this John baptised in 1645 in Stretton-on-Fosse is a plausible candidate for Jane's father.

But, as noted above, there was also another John Gibbes/Gibbs born in Stretton-on-Fosse at a similar time (such that he too was likely to be baptising children there between 1674 and 1689). This second John Gibbs, who was located upon a FindMyPast search, was baptised to Richard and Alice Gibbs in Stretton-on-Fosse on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1638, see

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### John Gibbs in 1637

Warwickshire Baptisms

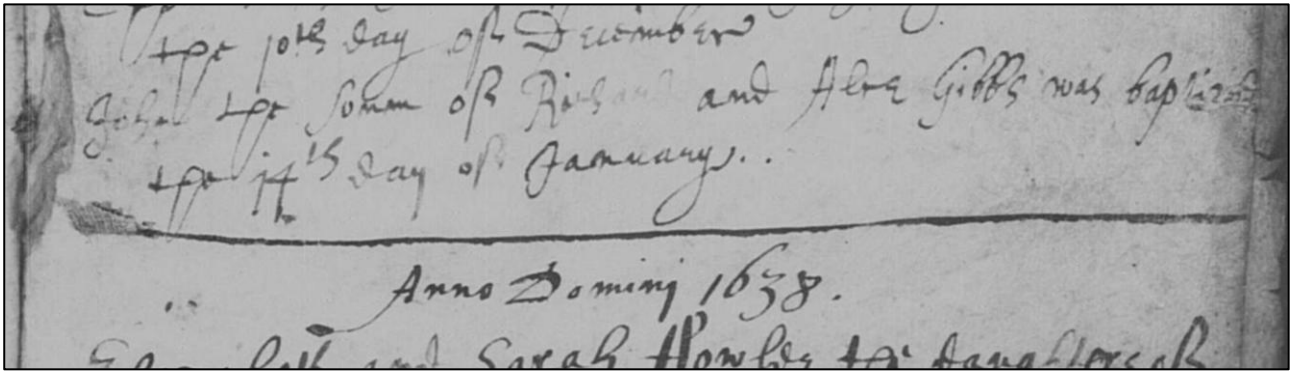
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|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| First name(s)          | John              | Country             | England                           |
| Last name              | Gibbs             | Archive             | Warwickshire County Record Office |
| Birth year             | -                 | Archive reference   | DR0055A/1                         |
| Baptism year           | 1637              | Document type       | Parish registers                  |
| Baptism date           | 14 Jan 1637       | Register type       | Baptisms, marriages & burials     |
| Father's first name(s) | Richard           | Register year range | 1552-1669                         |
| Father's last name     | Gibbs             | Record set          | Warwickshire Baptisms             |
| Mother's first name(s) | Alice             | Category            | Life Events (BDMs)                |
| Denomination           | Anglican          | Subcategory         | Parish Baptisms                   |
| Place                  | Stretton-On-Fosse | Collections from    | England, Great Britain            |
| County                 | Warwickshire      |                     |                                   |

This is a close up of the relevant entry in the original parish register containing the record of that baptism, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-01-00013:>



Note that the record immediately precedes the listing of the year, and a perusal of the page reveals the baptism was actually on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1638, not 1637 as noted in the above FindMyPast transcript.

Although at first blush the mother's first name is somewhat unclear, its last letter is the same as the first "e" (and the last "e") in the word "December" written above it, so the name is "Alice", as FindMyPast transcribes it.<sup>27</sup> That conclusion is reinforced in that, on the same page of the Stretton-on-Fosse parish register, there is recorded the marriage of Richard Gibbs and Alice Halifax<sup>28</sup> on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1635, and they are likely the same couple who baptised John almost 2 years later.<sup>29</sup>

Of course, if the John Gibbs baptised in 1638 had died before the second John Gibbs was baptised in 1645, that would leave the latter as the only located candidate for Jane's father. According to a FindMyPast search, only one John Gibbes/Gibbs was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1635 and 1675.<sup>30</sup> His name was in fact recorded as Johannes Gibbs, and he was buried on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1661, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008148&tab=this:>

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| Record set                                                                                                                                  | Warwickshire Burials | Document type      | Parish registers                  |
| First name(s)                                                                                                                               | Johannes             | Burial date        | 18 Mar 1661                       |
| Last name                                                                                                                                   | Gibbes               | Archive            | Warwickshire County Record Office |
| Burial year                                                                                                                                 | 1661                 | Archive reference  | DR0055A/1                         |
| Death year                                                                                                                                  | -                    | Event type         | Baptisms, marriages & burials     |
| Denomination                                                                                                                                | Anglican             | Records year range | 1552-1669                         |
| County                                                                                                                                      | Warwickshire         | Category           | Life Events (BDMs)                |
| Country                                                                                                                                     | England              | Subcategory        | Parish Burials                    |
| Place                                                                                                                                       | Stretton-On-Fosse    | Collections from   | England, Great Britain            |

<sup>27</sup> It is noted that "e" could be written "c" in the "Secretary hand" of the time (as could "h", but no female name seems obviously formed if the last letter is an "h"). As to Secretary hand, see [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img\\_auth.php/9/99/That's\\_English\\_-\\_Reading\\_Old\\_Handwriting\\_K\\_Robbins\\_Apr\\_2021\\_JMR.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/9/99/That's_English_-_Reading_Old_Handwriting_K_Robbins_Apr_2021_JMR.pdf).

<sup>28</sup> Although her surname is transcribed as "Holifax" by FindMyPast.

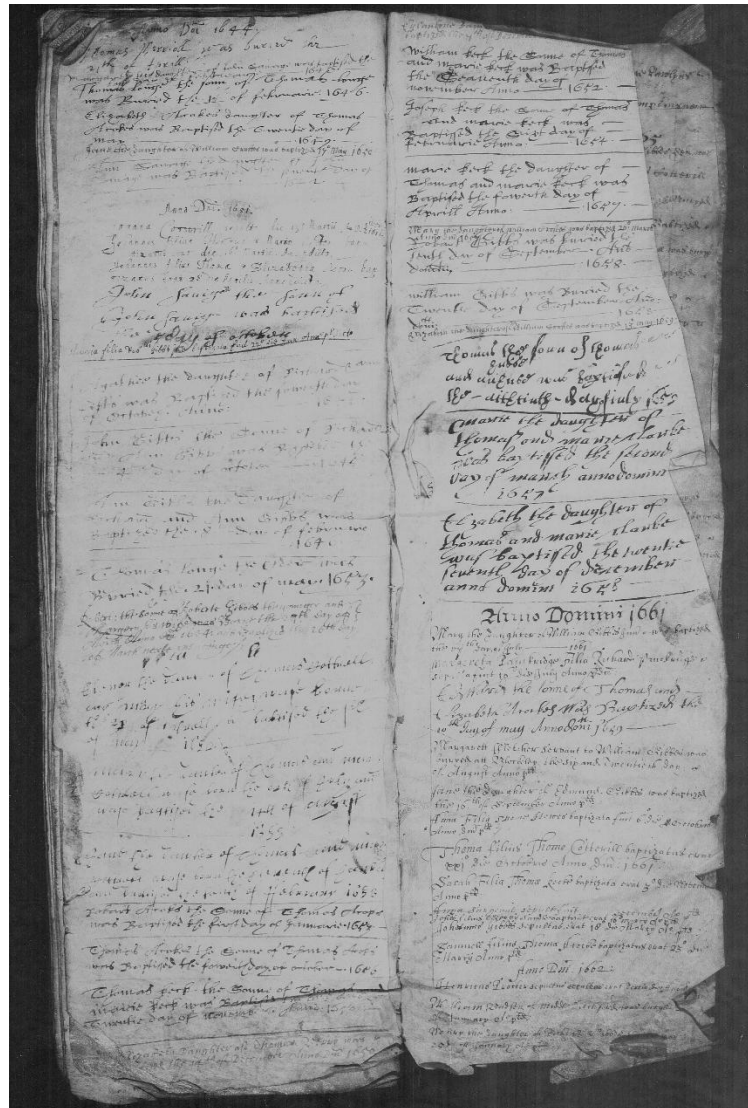
<sup>29</sup> In any event, the mother's first name certainly is not "Ann" or "Anne", given its second letter, so there is no doubt that this is a separate couple to Richard and Ann Gibbs, and not a case of that couple naming a second child John after a first child John had died.

<sup>30</sup> See

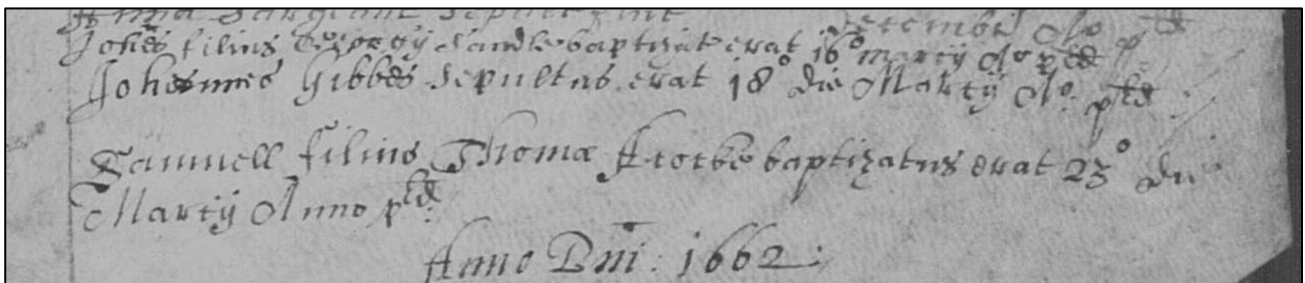
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This is the original parish register page with the relevant entry, see

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-01-00015>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



("Sepult" is short for "sepultus", being Latin for "buried".<sup>31</sup> It is noted that the surrounding entries on the page are in Latin, and that "Johannes" is a Medieval Latin form of the personal name that is usually translated to "John" in English).<sup>32</sup>

As this 1661 John was the only John Gibbes/Gibbs buried in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1635 and 1675, that suggests that the John Gibbs baptised in 1638 had not died before the second John Gibbs was baptised in 1645.

Further, if it could be shown that either the 1638 John or the 1645 John was the John who died in 1661, then he could not be the father of Jane baptised in 1677, but there was no information available to suggest that that occurred. Even if it did, there is nothing in the 1661 burial record which indicates which one of them was so buried.

A Family Search search for a John Gibbes/Gibbs birth in Warwickshire between 1630 and 1660 returned no baptisms in Stretton-on-Fosse in that period except for the above two baptisms.<sup>33</sup>

There are thus two located candidates for Jane's father. As to preferring one over the other:

- as we don't have a marriage record, it is difficult to determine if the October 1645 John was too young to marry
- but it can be said that the January 1738 John would have been unusually old to commence baptising children in February 1674 at the age of 36, whereas the October 1645 John would then have been aged 28 and
- that would tend to favour the 1645 John over the 1638 John, except for the fact that it cannot be said that the 1645 John did baptise his first child in 1674, and if his first child was one of the later children in the list, he too may have been well into his thirties when he commenced baptising children
- In any event, when the age difference between the two candidates is 7½ years, as here, the mere fact that one of them may be of a more appropriate age is, on its own, well short of determinative
- it can also be said that the January 1738 John would, at 51, have been somewhat old to baptise Mary in February 1689, except for the fact that it cannot be said that she was his child and
- in any event, the point only goes to whether the 1738 John was Mary's father, and says nothing about whether he was Jane's father, as we do not know if they were sisters or not
- because the children listed above could be those of either John,<sup>34</sup> we are unable to say who might or might not be Jane's siblings, and then attempt to gauge, based on a first-born sibling's baptism date, which candidate for Jane's father is the more likely to be such.

It doesn't help that we don't know the first name of the wife of either the 1738 John or the 1745 John because all of the above-listed baptism records do not give the mother's name. One would think that if two John Gibbs were baptising children in Stretton-on-Fosse at the same time, the vicar would attempt to distinguish which family a baptised child belonged to, but no doubt everyone local at the time would know anyway, so perhaps that was seen as unnecessary. Or, perhaps, there were not two John Gibbs baptising children in Stretton-on-Fosse at the same time but, if so, there is no indication which one, as between the 1638 John and the 1645 John, was.

It could therefore not be determined which of the two candidates were Jane's father, as neither of them can be ruled out, and making a 50/50 call is not to determine the matter with sufficient certitude. Even if the younger

<sup>31</sup> See [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Genealogical\\_Abbreviations\\_and\\_Latin\\_Terms\\_Rev\\_to\\_Z\\_-\\_International\\_Institute](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Genealogical_Abbreviations_and_Latin_Terms_Rev_to_Z_-_International_Institute).

<sup>32</sup> See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes>. The name may be written as "Johannio", but that would translate the same.

<sup>33</sup> See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1630&q.anyDate.to=1660&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=John&q.surname=Gibbes&c.birthLikePlace1=on&f.birthLikePlace0=9&c.birthLikePlace2=on&f.birthLikePlace1=9&c.birthLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>.

<sup>34</sup> Or, indeed, even another undiscovered John Gibbs, although numerous searches did not locate any others locally except for a John Gibbs baptised in nearby Ebrington on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1662, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J7MR-CRQ?lang=en>, but one would think he could not possibly be Jane's father given she was baptised in July 1677. Ebrington is 2½ miles west-north-west of Stretton-on-Fosse.

John is to be somewhat preferred, that also is insufficient to determine the matter with the required degree of certitude.

Further, there is a question mark over whether there are only two candidate John Gibbs born 1738 and 1745. Ordinarily, it is reasonable to assume that parish records of the time are reasonably complete, legible and accurate (as well as captured by, and accurately transcribed and recorded in, the databases searched). However, the Stretton-on-Fosse records of the time were in disarray, as revealed in the two pages in the image set out above relating to the 1660s, as well as incomplete (or incompletely transcribed), as indicated by the inability to locate John's marriage record even though it is highly likely to have occurred in Stretton-on-Fosse in the early to mid 1670s. There thus might also be more candidates for Jane's father which were undiscovered.

Accordingly, the baptism date and place of Jane's father John Gibbs could not be determined with sufficient certitude.

### John's death

Having likely baptised a number of children in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1674 and 1689, John likely died in Stretton-on-Fosse, and probably after 1689.

The abovementioned Family Search person record for John gives no date of burial, or any source record for it.

A FindMyPast search for burials of a John Gibbes/Gibbs in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1680 and 1720 only returned one burial on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1715, and no others.<sup>35</sup> This is the FindMyPast transcript of that record, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008362&tab=this:>

## John Gibbes Senr in 1715

Warwickshire Burials

Stretton-On-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

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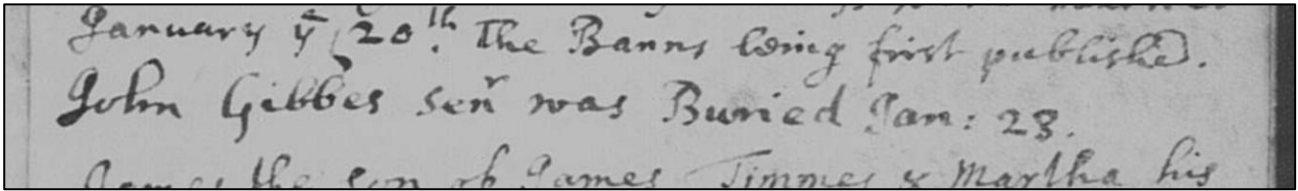
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| Record set    | Warwickshire Burials | Document type      | Parish registers                  |
| First name(s) | John                 | Burial date        | 28 Jan 1715                       |
| Last name     | Gibbes Senr          | Archive            | Warwickshire County Record Office |
| Burial year   | 1715                 | Archive reference  | DR0055A/2                         |
| Death year    | -                    | Event type         | Baptisms, marriages & burials     |
| Denomination  | Anglican             | Records year range | 1671-1733                         |
| County        | Warwickshire         | Category           | Life Events (BDMs)                |
| Country       | England              | Subcategory        | Parish Burials                    |
| Place         | Stretton-On-Fosse    | Collections from   | England, Great Britain            |

This is a close up of the relevant entry in the original parish register containing the record of that burial, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-02-00014:>

<sup>35</sup> See

[https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=998&firstname=john&firstname\\_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname\\_variants=true&eventyear=1700&eventyear\\_offset=20&keywords=stretton.](https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=998&firstname=john&firstname_variants=true&lastname=gibbes&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1700&eventyear_offset=20&keywords=stretton.)



Being noted as a “senior”, this John Gibbes was obviously not an infant, although no age is given which might indicate whether he was Jane’s father.<sup>36</sup>

The “senior” notation verifies that this 1715 John Gibbes was the father of a John Gibbes, and thus potentially the father of the John baptised in 1681, but, even if he was, that would not prove he was Jane’s father, as, for the reasons above, we do not know if the 1681 John was Jane’s brother or not.

There is also no other information which suggests whether this 1715 burial may be that of the 1738 John or the 1745 John, or possibly even some other “John Gibbes”. (The different surname spelling of this 1715 John Gibbes to the surnames of the 1738 John and the 1745 John does not disqualify them from being this 1715 John, as different spellings are commonly observed in parish records for the same person, and especially when the spellings are phonetically equivalent).

In addition to the above 1715 burial, a Family Search search<sup>37</sup> for a burial of a John Gibbes/Gibbs in Warwickshire between 1670 and 1730 returned a burial of a “Jone Gibbs” in Stretton-on-Fosse on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1678. However, that first name was not a version of “John”, as the relevant burial proved to be that of a female, given she is noted as being a spinster, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008195&tab=this>.

Also, a John Gibbes was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1678, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008197&tab=this>, but, as that transcript, and also the linked original record confirms, he was the son of a William, not a Richard,<sup>38</sup> being the name of the father of both the 1638 John and the 1645 John as the two most likely candidates for the John Gibbes who was Jane’s father.

Accordingly, the burial record of John Gibbes the father of Jane was not located. His date and place of death are thus unknown.

<sup>36</sup> He is also unlikely to be the John baptised in 1681, see the above list, as that John would have been about 34 in 1715, and unlikely to have died that young. Also, it would be to confuse to name that 1681 John as “senior” when his father was also named John, but perhaps not if his father had died some time previously. Note that even if the above conclusion that the 1680 John baptism did not occur is incorrect, that John would have been about 35 in 1715, so he also was unlikely to have died that young.

<sup>37</sup> See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1670&q.anyDate.to=1730&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=John&q.surname=Gibbes&c.deathLikePlace1=on&f.deathLikePlace0=9&c.deathLikePlace2=on&f.deathLikePlace1=9%2CEngland&f.deathLikePlace2=9%2CEngland%2CWarwickshire>.

<sup>38</sup> The 1678 John is actually transcribed as “John Gibbes jun” notwithstanding that he was the son of a William Gibbes. That is because the original record elaborates in naming him as the son of “William Gibbes the younger”, so it was actually William who was “Gibbes junior”, and the transcription software has included that descriptor in John’s surname. A separate entry on the same page of the parish register has a “John the [son] of William Gibbes the younger” being baptised on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1678, which is confusing, but of no moment for present purposes.