

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Timothy Miles

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

Those details are –

Timothy was baptised to a William Miles in Honington, Warwickshire on 26th February 1637.

The date and place of Timothy's marriage are unknown. His wife's first name was Eglintine.

Timothy was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 29th January 1714.

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

Timothy's death

Timothy Miles baptised his son William in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 19th July 1672, see the brief relating to William Miles. The Family Search person record for Timothy Miles linked to William's person record is at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/LCDS-5PT>. It lists Timothy's children as follows, and it also provides links to Family Search event records for their respective baptisms as follows:

Name	Baptism date	Family Search record URL
Mary	18 th December 1666	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGY1-4QJ?lang=en ¹
Sarah	25 th July 1669	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3WQ-RL8?lang=en
William	19 th July 1672	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGYB-165?lang=en
Ann	15 th February 1674 ²	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGYR-CQ4?lang=en
Henry	1 st April 1677	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH62-RTF?lang=en
Timothy	28 th March 1680	https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/sources/GM87-92N

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

² The Family Search record says 1674, and the curate specifically wrote the year as 1674 in the relevant entry in the parish register, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FILMINGTON%2FDR0020-01-00073>, but that entry follows entries for October and November 1674. It also appears that, as commonly observed in many other parish registers, the curate only wrote the 1675 year heading after a few entries for that year. The year is thus probably 1675, but nothing turns on it, including the likelihood that all the listed children are siblings based on the time intervals between their baptisms, as referred to below.

The date listed for each baptism is as given in the Family Search event records. The original baptism entries in parish records were also inspected,³ and those dates were confirmed, as was the fact that the father of each child was Timothy (or Tymothy) Miles (or Myles or Milles). The mother was not named in any of the records.⁴

The first three baptisms were in Stretton-on-Fosse,⁵ then Ann and Henry were baptised in Ilmington, 3¼ miles north of Stretton-on-Fosse, and Timothy junior was baptised in Quinton, 6 miles north-north-west of Stretton-on-Fosse (and 3 miles north-west of Ilmington).

The original parish record of Ann's baptism notes that Timothy is "of Foxcoate".⁶ Foxcote is a rural area, not a town, at the north end of the Cotswolds,⁷ and just over a mile south-west of Ilmington, and 2½ miles north-north-west of Stretton-on-Fosse. It is where a mansion, Foxcote House, was built in the early 1700s.⁸ Ann's baptism record also notes that Ann was born three weeks earlier on 25th January 1674, stating that that was a "munday" (in fact it was a Thursday). The six original baptism records provide no further information.

The sequencing of the six baptisms, the fact that Timothy (who was born in 1637, see below) was of a very suitable age to start having children in 1666, and the fact that the baptisms all occurred in towns in close proximity to each other, and at three parish towns which encircle Foxcote, where Timothy was residing in 1674, strongly suggests that the six children were indeed siblings with the same father.

The six baptism records have been added to Timothy's person record by Family Search and various contributors, but none is annotated with a "reason this source is attached". However, an additional, and last in time, event record has been added to Timothy's person record. It states: "Timothy Miles will proved 14 June 1715, [Episcopal] Consistory Court of Worcester, 1493-1857". A "reason this source is attached" is given for this event record, and it is that "Father Timothy Miles refers to daughter Mary Clarke, Sarah Kilby and sons Henry Miles and William Miles in his will".

FindMyPast confirms that a will of Timothy Miles was proved in the Diocese of Worcester on 14th June 1715, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWORCS%2FPROBATEINDEX%2F008875&tab=this>, although that is a transcript extracted from a record set called "Worcestershire Probate Index 1600-1858", and there appears to be no record set in FindMyPast with images of the actual documents of the Episcopal Consistory Court of Worcester.⁹ However, a full transcript of the will is provided by a Family Search contributor under the Memories tab of Timothy's person record, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/memories/LCDS-5PT>.

The transcript records that the will is dated 29th September 1712, and that it indeed refers to the above four persons as Timothy's children, and no others. Timothy himself is described as "Of Stretton on the ffosse" and a "yeoman".¹⁰ Legacies are left to "my loveinge Daughter Mary Clarke the now wife of Thomas Clarke of Whitchford", and "my Loveinge daughter Sarah Kilby of the new wife of Sam Kilby of Oxhill". The will leaves a house premises in Stretton-on-Fosse, and its appurtenances, which is noted as then being in the possession of

³ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-01-00016> and the following page 17 for the 1666 and 1669 records, <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00002> for the 1672 record, <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FILMINGTON%2FDR0020-01-00073> and the following page 74 for the 1674 and 1677 records, and <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FQUINTON%2FDR0328-02-00007> for the 1680 record.

⁴ Possibly her name was written but then crossed out or erased in the 1680 record.

⁵ Some records noted that Stretton-on-Fosse is in Gloucestershire, which it is plainly not. The Fosse Way proceeds 3 miles from Stretton-on-Fosse to Moreton-in-Marsh in Gloucestershire (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fosse_Way).

⁶ It looks to be spelled "foBcoate", but note the variations as to how "x" was written in "Secretary hand" in use at the time, see https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/9/99/That's_English_-_Reading_Old_Handwriting_K_Robbins_Apr_2021_JMR.pdf.

⁷ See the map of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at <https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/AONB-Simple-Map.png>. Foxcote is 3½ miles north-east of Chipping Campden in the map, and just over the county border in Warwickshire.

⁸ See https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/catalogue_her/foxcote-house-foxcote.

⁹ Family Search appears to have an image of Timothy's will, but access to it is restricted, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSGR-ZQVH-4?lang=en>. Family Search also has an index to the documents of the Court, and Timothy's will is listed at page 616 of the index, see <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/122602/?offset=0#page=616&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>.

¹⁰ A "yeoman" refers to a member of the middle-class between a gentleman and a peasant or labourer, including a freeholder who cultivated his own land. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yeoman>. See also <https://www.britannica.com/topic/yeoman>.

William, to “my Loveinge Sonne Henry Miles”, and a second dwelling house and its appurtenances in Stretton-on-Fosse “wherein I now Inhabitt and dwell” to “my Sonne William Miles”. The residuary estate is given to William. The will appoints William as “full and sole Executor” and “my well beloved friend Edward Hiorne of Shipstone Gent” as trustee of the will.

(It is apparent that, by then, Timothy had been a property owner in Stretton-on-Fosse for over 40 years, as the Memories tab of Timothy’s Family Search person record also has an extract from what is said to be “Hearth Tax Returns in Stretton Super Faus, ¹¹ 1670”, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/memories/memory/72056433>. The English hearth tax of the late 1600s, introduced in 1662 and abolished in 1689, was a tax of one shilling each 6 months for every fire hearth or stove in a dwelling).¹²

As noted above, Mary, Sarah, William and Henry were each baptised to a Timothy Miles in or near Stretton-on-Fosse, and the sequencing as well as the locations of their baptisms strongly suggests that they were baptised to the same father. Their being named as sons and daughters in the will of a Timothy Miles from Stretton-on-Fosse then amply confirms their sibling relationship, and that the will is that of their father.¹³

What then further confirms that Timothy was both the testator, and also the father of William, is that a FindMyPast search¹⁴ for any burials of a Timothy Miles between 1650 and 1730 in Stretton-on-Fosse or within 10 miles of it (thus including Ilmington and Quinton, and also Honington, as to which, see below) returned only two burials in the whole of that 80 year time span.

One burial was in Stretton-on-Fosse on 28th September 1682, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008213&tab=this>:

Tymothy Miles in 1682
 Warwickshire Burials
 Stretton-On-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

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Record set	Warwickshire Burials	Burial date	28 Sep 1682
First name(s)	Tymothy	Relative's relationship	Sonne of
Last name	Miles	Relative's name	Timothy Miles
Burial year	1682	Archive	Warwickshire County Record Office
Death year	-	Archive reference	DR0055A/2
Denomination	Anglican	Event type	Baptisms, marriages & burials
County	Warwickshire	Records year range	1671-1733
Country	England	Category	Life Events (BDMs)
Place	Stretton-On-Fosse	Subcategory	Parish Burials
Document type	Parish registers	Collections from	England, Great Britain

¹¹ This appears to be a Latin rendering of Stretton-on-Fosse.

¹² See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hearth_tax.

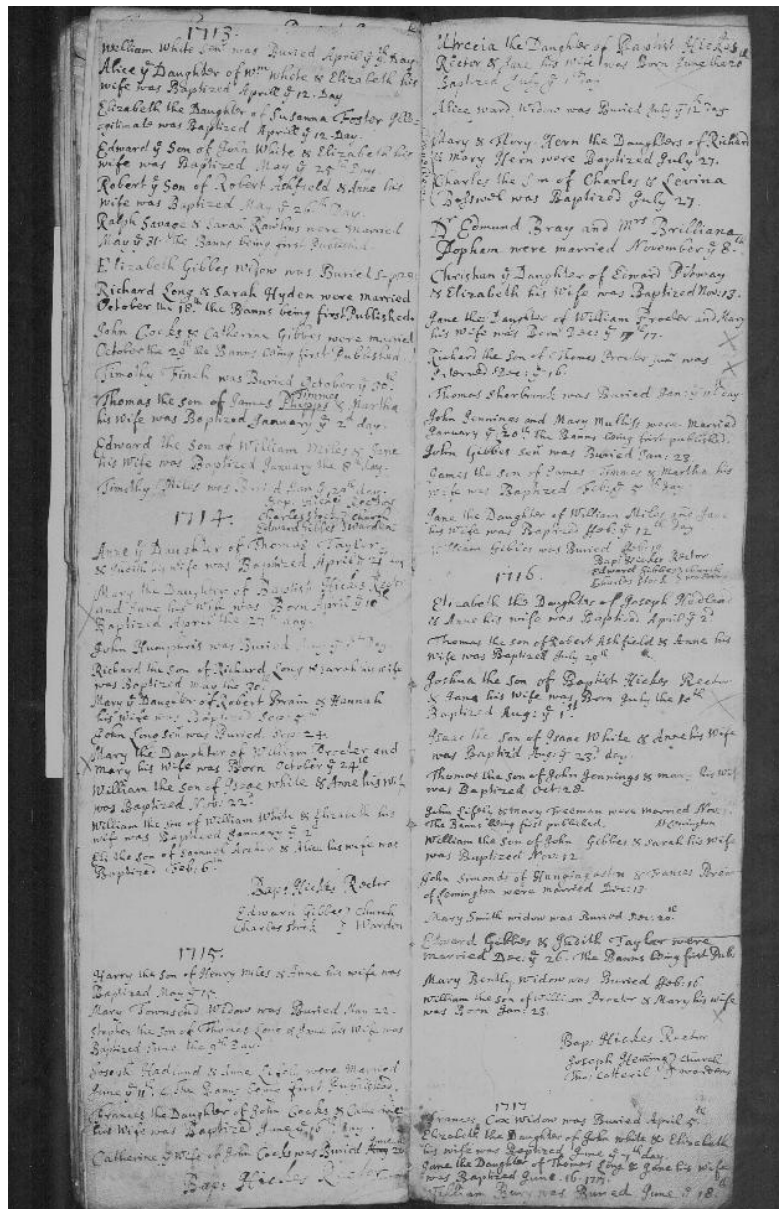
¹³ Whether the children in the list apart from Mary, Sarah and William are also Timothy’s may be slightly less certain since they were baptised elsewhere than Stretton-on-Fosse, albeit nearby, but, if they were not, that doesn’t affect how his details are proved in this brief.

¹⁴ See https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=tymothy&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variants=true&yearofdeath=1690&yearofdeath_offset=40&keywordsplace=stretton%20on%20fosse%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=10&sid=999.

This burial is not that of Timothy the father of William, as it is concluded above that he made a will in 1712, and this burial predates that event. Also, as his father is named in the record, this Timothy Miles was very likely an infant. Indeed, as the son of a Timothy, it seems highly likely that the deceased was the Timothy baptised to Timothy Miles in Quinton on 28th March 1680, see above, which would also explain why he is not mentioned in his father's 1712 will.¹⁵

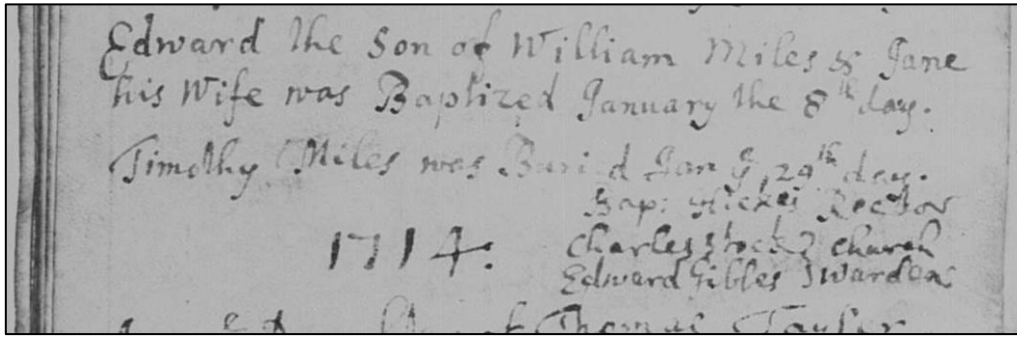
The second burial was also in Stretton-on-Fosse, and said to have occurred on 29th January 1713, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008354&tab=this>.

The linked image of the original parish register pages containing the record of this burial 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 of the relevant entry:

¹⁵ See also the Family Search record of the 1682 burial at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-LZ?lang=en>.



Plainly, the year of the burial is 1714, not 1713. As is often observed, the curate did not write the year heading until after recording some events for the year, including the baptism of our ancestor Edward to Timothy's son William, also our ancestor.

The like Family Search search (for events relating to a Timothy Miles/Myles between 1650 and 1730 in Stretton-on-Fosse) also returned no further burials except the two mentioned, and no records suggesting that there was another adult Timothy Miles or Myles in the area in the early 1700s, or indeed at any time in the period 1650 to 1730. (The records returned on the search show that it actually covered the wider area, as it returned burials throughout Warwickshire, such as at Warwick in 1675, although for a female, and at Claverdon in 1684, although for a "Simon or Miles").¹⁶

The Family Search person record for Timothy the father of William also states that Timothy was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse on 29th January 1714, and provides a link to the burial record in Family Search (which also transcribed the year of burial as 1713 not 1714), see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-GB6?lang=en>:

Timothy Miles
Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972

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Document Information

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Name Timothy Miles
Sex Male
Event Type Burial
Event Date 29 January 1713
Event Place Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original) Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

Attached in Tree to
Timothy Myles
1632-1714 • LCDS-SPT

Similar Records
No similar records were found.

A January 1714 burial eminently fits with the proving of a will shortly after in 1715. The short interval between the dates of the 1712 will and the 1714 burial also fits with Timothy's description of himself in the will as "beinge weake in body". The lack of any other burials of a Timothy Miles in the locality and in the relevant time span, as verified on the searches referred to above, further demonstrates that the burial is that of the Timothy Miles who made the will in 1712. And it has been demonstrated above that that 1712 will was made by Timothy Miles, the father of the William Miles baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse on 19th July 1672.

Accordingly, Timothy Miles, the father of William Miles, was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire on 29th January 1714.

¹⁶ Warwick is 17 miles north by east of Stretton-on-Fosse, and Claverdon is 16½ miles north by west of Stretton-on-Fosse.

Timothy's marriage

A record for the marriage of Timothy Miles was not identified with sufficient certitude, see the details of the search for that record in the brief relating to Eglington Miles.

As such, the date and place of Timothy's marriage are unknown.

However, his wife's first name was Eglington, see the brief relating to her.¹⁷

Timothy's birth

The Family Search person record for Timothy referred to above states that he was baptised on 26th February 1637 in Honington, Warwickshire. Honington is a hamlet just to the north of Shipston-on-Stour. It is 3½ miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse.

And, indeed, a Timothy Miles was baptised to a William Miles in Honington on 26th February 1637,¹⁸ see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWZQ-YS9?lang=en>:

The screenshot displays the FamilySearch.org interface for a person record. At the top, the name 'Timothy Miles' is prominently displayed, followed by 'Vital • England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975'. Below this, there are buttons for 'SAVE', 'EDIT', and 'SHARE'. A large placeholder image shows 'Image Unavailable'. To the right, a table lists personal details: Name (Timothy Miles), Sex (Male), Father's Name (William Miles), Father's Sex (Male), Event Type (Christening), Event Date (26 Feb 1636), Event Place (Honington, Warwickshire, England), and Event Place (Original) (Honington, Warwick, England). Below the table, there is a section for 'Document Information' with a link to 'England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975'. To the right, it shows 'Attached in Tree to' with a profile for 'Timothy Myles' (1637-1714 • LCDS-SPT) and a note that no similar records were found. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Timothy Miles's Parents and Siblings' with a link to 'William Miles' and a table showing 'Father' as 'M'.

In the Family Search “sources” tab in Timothy's person record referred to above, it is noted that this record was added to the person record by Family Search. No reason for attaching the record is given, and it has been observed that Family Search's software, and contributors to Family Search, commonly make incorrect connections.

However, it is concluded that this indeed is the baptism record of Timothy Miles, the father of William. Based on Timothy's will, it is verified above that at least four of the children listed above, starting with Mary baptised in 1666, were the children of Timothy the father of William, and, as noted above, this Timothy born in 1637 was of a very suitable age to start having children in 1666.

Also, Timothy the father of William had a strong locational nexus to the Honington area, particularly the nearby town of Stretton-on-Fosse, 3½ miles south-west. He lived his whole life in Stretton-on-Fosse or the near area, baptised 3 of his children there, owned a property there in 1670 (to which Hearth Tax was applied), owned at least two properties there later in life (as referred to in his will), and was, together with his wife Eglington (see the brief relating to her), buried there (see above). The fact that Timothy the father of William named his first born son William is also a minor fact corroborating that his father was a William, given the patronymic naming practices of the time (but noting that William was also a very common first name of the time).

¹⁷ Although no marriage record was located, she was noted by the curate in her burial record as the wife of Timothy Miles, see the brief relating to her.

¹⁸ See the explanation below as to why the Family Search record incorrectly gives the year as 1636.

Further, the paucity of Timothy Miles/Myles records in Family Search and FindMyPast in the time span 1650-1730, as referred to above, significantly reduces the chance that there was another local Timothy Miles/Myles at the time.

That paucity was tested by further searches, firstly a FindMyPast search for any Timothy/Tymothy Miles/Myles/Millis baptism in Warwickshire in the period 1629 to 1649.¹⁹ That search returned no baptisms in that period which are not already referred to above. Secondly, a like Family Search search was conducted for any Timothy/Tymothy Miles/Myles/Millis baptism in Warwickshire in the period 1625 to 1650.²⁰ In addition to the 1637 Honington baptism, it returned baptisms in Solihul in 1647, and in Mancetter in 1644 and 1648, and also baptisms in Shipton Moyne in 1633, Tetbury in 1634 and Northleach in 1637, which last three towns are in the county of Gloucestershire, the border of which is only a couple of miles from Stretton-on-Fosse.

In relation to Stretton-on-Fosse, Solihul is 26 miles north-north-west, Mancetter is 37 miles north-north-east, Shipton Moyne is 36½ miles south-west, Tetbury is 34½ miles south-west (and adjacent to Shipton Moyne), and Northleach is 16 miles south-south-west. That is, all those towns are quite remote from Stretton-on-Fosse. And none has any known connection to Timothy. Also, the first name of each of these other baptisms is not recorded, and the chance of them being for a Timothy is low, given that observation of many records of the time verified that Timothy was a markedly less common name then.²¹

Accordingly, Timothy Miles was baptised to a William Miles in Honington on 26th February 1637.

The original parish baptism record was located at

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FHONINGTON%2FDR0210-01-00019>:

¹⁹ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=timothy&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variant_s=true&yearofbirth=1639&yearofbirth_offset=10&keywordsplace=warwickshire%2c+england.

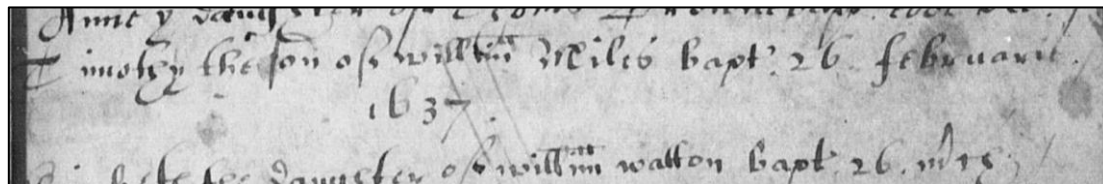
²⁰ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.exact=on&q.birthLikeDate.from=1725&q.birthLikeDate.to=1750&q.birthLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Timothy&q.surname=Miles>.

²¹ A search for Warwickshire records with the first name "Timothy" between 1630 and 1680 returned 2,691 records, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.exact=on&q.birthLikeDate.from=1630&q.birthLikeDate.to=1680&q.birthLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Timothy&q.givenName.exact=on>. Whilst the same search for John returned 457,248 records, Thomas returned 296,644, William 225,368, Edward 69,204, James 67,271, Joseph 40,890, and so on.



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



Plainly, the year of the baptism is 1637, not 1636 as recorded in Family Search – again, the curate did not write the year until after recording the 26th February baptism, as well as some other January and February 1637 baptisms, as is apparent on perusing the previous entries on the page.