

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of William Miles, father of Timothy

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

Those details are –

William's date and place of baptism, and his parentage, are unknown.

William married Adrian Cleydon in Honington, Warwickshire on 18th January 1619.

William's date and place of burial are unknown.

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

William's marriage

William Miles baptised his son Timothy in Honington, Warwickshire on 26th February 1637, see the brief relating to Timothy Miles. The Family Search person record for William Miles the father of Timothy is at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/KHGF-PCW>.¹ It lists William's children as follows, all baptised in Honington, Warwickshire, and it also provides the following links to the relevant Family Search event records:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth/baptism date</i>	<i>Family Search record URL</i>
William	27 th March 1618	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTF-J68?lang=en
Mary	21 st May 1626	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYVZ-F88?lang=en
John	1 st April 1628	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTF-JM8?lang=en
Thomas	1 st April 1628	Ditto
Raph	16 th October 1629	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMH5-PXD?lang=en
Thomas	18 th November 1632	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQG5-KXB?lang=en
Timothy	26 th February 1637 ²	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWZQ-YS9?lang=en

Family Search notes that John was baptised as “John Thom.” but in fact the original parish record for the 1628 baptism appears to refer to “John & Thomas”, not “John Thomas”, and FindMyPast has also recorded the event as a double baptism of twins or siblings, as it has separate records for a John and a Thomas baptised that day.³

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 1636, but, plainly, the correct year is 1637, as the vicar did not write the year heading in the parish register until after recording the 26th February baptism, as well as some other January and February 1637 baptisms, as is apparent on perusing the original parish register, an image of which is set out in the brief relating to Timothy Miles.

³ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001587923&tab=this> and <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001587924&tab=this>.

Notably, the baptism record for “John Thom.” also records a death date of the same day, 1st April 1628, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQTF-JM8?lang=en>, which explains the fact of a second Thomas.⁴

The date of each listed child's baptism in the above table is as given in the Family Search event records (except as footnoted above in regard to Timothy). The original parish register entries were also inspected,⁵ and those dates were confirmed, as was the fact that the father of each child was William Miles (spelled “Myles” in Mary's record). Raph's original 1629 parish register entry appears to spell his name “RapE^v”. It is noted that “h” could be written “E” in the “Secretary hand” used at the time.⁶

None of the records named the mother except for William baptised 27th March 1618, which named his mother as Audrey Cleydon, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FHONINGTON%2FDR0210-01-00017>:

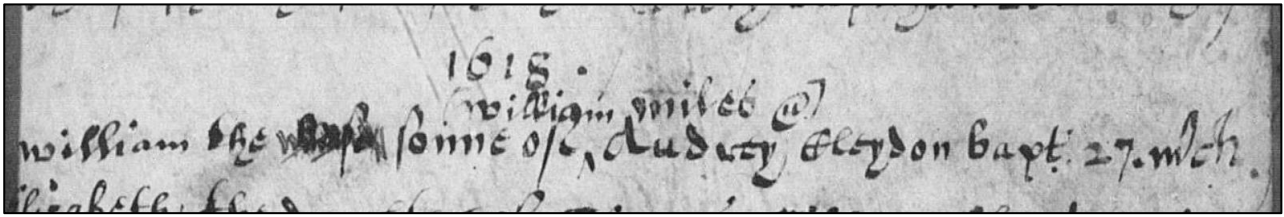


This is a close-up of the relevant entry:

⁴ It is unclear where the 1st April 1628 date came from. The parish register does not record a burial of a John or Thomas Miles between 1628 and 1632 (when the second Thomas was born), see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/HONINGTON/DR0210-03-00027> and the next image. The baptism entry has extra words in it which are indecipherable, but which Family Search's software may have recognised as indicating the two were christened and buried the same day.

⁵ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FHONINGTON%2FDR0210-01-00017>, and the following images 18 and 19 for the later records.

⁶ See https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/9/99/That's_English_-_Reading_Old_Handwriting_K_Robbins_Apr_2021_JMR.pdf.



All other entries on the two pages in the image above only name the father. The plain inference of that fact is that William's entry, as originally written, related to a child born to an unmarried mother. Then, as is obvious from the entry, the father's⁷ name was subsequently added in. (A word before "son" has been crossed out. It possibly indicated that William was illegitimate). Those facts lead to the conclusion that the William Miles added in to the entry likely married the Audrey Cleydon named, and that he did so subsequent to William's baptism.

The Family Search person record for William Miles the father of Timothy, referred to above, states that he married Adrian Cleydon in Honington, Warwickshire on 18th January "1618/1619". And, indeed, such a marriage did take place, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV7J-Z5Z?lang=en>:

Wm Miles
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Name Wm Miles
Sex Male
Spouse's Name [Adrian Cleydon](#)
Spouse's Sex Female
Event Type Marriage
Event Date 18 Jan 1618
Event Place Honington, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original) Honington, Warwick, England

Attached in Tree to
[William Miles](#)
Deceased • KHGF-PCW

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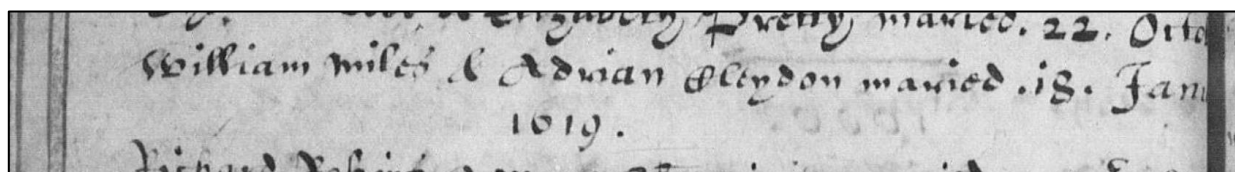
Wm Miles's Spouses and Children
[Adrian Cleydon](#) Wife F OPEN ALL

The image of the relevant parish register page is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FHONINGTON%2FDR0210-01-00023>:

⁷ Or perhaps William was not William's father but prepared to take on that role, although Adrian's naming of the child as William lessens the probability of that.



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



Plainly, notwithstanding the "1618" in the Family Search record, the correct year is 1619 because, as is commonly observed, the curate did not write the year heading until after recording an event or events for the year in question.

It is concluded above that William Miles likely married Audrey Cleydon after she baptised William junior in March 1618. This record is plainly of that marriage ten months later. That conclusion is verified in that, upon a manual examination of Honington's marriage register between 1587 and 1639, see the two pages in the above image and the two pages in the preceding image 22, there was no other Miles-Cleydon marriage, and no other entry which could possibly be a competing marriage. There may be omissions in that record for the reasons given below, but the manual examination demonstrated that Honington was averaging just over 2 marriages a year in that period of over 50 years (114 marriages in 53 years), and it seems to follow that the chances of missing a Miles-Cleydon marriage in Honington at the time, or of it going unrecorded, are therefore much lowered.

Also, a FindMyPast search for events involving William Miles (or name variants) from 1600 to 1640 in Honington or within 5 miles of it returned no other record of a marriage to a Cleydon, or to an Audrey or an Adrian.⁸ (The brief relating to Adrian Cleydon explains and verifies that Audrey Cleydon and Adrian Cleydon were one and the same person).

Accordingly, William Miles married Adrian Cleydon in Honington, Warwickshire on 18th January 1619.

William's birth

William's first child William was baptised in 1618 in Honington, and he married there the following year, see above. One may therefore expect that he was born there, and probably in about the 1590s. William's Family Search person record⁹ gives no birth or baptism date (nor any death or burial date).

A Family Search search for any William Miles record in Honington around 1590 returned no relevant record.¹⁰ Specifying a year range for the search of 1580 to 1602¹¹ produced only one baptism record, in 1585, but it was in Church Lawford, 24 miles north-north-west of Honington. The like search, but with William changed to its Latin form of "Gulielmus"¹² produced no additional baptism records.¹³ The like search for "Guglielmus" produced one additional baptism record in 1591, but it was in Grendon, 35 miles north of Honington.¹⁴

A FindMyPast search for any Honington record between 1582 and 1602 for a William (or variants) Miles (or variants)¹⁵ also returned no relevant record. It did return the baptism of a Willyam Miles on 19th August 1601, in Shipston-on-Stour, a mile south-south-west of Honington,¹⁶ but he would have been 15 when Adrian Cleydon fell pregnant with William in about June 1617, and 17 when Adrian married in January 1619. He also would have been almost 8 years younger than Adrian Cleydon, as she was baptised on 9th December 1593, see the brief relating to her. Accordingly, he is most unlikely to be the William who married Adrian.

Expanding the search to between 1562 to 1602¹⁷ produced only two extra records, both for a marriage on 17th April 1570 of a Wyllyam Myles to an Elizabeth Greene/Grencope in Whitchurch, 4¼ miles north-north-west of Honington, see

⁸ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variant_s=true&eventyear=1620&eventyear_offset=20&keywordsplace=honington%2c+warwickshire%2c+england. The only other William Miles marriages returned on the search were to an Anne Ireland in Shipston-On-Stour in 1597, to an Alice Buller in Halford in 1620, to a Constance Hart in Shipston-On-Stour in 1755, and to a Mary Parker in Ettington in 1773.

⁹ See at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/KHGF-PCW>.

¹⁰ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1590&q.birthLikePlace=Honington%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=William&q.surname=Miles>.

¹¹ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1580&q.anyDate.to=1602&q.birthLikePlace=Honington%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=William&q.surname=Miles>.

¹² See https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Latin_Versions_of_Given_Names_-_International_Institute.

¹³ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1580&q.anyDate.to=1602&q.birthLikePlace=Honington%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Gulielmus&q.surname=Miles>.

¹⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1580&q.anyDate.to=1602&q.birthLikePlace=Honington%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Guglielmus&q.surname=Miles>.

¹⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1592&eventyear_offset=10&keywordsplace=honington%2c+warwickshire%2c+england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england.

¹⁶ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001836069&tab=this>. The original entry has no further information, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC2%2FSHIPSTON-ON-STOUR%2FD0446-01-00012&parentid=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001836069>.

¹⁷ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1582&eventyear_offset=20&keywordsplace=honington%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&sid=999.

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FMAR%2F000399733%2F1&tab=this>. The original record¹⁸ is close to indecipherable, but does not seem to contain any further information.

These Family Search and FindMyPast searches did suggest that William Miles was not a common name of the time in Honington's immediate area. To test the paucity or otherwise of the surname Miles in the area and at the time, a FindMyPast search for records relating to that surname (or variants) in Honington and its immediate area (a 5 mile radius) between 1562 and 1602 was conducted,¹⁹ and produced 75 records. They were spread around the locality: apart from Honington, there were several each for Shipston-on-Stour, Brailes, Stretton-on-Fosse, Whitchurch and Tredington, and one record each for Butler's Marston, Cherington, Tysoe and Ilmington.

The name Miles was thus in fact reasonably common in the area at the time, which makes it dangerous to conclude that the Whitchurch couple might be William Miles' parents, or otherwise related to him, without corroborating information.

The difficulty in locating a candidate event for the baptism of William Miles the father of Timothy at the relevant time and in the Honington locality may be explained by this heading on one page of Honington's parish register:²⁰

The Register Books of Honington newly transcribed amended and distinguished into several volumes, the christenings being divided from the weddings & Burials, and many names through negligence omitted and displaced, and here imported and disposed in their right place, by Thomas Brownent²¹ vicar of Honington 1609.

The register then proceeds to list Honington christenings starting with 1571. These re-written baptism records were manually inspected from then (1571) through to 1605 (at page 16) for a William Miles entry, but there was none, indeed there was not a single Miles/Myles/Milles/Mills baptism. A William the son of William Millin was baptised on 20th November 1575 (see image 14), but it is a stretch to equate Millin to Miles. The surname is definitely not "Millis".²²

The entries from 1571 which were originally recorded previous to their re-writing appear to start at page 3 of the same set of images.²³ The baptisms listed from then (1571) through to 1602 (at page 12) were manually inspected for a William Miles entry, but, again, there was none, nor was there any entry for a Miles/Myles/Milles/Mills baptism.

Consequently, there appears to be no Miles family at all baptising children in Honington from 1571 to 1605, and thus it seems that William was baptised elsewhere. (That conclusion is of course subject to the qualification that it is possible one or more Miles children were baptised in Honington in that period, but his, her or their entries were omitted from the record, as the vicar Thomas Brownent warned in his 1609 note).

Accordingly, despite extensive searching, a baptism record for William Miles could not be located.

¹⁸ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FWHITCHURCH%2FD0272-01-00018>.

¹⁹ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?_page=2&lastname=miles&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1582&eventyear_offset=20&keywordsplace=honington%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sourcecountry=england&sid=999.

²⁰ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/HONINGTON/DR0210-01-00013>.

²¹ The spelling of the vicar's surname is confirmed by subsequent entries e.g.

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001587898&tab=this>.

²² FindMyPast also has the surname as ending in "in" not "is", albeit it transcribes it as Willin, that is, with a capital "W", see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/BAP/001587584>. That the name is Willin is unlikely, as its capital is written exactly the same as the "M" in Margaret and Mary entries on that image and the next, and not the same as the "W" in William twice appearing in the entry in question and elsewhere in the image, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/HONINGTON/DR0210-01-00014>. It is also noted that there was a William Millyn in Honington, as he subsequently baptised a daughter Adrian there on 22nd May 1578, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/BAP/001587603>.

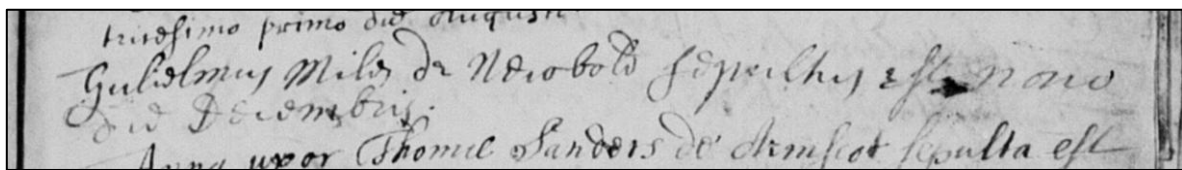
²³ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/HONINGTON/DR0210-01-00003>.

William's death

William was baptising children in Honington until 1637, see above. However, a Family Search search for the death of a William Miles (or variants) in Honington, Warwickshire from 1636 to 1690²⁴ returned no discernibly relevant burial record for William.

The burials returned on that search were all in locations remote from Honington, being locations with no known connection to William. They were in 1644 in Hampton in Arden, 24 miles north by west of Honington, in 1654 in Leamington-Hastings, 19 miles north-west of Honington, in 1666 in Warwick, 14½ miles north of Honington, and in 1682 in Baginton, 21 miles north by east of Honington. Persons named Miles but with no first name recorded were also buried in 1637 at Bulkington, 29 miles north by east of Honington, in 1675 in Warwick, and in 1684 in Claverdon, 14½ miles north by west of Honington.

A FindMyPast search for the burial of a William Miles (or variants) in Honington or within 5 miles, and between 1636 and 1676,²⁵ returned a burial in Tredington, 1 mile north-west of Honington, on 9th December 1673. This is the original record ("sepultus"²⁶ is Latin for buried):²⁷



William is said to be from "Newbold", which is 2 miles north by west of Tredington, and about 3 miles north-north-west of Honington. As noted above, William was probably born in about the 1590s, and he would thus have been about 80 in 1673, an unusually long time to live for the times, which tends to suggest that this William was not the husband of Adrian and the father of Timothy.

A William Mills was buried on 31st December 1666 in Shipston-on-Stour, 1¼ miles south-west of Honington, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F000862019&tab=this>, but he was named as the son of William Mills, and thus almost certainly a child.

The only other burial returned on the FindMyPast search was that of a William Mulles, who was buried on 20th May 1662 in Oxhill, 5 miles north-east of Honington, see https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=R_257130473&tab=this.

The most likely candidate for William Miles the husband of Adrian and the father of Timothy is the William of Newbold buried in Tredington in 1673, but it is difficult to conclude that he was in fact the husband of Adrian and the father of Timothy with any sufficient certitude given that the Oxhill candidate is also a possibility. It is also noted that none of the burials returned on the Family Search search were returned on the FindMyPast search, and vice versa, which raises concerns about the comprehensiveness of both databases in the matter of the present enquiry. Also, in 1609 the Honington vicar specifically referred to the fact of omissions in the parish records of the late 1500s.

Accordingly, William's date and place of burial could not be determined, and are unknown.

²⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.deathLikeDate.from=1636&q.deathLikeDate.to=1690&q.deathLikePlace=Honington%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=William&q.surname=Miles>.

²⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variant_s=true&yearofdeath=1656&yearofdeath_offset=20&keywordsplace=honington%2c+warwickshire%2c+england.

²⁶ See <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/sepultus>.

²⁷ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FTREDINGTON%2FDR0079-01-00141>.