

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of William Miles

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

Those details are –

William was baptised on 19th July 1672 in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire.

His parents were Timothy and Eglintine Miles (spelled Myles in his baptism record).

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

The date of William's death and/or burial is unknown.

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

William's marriage

William Miles and his wife Jane baptised Edward Miles on 8th January 1714 in Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, see the brief relating to Edward Miles.

A William Miles married a Jane Gibbes in Stretton-on-Fosse on 4th June 1699, see <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 record. The "Vital Information" section lists the following details:

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

The "William Miles's Spouses and Children" section lists the following information:

Name	Sex	Relationship
Jane Gibbes	Female	Wife

The "Attached in Tree to" section lists the following information:

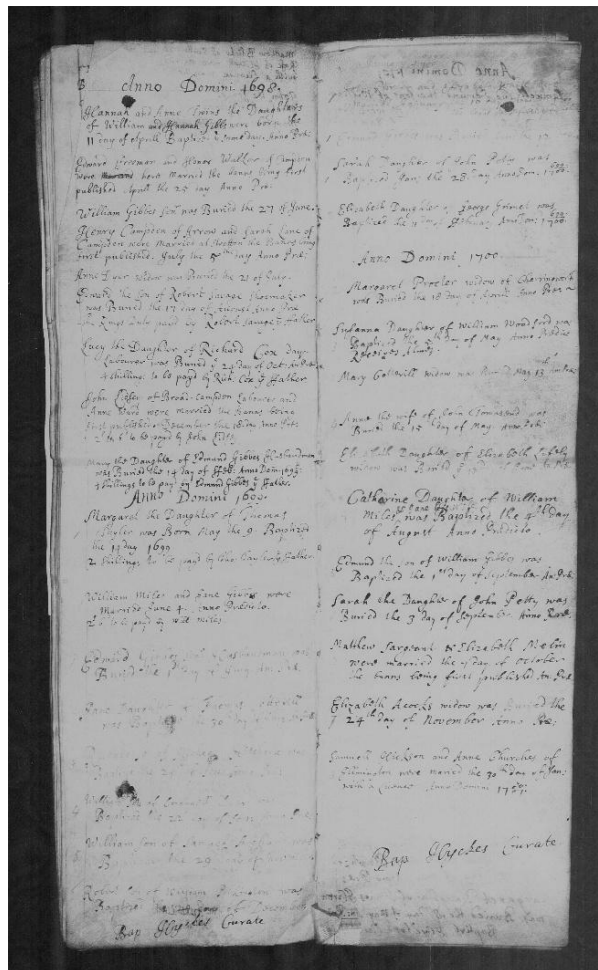
Name	Life Span	Relationship
William Miles	1672-1745	KPHM-68Y

The "Similar Records" section lists the following information:

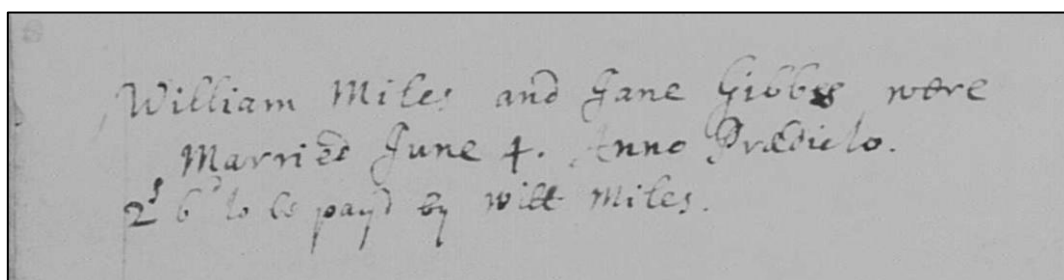
Name	Life Span	Relationship
William Miles	1672-1745	KPHM-68Y

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



This is a close up of the marriage record:³



² The same page also records the baptism of Catharine, see below.

³ "Anno ptdo" was commonly used in parish burial records as meaning "in the present year". See <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/LatinNotes> (also at <https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~shakespeare/genealogy/downloads/resources/latin.htm>). In this 1699 marriage entry, "Anno Prædielo" is used, and, as it follows the day of the year, it is used quite clearly to mean "in the same year as noted before". Elsewhere on the page, its abbreviation "Anno Prd" is used. "Anno prae die lo" or, rather, "die lo anno prae", translates literally as "on the day of the year before" (meaning "listed before").

The Family Search person record for the William Miles who married Jane Gibbes in Stretton-on-Fosse on 4th June 1699 is at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/KPHM-68Y>, and it lists the children of William and Jane as those in the left hand column of the following table:

Name	Birth/baptism date	Family Search record URL
Catharine	4 th August 1700	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-GRN?lang=en
Timothy	19 th July 1702	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-Y2N?lang=en
Joseph	8 th October 1704	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-YPQ?lang=en
Mary	23 rd December 1706	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-TC8?lang=en
William	18 th November 1708	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH61-M94?lang=en
John	8 th April 1711	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH61-SYM?lang=en
Edward	8 th January 1714	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-GBD?lang=en
Jane	12 th February 1715	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-R5W?lang=en
David	10 th December 1718	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH61-9MR?lang=en
Jonathan	4 th December 1720	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-PCR?lang=en

The Family Search record for each baptism above was located (at the URL listed), and the date of each child's baptism was extracted and listed above, and also the parents of each child was confirmed as being William and Jane Miles.⁴ All of the baptisms were in Stretton-on-Fosse.

The time sequence of the baptisms evidences that the same couple were the parents of all the listed children, and the marriage in 1699 occurring shortly before the first child arrived evidences that it is that of the parents of all the children including Edward. The last child being born in 1720 also correlates with the expected child-bearing age range of a women who married in 1699.⁵

A Family Search search for the marriage of a William Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1690 and 1715 only returned the above 1699 marriage.⁶ No other obvious candidate was returned by expanding that search to cover the whole of Warwickshire.⁷ A similar FindMyPast search, being for the marriage of a William Miles in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1680 to 1720, likewise produced no event of interest.⁸

It did return a 1680 William Miles marriage in Barcheston, which is a locality on the southern edge of the town of Shipston-on-Stour, and about 2¾ miles east-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, but he married an Elizabeth.⁹

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

⁴ The mother's name is not listed in Timothy's baptism record, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00010>, nor in Joseph's baptism record, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00011>, but given the sequence of baptisms they were highly likely born to William and Jane.

⁵ See <https://www.healthline.com/health/womens-health/childbearing-age>.

⁶ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.givenName=William&q.marriageLikeDate.from=1690&q.marriageLikeDate.to=1715&q.marriageLikePlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.marriageLikePlace.exact=on&q.surname=Miles>.

⁷ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.givenName=William&q.marriageLikeDate.from=1690&q.marriageLikeDate.to=1715&q.marriageLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.marriageLikePlace.exact=on&q.surname=Miles>.

⁸ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&lastname_variant_s=true&eventyear=1700&eventyear_offset=20&keywordsplace=warwickshire%2c+england&keywords=stretton.

⁹ See https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=R_21906927223%2F1&tab=this.

William's birth

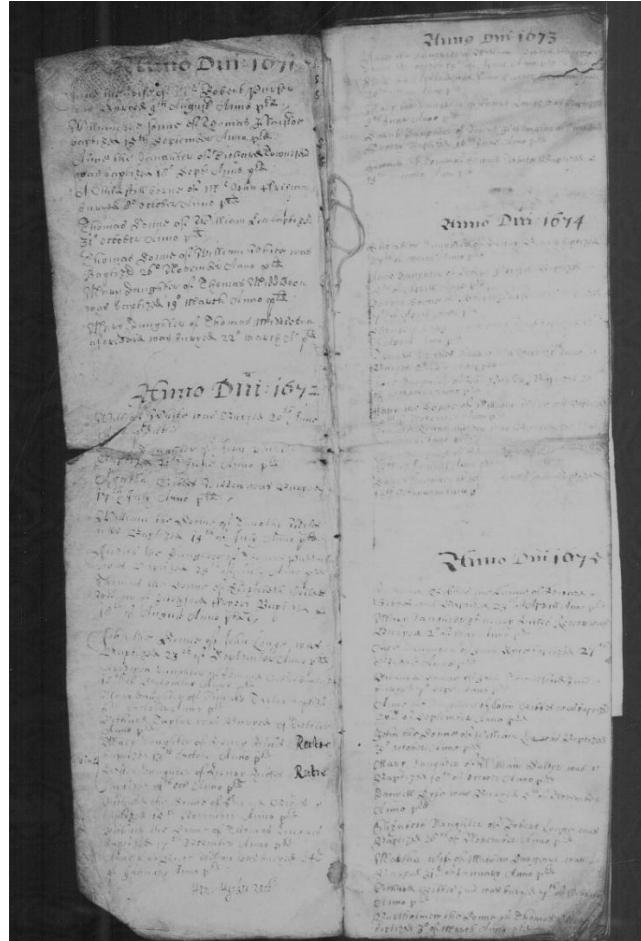
The abovementioned Family Search person record for William Miles states that his baptism took place in Stretton-on-Fosse on 19th July 1672 to Timothy and Eglintine Myles and, indeed, such a baptism did occur, at least so far as reporting the father at Timothy Myles, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-GVR?lang=en>:

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org interface for a person record. The name 'William' is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the vital information is listed: 'Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972'. There are buttons for 'SAVE', 'EDIT', and 'SHARE'. On the left, there is a placeholder for a document image with a 'Check Image Availability' button. To the right of the image placeholder, the following details are listed:

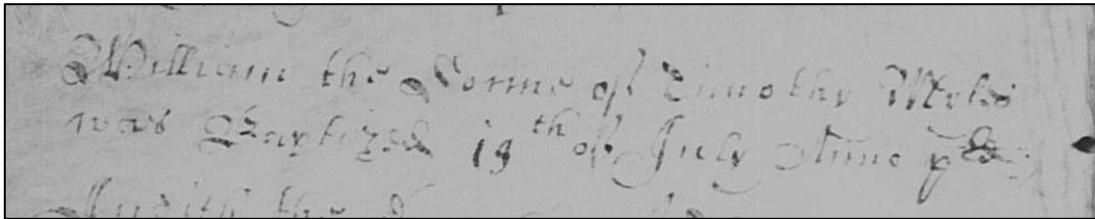
- Name: William
- Sex: Male
- Father's Name: Timothy
- Father's Sex: Male
- Event Type: Christening
- Event Date: 19 July 1672
- Event Place: Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England
- Event Place (Original): Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

Below this, there is a section for 'William's Parents and Siblings' with a link to 'Timothy' and a button to 'OPEN ALL'. On the far right, it says 'Attached in Tree to William Miles' and 'Similar Records' with a note 'No similar records were found.'

The image in FindMyPast of the relevant page of the Stretton-on-Fosse parish register is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/STRETTON-ON-FOSSE/DR0055A-02-00002>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



(The mother's name is not given, and the father's surname is spelled "Myles" – the upper part of the "y" is plain, and the mark below it appears to be part of the descender of the "y").¹⁰

A baptism in 1672 fits with a marriage in 1699. But a Family Search search for baptisms of a William Miles or Myles in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1660 and 1685¹¹ located another William baptised to a William Myles in Stretton-on-Fosse on 7th August 1681, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-P1Q?lang=en>:

William Myles
Vital • England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535-1972

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William Myles's Parents and Siblings

William Myles Father M

Possible Tree Match

William Myles
1681-Deceased • MNQ2-FLS

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Similar Records

William Myles
England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

Attached To:

William Myles
1681-Deceased • MNQ2-FLS

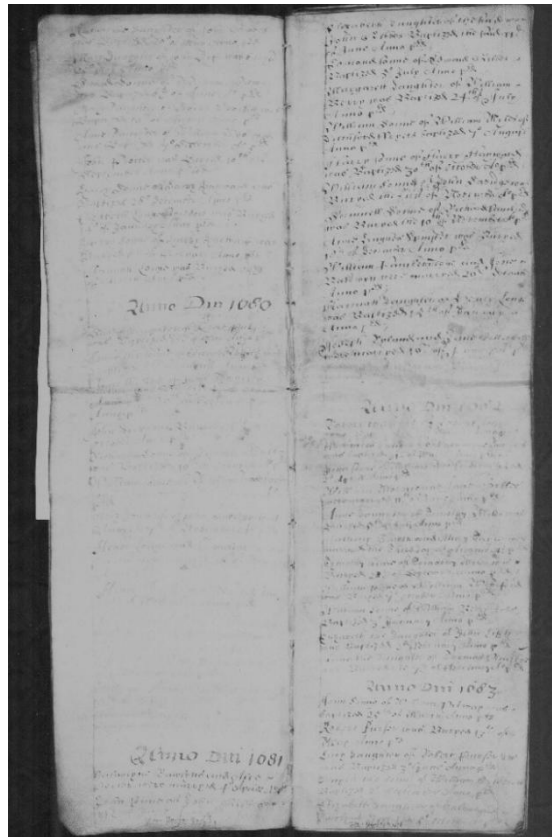
The relevant FindMyPast parish register image is at

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

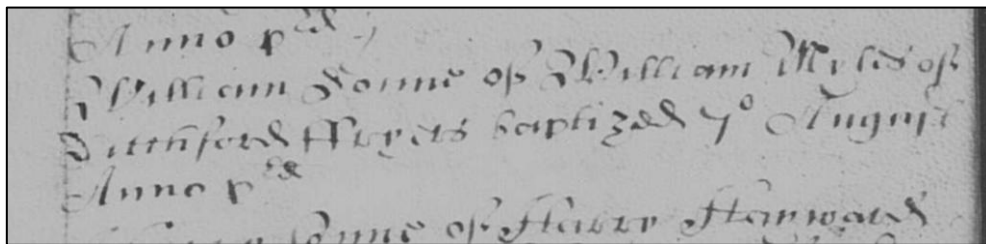
¹⁰ The mark could be a cross over the "t" in "ptdo" below, except that there appears to be a separate mark which crosses that "t". "Anno ptdo" was commonly used in parish burial records as meaning "in the present year", see the footnote above.

¹¹ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.from=1660&q.birthLikeDate.to=1685&q.birthLikePlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.birthLikePlace.exact=on&q.givenName=William&q.surname=Miles>.



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



The record is a Stretton-on-Fosse parish record, but the father's residential location is listed, so apparently he was from elsewhere. Unfortunately, the place name is not entirely legible, but there is a locality of Ditchford on Fosse¹² 1¼ miles south of Stretton-on-Fosse, so it is almost certainly that.

Whilst this William baptised in August 1681 is a chance of being the husband of Jane Gibbes and thus the father of Edward Miles, it is concluded that he is not, and that the William baptised July 1672 is,¹³ because –

- if the William baptised August 1681 married in June 1699, he would be aged 17, almost 18, an unlikely age to marry, whereas the William baptised in July 1672 would be almost 27 in June 1699, a very appropriate marriageable age¹⁴
- at the time William married Jane in June 1699, she was almost 22, see the brief relating to her, and it seems most unlikely that she would marry someone 4 years her junior and a teenager

¹² Ditchford is not a separate parish, rather a former village which has been in ruins since the 15th century, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Ditchford. The aerial view on Google Maps confirms that the area is now farms, as does Streetview on Google Maps.

¹³ Two contributors to Family Search attached the 1672 baptism to William's record, but no reason why that baptism is said by them to be the correct one is given.

¹⁴ It is, of course, possible that the August 1681 baptism was some time after birth, and that William was no longer 17, but even at 18, that is young for marriage in those times.

- the William Miles who married Jane Gibbes in June 1699 and was the father of Edward called his first born son Timothy, see above. That is an obvious indication that his father's name was Timothy.¹⁵ That likelihood is increased even further as, on examination of many records of the time, Timothy is a less common name of the time.¹⁶

In the baptism record of the William baptised in July 1672, his father's surname is spelled as "Myles". However, the interchangeability of the spellings "Miles" and "Myles" in records of the time was regularly observed, so that is no disqualifying factor. In any event, that is no fact favouring the William baptised in August 1681, as his father's surname was also spelled "Myles".

A Family Search search for any William Miles/Myles record between 1660 and 1682 in Warwickshire¹⁷ returned other baptisms in 1680 in Exhall (30 miles north-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse), in 1681 in Arrow (14¼ miles north-west of Stretton-on-Fosse), and in 1666 in Warwick (17 miles north-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse). None of these locations have any known connection to William, nor are any of them near Stretton-on-Fosse, where, as noted above, William married and baptised all of his children. (His wife was also buried there in 1768 as a widow, see the brief relating to Jane Gibbes). The baptism dates are also problematic: the 1680 and 1681 Williams were of an age verging on too young to marry in 1699, and the 1666 William would have been past the usual age span for marrying in 1699.

A like FindMyPast search for any William Miles/Myles event between 1662 and 1682 within 10 miles of Stretton-on-Fosse¹⁸ returned the record of a baptism of a William Millis on 12th May 1679 in Tysoe, 8 miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse.¹⁹ However, upon examination of the original parish record, the surname proved to be spelled "Mullis".²⁰ It was noted that another "William Mullis" baptism was returned on the search, on 9th August 1674 in Pillerton Hersey, 8 miles north-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, and 4 miles north-west of Tysoe.²¹ Plainly Mullis is a separate and distinct name, and not a misspelling of, or a confusion with, Miles or Myles.

A William Mills was also returned, baptised 30th July 1676 in Ettington, 7 miles north-north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, see https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=R_942355566&tab=this. Similarly, Mills, being a common surname itself, is unlikely to be confused with, or a misspelling of, Miles or Myles.

Accordingly, William was baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse on 19th July 1672 to Timothy Miles (spelled Myles in William's original baptism record). And, as the person record above notes, his mother's first name proved to be Eglintine, as it was confirmed that she was the wife of Timothy Miles, see the brief relating to her for verification of that fact.

William's death

When Jane Miles was buried on 17th March 1768, she was described in the parish burial record as a widow, see the brief relating to her. As noted above, William and Jane baptised ten children between August 1700 and

¹⁵ The William Miles who married Jane Gibbes in June 1699 and was the father of Edward also named a son William, specifically his third born son, see above, and William was also the name of the father of the William baptised in August 1681 (see above). That fact carries somewhat of the same implication in favour of the 1681 William being Jane's husband, except that observations of many records of the time verified that far more boys had the same first name as their father than those with the same first name as their paternal grandfather. In other words, the likelihood that the 1681 William named the child after himself is greater than the likelihood that he named him after his father.

¹⁶ 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>. 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.

¹⁷ See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.exact=on&q.birthLikeDate.from=1660&q.birthLikeDate.to=1682&q.birthLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=William&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Miles>.

¹⁸ See https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=william&lastname=miles&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1672&yearofbirth_offset=10&keywordsplace=stretton%20on%20fosse%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=10&sid=999.

¹⁹ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002112841&tab=this>.

²⁰ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FTYSOE%2FDR0288-01-00034&parentid=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002112841>.

²¹ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001939148&tab=this>.

December 1720 in Stretton-on-Fosse. William thus died after February 1720, and before 1768, and likely in Stretton-on-Fosse, given he was born there, he married there, and he baptised children there from 1700 to 1720.

The above Family Search person record for William states that his burial took place in Stretton-on-Fosse on 5th December 1745 and, indeed, such a burial is so recorded in Family Search records, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-YN9?lang=en>:

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William Miles

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Name William Miles
Event Type Burial
Event Date 05 Dec 1745
Event Place Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original) Stretton-on-Fosse, Warwickshire, England

Attached in Tree to
 William Miles
 1672-1745 • KPHM-6BY

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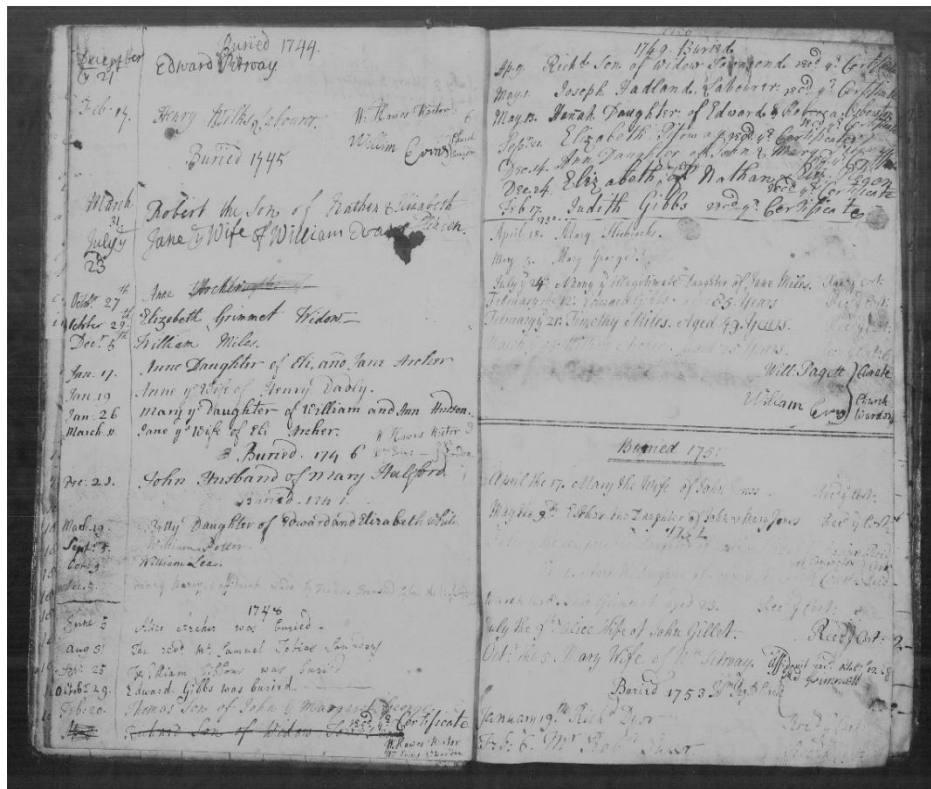
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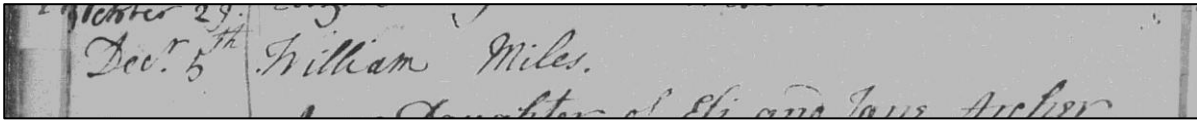
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This is a close up of the relevant entry:



No age or other detail is given which helps to determine if this is the William Miles baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse in 1672.

A Family Search search for a William Miles or Myles being buried in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1719 and 1768 returned no other record except for the above burial in December 1745.²² However, on like FindMyPast searches²³ another one was located, being a burial on 21st June 1737, see

<https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F001008534&tab=this>:

William Miles in 1737	
Warwickshire Burials	
Stretton-On-Fosse, Warwickshire, England	
Transcript of William's record	
Record set	Warwickshire Burials
First name(s)	William
Last name	Miles
Burial year	1737
Death year	-
Denomination	Anglican
County	Warwickshire
Country	England
Place	Stretton-On-Fosse
Document type	Parish registers
Burial date	21 Jun 1737
Relative's relationship	Son of
Relative's name	Timothy & Susannah Miles
Archive	Warwickshire County Record Office
Archive reference	DR0055A/3
Event type	Baptisms, marriages & burials
Records year range	1734-1753
Category	Life Events (BDMs)
Subcategory	Parish Burials
Collections from	England, Great Britain

²² See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.deathLikeDate.exact=on&q.deathLikeDate.from=1719&q.deathLikeDate.to=1768&q.deathLikePlace=Stretton%20on%20Fosse%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=William&q.surname=Miles>. The "Myles" search returned the same records.

²³ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&yearofdeath=1740&yearofdeath_offset=20&keywordsplace=stretton+on+fosse%2c+warwickshire%2c+england and also https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=william&firstname_variants=true&lastname=miles&yearofdeath=1764&yearofdeath_offset=5&keywordsplace=stretton%20on%20fosse%2c%20warwickshire%2c%20england&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sid=999.

The fact that the original parish register entry²⁴ says “William the son of Timothy & Susannah Miles” strongly suggests that this is the burial of an infant, and therefore not William the husband of Jane.²⁵

The search also provided three further burials of a William Miles in nearby locations. One was buried in Ilmington, 3 miles north of Stretton-on-Fosse, on 8th April 1743, see https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=R_21906697763&tab=this, but the original parish register records him as “William son of Joseph & Eleanor Miles”, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FILMINGTON%2FDR0020-02-00070>, so he too was most likely an infant. Likewise “William Son of William Miles & Ann his Wife” was buried on 17th March 1748²⁶ in Barton-on-the-Heath, 4 miles south-south-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, so he too was highly likely an infant, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FBARTON-ON-THE-HEATH%2FDR0080-01-00043>.²⁷ Likewise, William’s son Edward’s own son William was buried in Whatcote, 6 miles north-east of Stretton-on-Fosse, on 25th September 1750, see the brief relating to Edward Miles.²⁸

On all the searches done, no other William Miles/Myles was buried in Stretton-on-Fosse between 1719 and 1760 except for the one buried on 5th December 1745, but it is not possible to determine with sufficient certitude which William was so buried, that is, whether it was the William Miles baptised in Stretton-on-Fosse in 1672, or the other William Miles baptised there in 1681 (referred to above). The various searches also verified that William Miles was a common name in the locality at the time. Common names enlarge the range of potential candidates, one of whom may have been missed by database searches.²⁹

Accordingly, William’s date of death is unknown. It is, however, likely that he died in Stretton-on-Fosse, given, as noted above, that he married there, all his children were baptised there, and his wife was buried there.

²⁴ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSTRETTON-ON-FOSSE%2FDR0055A-03-00004>.

²⁵ This William could well have been the son of Edward’s older brother Timothy, baptised 1702 (see above), especially given the relative scarcity of the first name Timothy in Warwickshire at the time, as referred to above.

²⁶ Query if the year was actually 1749. It is unclear from the original record. Ultimately, nothing turns on it.

²⁷ In verification of his infancy, a William was baptised in Barton-on-the-Heath to William and Ann Miles the previous 11th December, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/BAP/001209352>.

²⁸ The same page of the parish register records both the 25th March 1750 baptism and the 25th September 1750 burial of this William Miles, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FWHATCOTE%2FDR0023-06-00003>.

²⁹ Also, “[c]ommon names increase the pool of potential individuals sharing that name, which significantly reduces the ability to pinpoint a specific person”: Google AI Overview search conducted early 2026. See also *Whose Name Is it? Names, Ownership and Databases*, Kerry Dematteis, Richard Lutz and Heather McCallum-Bayliss, accessible at https://one-name.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/editor_uploads/mbs/whosenameisit.pdf: “Verification of identity is very difficult, then, because the pool of candidates can be quite large, even candidates with the same name. ... Information [which] can be used to reduce the size of the group [can] increase the likelihood of identity significantly.”