

# GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND

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## STOWE

STOWE ENTRIES IN THE PARISH REGISTERS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF BIDDENDEN,  
CO. KENT, 1538-1636

- 1539 John son of John Stoue baptized 2 January [1539/40].
- 1544 Katharine Stoue baptized 10 October.
- 1546 Margaret daughter of John Stoue baptized 5 March [1546/7].
- 1572 John Stowe and Joan Baker married 30 July.
- 1574 Christopher son of John Stowe baptized 4 April.
- 1575 Joan daughter of John Stowe baptized 7 August.
- 1577 Elizabeth daughter of John Stowe baptized 27 May.
- 1579 Christopher son of John Stowe baptized 17 May.
- 1581 John son of John Stowe baptized 14 January [1581/2].
- 1585 Zacharie son of John Stowe baptized 17 October.
- 1586 Thomas son of John Stowe baptized 26 December.
- 1587 Christopher son of John Stowe, clerk of the parish of Biddenden, buried 15 August.
- 1589 William son of John Stowe baptized 4 November.
- 1608 John Stowe and Elizabeth Bigge married 13 September.
- 1609 A daughter of John Stowe buried unbaptized 15 March [1609/10].
- 1612 A daughter of John Stowe buried unbaptized 10 September.
- 1612 Elizabeth daughter of John Stowe baptized 13 September.
- 1612 Elizabeth daughter of John Stowe buried 21 September.
- 1613 Alice daughter of Betterisse Walter and by common fame the base daughter of Zacharie Stowe buried *[day and month not given]*.
- 1615 Thomas son of John Stowe baptized 2 April.
- 1616 Elizabeth daughter of William Stowe baptized 20 October.
- 1617 Elizabeth daughter of John Stowe baptized 31 August.
- 1618 Joane daughter of William Stowe baptized 17 January [1618/19].
- 1618 Joane daughter of William Stowe buried 23 February [1618/19].
- 1619 John son of John Stowe baptized 10 October.
- 1619 John son of William Stowe baptized 12 March [1619/20].
- 1621 Nathaniel son of John Stowe baptized 7 October.
- 1623 Samuel son of John Stowe baptized 8 February [1623/4].
- 1629 Thankfull daughter of John Stowe baptized 29 March.
- 1629 William son of William Stowe buried 21 April.
- 1631 Thomas son of William Stowe baptized 15 February [1631/2].
- 1636 William Stowe and Mary Milson married 17 May.

[From the foregoing material and some New England records the following pedigree has been compiled:

1. JOHN STOWE resided at Biddenden, co. Kent, between 1540 and 1547.  
Children, baptized at Biddenden:
  - i. JOHN, bapt. 2 Jan. 1539/40.
  - ii. KATHARINE, bapt. 10 Oct. 1544.
  - iii. MARGARET, bapt. 5 Mar. 1546/7.
2. JOHN STOWE (*John*), of Biddenden, co. Kent, baptized at Biddenden 2 Jan. 1539/40, died between 1589 and 1608. He married at Bidden-

den, 30 July 1572, JOAN BAKER. He was parish clerk at Biddenden in 1587.

Children, baptized at Biddenden:

- i. CHRISTOPHER, bapt. 4 Apr. 1574; probably d. young.
- ii. JOAN, bapt. 7 Aug. 1575.
- iii. ELIZABETH, bapt. 27 May 1577.
- iv. CHRISTOPHER, bapt. 17 May 1579; bur. at Biddenden 15 Aug. 1587.
3. v. JOHN, bapt. 14 Jan. 1581/2.
- vi. ZACHARY, bapt. 17 Oct. 1585; living in 1613, when his reputed child was buried.
- vii. THOMAS, bapt. 26 Dec. 1586.
- viii. WILLIAM, bapt. 4 Nov. 1589; m. (1) abt. 1615 ———, who d. between Feb. 1631/2 and 17 May 1636; m. (2) at Biddenden, 17 May 1636, MARY MILSON. Children by first wife, recorded at Biddenden: 1. *Elizabeth*, bapt. 20 Oct. 1616. 2. *Joan*, bapt. 17 Jan. 1618/19; bur. 23 Feb. 1618/19. 3. *John*, bapt. 12 Mar. 1619/20. 4. *William*, bur. 21 Apr. 1629. 5. *Thomas*, bapt. 15 Feb. 1631/2.

3. JOHN STOWE (*John, John*), of Biddenden, co. Kent, and Roxbury, Mass., baptized at Biddenden 14 Jan. 1581/2, died at Roxbury 26 Oct. 1643.\* He married at Biddenden, 13 Sept. 1608, ELIZABETH BIGGE, who was buried at Roxbury 21 Aug. 1638,† daughter of John and Rachel (Martin) of Cranbrook, co. Kent.‡ With his wife and six children he emigrated to New England, arriving there, according to Rev. John Eliot's statement, 17 May 1634. His wife's mother, Rachel (Martin) Bigge, emigrated to New England in the spring of 1635, together with another one of her daughters, Patience, and the latter's son, Hopestill Foster. John Stow was admitted a freeman 3 Sept. 1634; and was a proprietor at Roxbury, a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1638, and a deputy to the General Court for two sessions.

Children:

- i. A DAUGHTER, bur. unbapt. at Biddenden 15 Mar. 1609/10.
- ii. A DAUGHTER (twin), bur. unbapt. at Biddenden 10 Sept. 1612.
- iii. ELIZABETH (twin), bapt. at Biddenden 13 Sept. 1612; bur. there 21 Sept. 1612.
- iv. THOMAS, bapt. at Biddenden 2 Apr. 1615; d. abt. 1684, his inventory being dated 23 Feb. 1683/4; emigrated with his parents to New England in 1634; m. (1) at Roxbury, 4 Dec. 1639, MARY GRIGGS, who d. at Middletown, Conn., 21 Aug. 1680. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1638. He removed from Roxbury to Concord, and later to Middletown, Conn. He had issue.
- v. ELIZABETH, bapt. at Biddenden 31 Aug. 1617; d. at Ipswich, Mass., 11 Apr. 1669; emigrated with her parents to New England in 1634; m. at Roxbury, 4 Dec. 1639, HENRY ARCHER of Ipswich. She had issue.
- vi. JOHN, bapt. at Biddenden 10 Oct. 1619; emigrated with his parents to New England in 1634; probably d. s.p. before Sept. 1653, when his brothers and sisters joined with their cousins, the children of Patience (Bigge) Foster, in collecting the legacies left them by their uncles, Smallhope and John Bigge, in England.
- vii. NATHANIEL, bapt. at Biddenden 7 Oct. 1621; d. at Concord, Mass., 30 May 1684; emigrated with his parents to New England in

\* Rev. John Eliot calls him "an old Kentish man."

† "Elizabeth Stow the wife of John Stow, she was a very godly matron, a blessing not only to her family but to all the church & when she had lead a christian conversation a few years among us, she dyed & left a good savor behind her." (Rev. John Eliot's Record.)

‡ See REGISTER, vol. 66, p. 58.