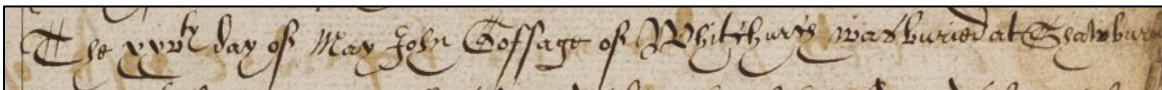


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND JANE GOSSAGE

John Gossage was born in about 1580 of Myddle, Shropshire, the son of Richard and Jane Gossage. John was mentioned in the will of his grandfather John Gossage, as "*the yongest child of my sonn Richard*". John married Jane. John was a husbandman.

At some time after 1609, John and his family moved to Shawbury, Shropshire, a parish about five miles from Myddle. Robert Gossage was also found in the parish of Shawbury at that time. Robert was a witness to the will of William Wether of Shawbury in 1612. He was also mentioned in the will of John Dicher, the vicar of Shawbury in 1620: "*I give and bequeath unto Robert Gossage one sheepe, and to his sonne John my godsonne one sheepe and to his sonne Robert one sheepe, and his sonne Richard a sheepe.*" Robert's son Richard was christened in Shawbury in 1619.

John died and was buried 25 March 1620 in Shawbury.



Burial record for John Gossage in Shawbury:

"The xxvth day of May John Gossage of Whitchurch was buried at Shawbury"

John and Jane had the following children:

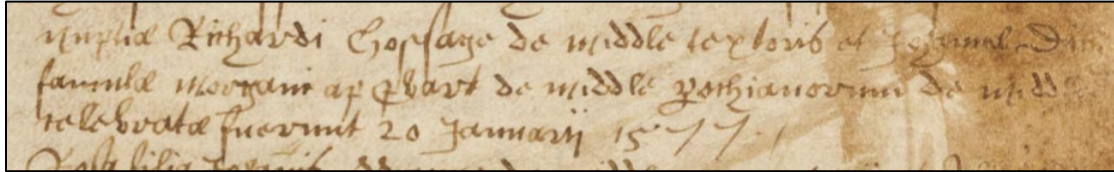
*2. **Martha**, born in about 1607; married 1) John Eykin 4 February 1627 in Shawbury, 2) Mr. Worrall; buried 22 August 1671 in High Ercall, Shropshire.

3. **Thomas**, christened 5 June 1609 in Myddle.

SOURCES: Myddle parish register; Shawbury parish register.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD GOSSAGE AND JOHANNA DAVY

Richard Gossage was christened 2 February 1544 in Myddle, the son of John and Johanne Gossage. He married Johanna Davy 20 January 1577 in Myddle. The Gossage family were tenants of the manor of the Earl of Derby, then later (about 1600) the Earl of Bridgewater.



Marriage record for Richard Gossage and Johanna Davy in Myddle:

"Nuptiae Richardi Gossage de Middle textoris et Johanae Davy famulae Morgani ap Probart de Middle parochianovimi de Middle celebratae fuerant 20 Januarij 1577"

(Married Richard Gossage of Myddle weaver and Johanna Davy attendant of Morgan ap Probart of Myddle parishioner of Middle were married 20 January 1577)

Morgan ap Probart (or Morgan ap Robert) was the bailiff of the manor of Myddle: "Mr. Morgan ap Probart, as the Welch name suggests had originated from Wales just across the border from Myddle, likely as a young man. He owned Castle Farm. He had no children to carry on his name so he adopted a young kinswoman named Alice and brought her up as his own." (Gittins Family <https://gittens.info/archives>) Morgan was one of the witnesses for the will of John Gossage, Richard's father, in 1587. Johanna may have worked as one of many servants at Castle Farm, bringing her in contact with Richard.

Richard and Johanna had the following children:

*1. **John**, born in about 1580 of Myddle; married Jane; buried 25 March 1620 in Shawbury.

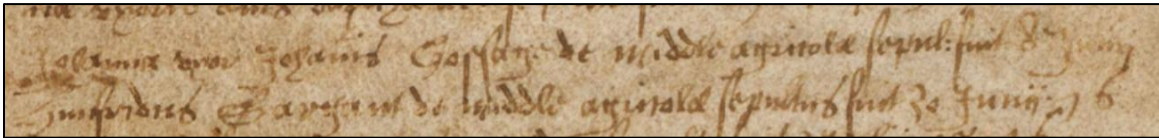
SOURCES: Myddle parish register; Shawbury parish register; will of John Gossage of Myddle, 1587; Antiquities and Memoirs of Myddle, by Richard Gough.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND JOHANNE GOSSAGE

John Gossage was born in about 1510 of Myddle, the son of Roger Gossage. He married Johanne. John was shown as an "*agricola*" or farmer.

John was asked to witness wills and appraise inventories for his neighbors in Myddle. In 1539 he was a witness for Elizabeth Carlow. In 1563 John was an appraiser for the inventory of William Banastre. Also in 1563 he was a witness to the will of William Brayne, and also an appraiser for his inventory. Again in 1563 he was an appraiser for the inventory of William Hyggyns. In 1570 John was a witness for the will of Ann Mathew. In 1578 he was an appraiser for the inventory of Roger Hawarde.

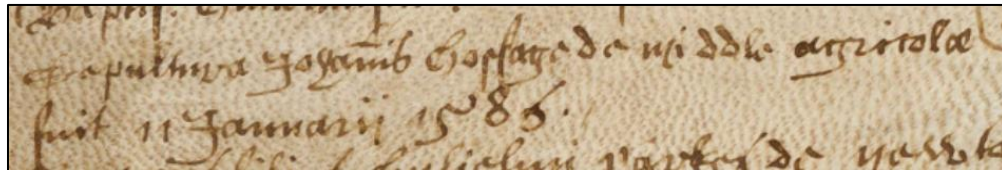
Johanna died and was buried 8 June 1576 in Myddle.



Burial record for Johanna Gossage in Myddle:

"Johannae uxor Johanis Gossage de Middle agricola sepul: fuit 8"
(Johanne wife of John Gossage of Myddle farmer was buried the 8th)

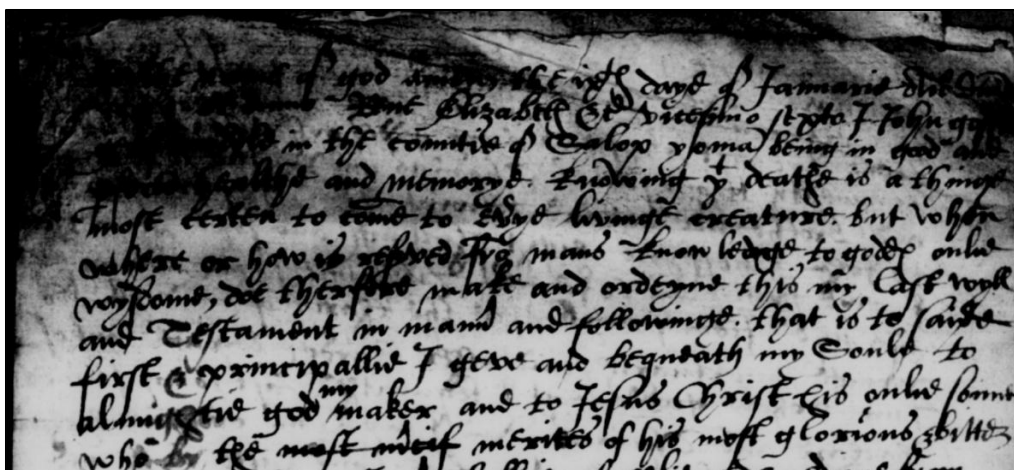
John died and was buried 11 January 1586 in Myddle.



Burial record for John Gossage in Myddle:

"Sepultima Johanis Gossage de Middle agricolae fuit 11 Januarij 1586"
(Buried John Gossage of Myddle farmer on 11 January 1586)

He left a will dated 9 January 1584 and proven 21 April 1587.



Will of John Gossage of Myddle, 1587

In the name of God Amen the ixth daye of Januarie in the [blurred] Elizabeth &c vicesimo sexta I John Gossage of Middle in the countie of Salop yoman being in good and pfect mind and memorye knowing yt deathe is a thinge most certen to com to evrye living creature but when or how is refused from mans knowleddge to Goddes onlie wysdome doe therefore make and ordeyne this my last wyll and testament in manner and following that is to saide first & principallie I geve and bequeth my soule to almightie God my maker and to Jesus Christ his onlie sonne who by the most merciful merites of his most glorious & bitter passion hathe most mercifullie & freelie redeemed me from damnation my bodie to be buried in the churcheyarde of Myddle aforesaid. Item I geve & bequeathe to **Elizabeth the daughter of my sonne Thomas** my pte of a calfe heifer that is between me & **my sonne Thomas**. Item I geve & bequeathe to **Jane Price the daughter of John Hussey of Newton my soninlaw** one sheepe. Item to **Johan Ledle another daughter of the said John Hussey** one sheepe. Item to Johan Beddle her two children to each of them one sheepe. Item to John Chesshire his seven children to evye of them one sheepe. Item to Wyllyam Coxe his three children to every of them sixe shillynges and eight pence. Item to Humfrey Erueton his three children to every of them one shepe. Item to **Roger Gossedge** my bason one cowe. Item to Katheren Robarte yf she dwell with me at the tyme of my decease one sheepe. Item I wyll & bequeathe that **my sonne Rycharde** shall have two kyne & he shall paye to Wyllame Coxe hys three children ther legasies of vjs viijd a peece for the one of them and for the other cowe he shall paye the charges of my funerals. Item I geve to **John Gossedge the yongeste childe of my sonne Rychard** my parte of one bulloke that is between my sonne Thomas and me I wyll that my son Rychard shall have one stryke of wheate after the next harvest. Item I wyll that **Elyne Hussey the wife of John Hussey** shall have one olde coverlet. Item [blurred] Cheshire daughter of John Cheshire [blurred] one olde mattresse. Item I that Elizabeth [blurred] Thomas have a tyckebolster. [blurred] The rest & residuwe of my goodes whatsoever I geve and bequeath to **my sonnes Thomas and Rychard** to be equally and brotherlike devided betwixt them, they two payments to John Chesshire eight shillings and sixe pence that I owe hym and to James his sonne now my viil iij. I wyll that the charge of my wyll as pvinge, mortuaries, and other chardge be paied out of my whole goodes that I bequeathed last to my sonnes Rychard and Thomas. And I wyll and ordeyne **Rychard my son** to be executor of this my laste wyll and testament. In witness of the ___ I have hereunto put my hand the daye and yeare first above written.

Done in the sight and psence of these parsons following

Morgan ap Robart

Rychard Vicars

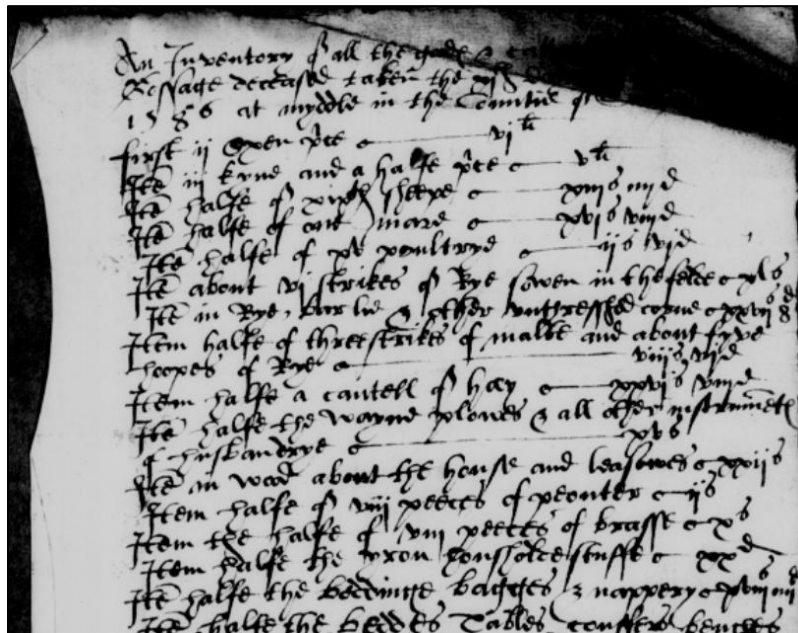
John Chesshire

Thomas Gossedge

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Item moreover whereas **my son Thomas** & I doe holde one parcell of meadow in Marton, I wyll that **my son Rychard** shall have the three parte of the hay arising & growing in the said parcell of Meadow yerely duryng the time that we have paing to Thomas two shillings a yeaue towards the rent and that Richard shall have the three parte of all charges, that shalbe spent about the same meadow. And for want of payment eyther of rent or charges at reasonable tymes to and warnynge to loose the benefite of the said lease.

An inventory was created for John:



Inventory for John Gossage, 1586

An inventory of all the goodes & [torn] of John Gossage deceased taken the xith [torn] 1586 at Myddle in the Countie of Salop.

First ij oxen pce – vili

Item iij kyne and a halfe pte – vli

Item halfe of xixth sheepe – xiijs iiijd

Item halfe of one mare – xvjs viijd

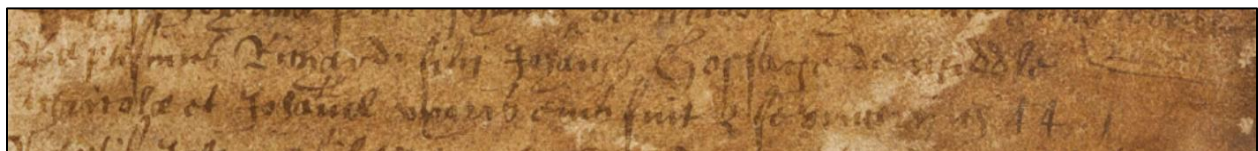
Item halfe of xv poultry – ijs vid

Item about vj strikes of rye sowed in the felde – xls

Item in rye, barlie & other unthressed corne – xxvij s 8d
Item halfe of three strikes of malte and about five hoopes of rye – viijs vjd
Item halfe a cantell of hay – xxvjs viijd
Item halfe the wayne plowes & all other instruments of husbandrye – xvs
Item in wood about the house and leasowes – xxijs
Item halfe of viij peeces of peowter – ijs
Item the halfe of viij peeces of brasse – xs
Item halfe the yron housholde stuffe – xxd
Item halfe the bedding bagges & napery – xviijs iiijd
Item halfe the beddes tables coufferes benches shelves steeles and trennen ware – viijd
Item halfe the whele cardes and painted clothes -
Item his apparel and armnare – vs
Item iij ells of flaxen & iij yards of busses – viijd
Item halfe of the yarne and towe – ijs viijd
Item halfe the whitemeale saltemeale breade and fruyte – xli ijs viijd
Item the halfe lease of fenne more – xxs
Item in readye money – xijd
Item in trifles not remembered – xijd
Some xxvli xvs
Prices by John Mathew Raphe Lloyd Wyllyam Bryan and Wyllyam Tyler

John and Johanne had the following children:

1. **Anne**, buried 6 March 1543 in Myddle.
2. **Thomas**, christened 10 July 1542 in Myddle; married Elizabeth; had children Elizabeth (1582) and John (1589); mentioned in father's will of 1587; buried 5 May 1607 in Myddle, left an inventory with witnesses Richard and Robert Gossage. The index abstract mentioned Elizabeth and John as his children. Thomas's son John may be the John Gossage mentioned in Richard Gough's *History of Myddle* as a "drunken debauched person" and a counterfeiter.
- *3. **Richard**, christened 2 February 1544 in Myddle; married Johanna Davy 20 January 1577 in Myddle; mentioned in father's will of 1587.



Baptism record for Richard Gossage in Myddle: "Baptismus Richardi filij Johannis Gossage de Middle agricola et Johanae uxor eius fuit 2 Februarii 1544" (Baptized Richard son of John Gossage of Myddle farmer and Johanne his wife 2 February 1544)

4. **Johanne**, christened 3 April 1546 in Myddle; married William Cockes 3 June 1559 in Myddle.

5. **Elyne**, married John Hussey; mentioned in father's will of 1587.
6. **Margaret**, christened 21 September 1548 in Myddle; married Humfrey Eureton 1574.
7. **Jane**, married Roger Chalner 20 May 1569 in Myddle; buried 25 January 1571 in Myddle.

SOURCES: Myddle parish register; Shawbury parish register; will of John Gossage of Myddle, 1587; Antiquities and Memoirs of Myddle, by Richard Gough.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROGER GOSSAGE

Roger Gossage was born in about 1485 of Myddle. He was listed in the Lay Subsidy of 1524 in Myddle: "*Roger Gossage was named in the subsidy of 1524, and was succeeded by his son and then by his grandson, a man of yeoman standing.*" The history of Myddle says that "*Roger Gossage's tenement lay on the opposite side of the street to the church, on the site of the present rectory.*" (*An English Rural Community: Myddle Under the Tudors and Stuarts*)



Site of the Myddle Rectory

Roger and his wife had the following children:

- *1. **Richard**, born in about 1510 of Myddle; married Johanne; buried 11 January 1586 in Myddle.

SOURCES: Myddle parish register; An English Rural Community: Myddle Under the Tudors and Stuarts, by David Hey.