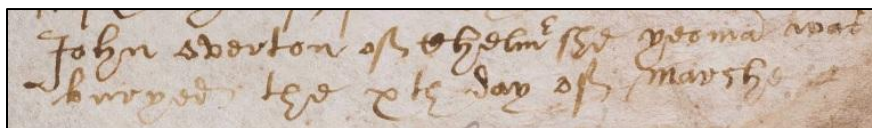


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND JOANNA OVERTON

John Overton was born in about 1520 of Chelmarsh. His occupation was yeoman farmer. He married Joanna.

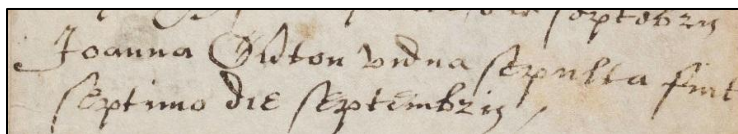
John died and was buried 10 March 1594 in Chelmarsh, leaving a will dated 7 February 1594:



*Burial record for John Overton in the Chelmarsh parish register:
"John Overton of Chelmarsh the yeoman was buried the xth day of Marshe"*

John Overton, Chelmarsh, in the diocese of Hereford. Will d. Feb. 7, 1594 - 'To the poor of Chelmarsh 20/- to be put forth in stock at the discretion of my executors (—) Niccolles and Richard Wilkes. To **Jhone Overton my wife** my house lands and tentement in Myddelton Scriven for life if she keep herself sole, also four of my best oxen etc. To **Richard Overton my son** my great pan and all my waynes etc. belonging to husbandry. To **Thomas Overton my son** £6-13-4 within three years after my decease. To **Francis Overton my son** £13-6-8 when my executors and his mother and my overseers think well. To **John Overton my son** £5 which he owes me. To **Elnor Overton my daughter** £10. If my daughter Mary with consent, my executors and overseers shall have power to make her portion £20 or £30: if without their consent she to have only the £10 and the balance to be equally divided among the rest of **my children, viz. Richard, Thomas, Francis and John Overton**. To **Katherine Niccolls one of the daughters of Thomas Niccolls** a caudron. To **Sislye Nycolles daughter of the said Thomas** a brass pot. To **William Niccolles son of the said Thomas** a brass pan. To **Thomas Niccolls son of the same Thomas** a brass pot. To **Frances Niccolls daughter of the said Thomas** a ewe sheep. To **Elizabeth Niccolles wife of the said Thomas** one () in the keeping of the same Thomas. To my god-daughter Frances Overton's daughter of Walslowe 10/- To each of my godchildren 4d. To Richard son of Roger Wilkes a ewe. To Elizabeth Wilkes daughter of Richard Wilkes a ewe. To Frances Ouseley my servant 6/8. To Elnor Wilkes daughter of John Wilkes a ewe. Executor: Frances Farmar. Overseers : (—) Owsley, Thomas Nichols and Richard Wilkes.' Witnesses: William Barnell, Richard Wilkes. Debts owing to me John Overton. Imprimis: Thomas Crafte £3-10-0. Thomas Dodson 10/-. Anne Oseland 6/8. John Goodman 40/-. Christopher Bache 26/-. Henry Fahan of Middleton 20/-. John Farner of Dewxill 26/8. John Overton owes his son Richard Overton £6-11-0. Inventory £142-8-6. Consistory of Hereford, file O., 1574-1598.

John's widow, Jone, died and was buried 7 September 1613, leaving a will dated 6 February 1612:



*Burial record for Joan Overton in the Chelmarsh parish register:
"Joanna Overton vidua sepulta fuit septimo die Septembrie"*

*John Overton, Chelm'she, dyocese of Hereford. Will Feb. 6, 1612; proved 1612. To be buried in Chelm'she churchyard. To **eldest sonn Richard Overton** flock bed etc. etc. and the £3 he oweth I due frely give hit vnto his iii children wch he had by his firste wife, viz : 20s. each at 18. To my **son John Overton** £20, best pott etc. To **son Thomas Overton** £8 he doth owe also best pann etc. To **son in law Richard Smythe** 30 strickes of corne and dittor maulte of ye ould messure, also on pece of syluer tachhokes frying panne etc. To **sonn in law Thomas Nyckols** Table bord etc. etc. said Thomas and **my daughter Elizabeth Nyckols** to have use for life then to **William Nyckols thir sonne**. To every of my children except **my daughter Elinor** on sylver spoone. To euery of my childre a sheepe. To godchildren 12d. each. To servant Margaret Harley one pere of harde sheetes on napkin etc. To rest of servants 18d a pece. To Elizabeth Goodma(n) a shepe. To Elizabeth Crafte and Winifred Craft daughters of William Craft on lyttell towell apece. To Ketherin Tedstell als Farrma(r) my landlade one Willingem and to her two daughters a ould angle apece. Whereas owe to sone in law Ric. Smyth £50 he to have four of best oxen and ditto kyne in part payment, Executor to pay 10s. to stock of Chelm'she for use of poore for ever. To Ric. Wilkes his five children an edward shilling apece. Rest to **my syxe childre' Ric' Thomas, John, Frances, Elizabeth and Elnor** the best to him and her that has most nede. Executors: kinsman Richard Wilkes and son Thomas Overton. Overseers: **Thomas Nyckols** and son in law Ric. Smyth. Witnesses: Thomas Acton, clercur, Joan Acton. Debts owinge me, Elizabeth Hawse 16s, Alice Pountney 10s. Richard Simons for a bull 31s. Joane Meddow 2s.6d. Richard Overton for £4. Sum £6. 19s.4d. Debts. I owe, to my sonn in law Richard Smith £50. Codicil (nuncupative undated) To **son John Overton** peece of hempe cloth. To **daughter Elnor** peice of hurden cloath. To **son John Overton** pece of wilen cloth. To **son Frances Overton** and **daughter Elnor Smith** ditto. To Joan Raynols on hudre smocke. To children one Angel each. To son in law Thomas Nicholas an Edward shilling. To **daughter Elizabeth Nichols** a yemd kercher and second gowne. To Joise Croppe a apron. To **daughter in lawe Margaret** my best petticoate. To Elin Smith best gown. To **daughter Elizabeth Nicholls** second ditto. To servant Margaret Harley second peticoate. To servant Mary Holland worst ditto. To **daughter in law Margaret Overton** a yard kercher. To **daughter in law Alice Overton** ditto. To George Pallmer two whopes of corne. To Edward Eymon one pecke of corne. Certen lynen to all my children and the overplus of my goods to three children viz.: John, Francis, and Elinor. Divers witnesses. Consistory of Hereford, file O. 1599-1626 (old 106 and 107 in file 1612)."*

John and Joanna had the following children:

- *1. **Elizabethe**, born about 1550; married Thomas Nychols 9 October 1575 in Chelmarsh.
2. **Richard**, christened 18 October 1557 in Chelmarsh.
3. **John**, christened 13 November 1560 in Chelmarsh.
4. **Thomas**, christened 15 January 1563 in Chelmarsh; buried 30 April 1564 in Chelmarsh.
5. **Thomas**, christened 20 May 1567 in Chelmarsh; occupation: yeoman; married 1) Margaret who died in 1617; then married 2) Johan; died and left a will dated 1640, with wife Johan as executor. Thomas names Thomas Nichols, clerk, my kinsman, Thomas Nichols, his son, and Johan Nichols, his youngest daughter, Fraunces Smyth, cousin, Francis Overton, brother, William Nichols, cousin, and his son Thomas, and Johan Overton, wife and executrix.
6. **Elnor**, christened 11 November 1569 in Chelmarsh; married Richard Smythe.

7. **Francis** (male), christened 21 July 1574 in Chelmarsh; married Margerie; alive and named in brother Thomas's will in 1640.

SOURCES: Chelmarsh parish register; will of John Overton, 1594; will of Jone Overton, 1612; will of Thomas Overton, 1640.

The Overtons of Chelmarsh

The *History of William Harris and Temperance Overton* provides this information about the Overtons:

*"The Harris of Cruckton and Stockton, and certain Waters families, were of a higher social/economic strata, being landlords to rich tenants, the like of which were the **Overtons of Chelmarsh and Chetton**.*

The Township of Stottesden Parish, was once a distinct Manor, thus described in Domesday — "The same Radulf (de Mortemer) holds Ovreton and Ingelran (holds it) of him.

*In 1198, **Richard de Overton** was amerced half a merk for disseizin. The same Richard has further occurred in 1199 as Tenant of, and as buying off", for 15s., a counter claim on, a virgate in Overton, viz. the claim of Warm de Middlet.*

*In November, 1208, we have **Richard de Overton** mentioned in connection with Corley.*

*A **Hugh de Overton**, probably of this family, has been named as occurring at the Assizes of November, 1221, but **Geoffrey de Overton**, a Knight and Grand Juror on the same occasion, was more surely head of his house. The same Geoffrey was one of the Visors of the Shropshire Forests in 1235. His attestation of a Pickthorn deed in 1241-2, as Sir Geoffrey de Huvaratun.*

*In 1255, **Geoffrey de Overton** was returned as Lord of Overton, which he held of Roger de Mortimer for half a knight's-fee. The Manor contained 14 hides, did suit to Stottesden Hundred.*

*In 1256, we find that he had two sons, William and Nicholas, both mentioned under Eudon George.¹⁵ At the Assizes of that year, **Geoffrey de Overton** names his son William, his Attorney, in a Suit of land against Robert Corbet.*

*In 1257, **William de Overton** appears on a local Jury, as if he were then the head of his family.¹⁸ At the Assizes of 1272, we hear of a case which probably concerned Undertenants in this Manor.*

*Hugh Bray failed to prosecute a Writ de Ingressu against **Richard fitz Robert of Overton**, for seven acres.*

*In October, 1290, it would appear that **William de Overton** was dead, for his widow **Matilda** conceded by Fine to **Thomas de Overton**, Plaintiff, a messuage, a carucate of land.*

*On December 20, 1310, we have had **Geoffrey, Lord of Overton**, and **Thomas, his brother**, attesting a local Deed, and a similar deed of July, 1311, has the attestation of **Geoffrey, Lord of Overton**.*

*Peter has also occurred as Lord of Overton in 1325-6, and as **Peter de Overton** in 1333-40. I*

*It may be that the following Overtons were of this stock: Quitclaim; CHETTON (Salop.); Grant. 1413; 1420. By Hugh Carpenter of Bruggenorth and William de Walkesbache, chaplains. To William de Weston and Matilda his wife Of all right in a tenement and lands formerly of John de Walkesbach, in Walkesbache. Dated: at Walkesbache, Monday after Inventio St. Crucis (8 May). By Matilda de Weston, relict of William de Weston. To William Walkesbache and Richard Rustheton, chaplain, Of all his lands in Walkesbache, in fee of Chetton, co. Salop. Witnesses: John Wynnesbury, **Richard Overton**, Hugo Cresset, and others.*

*CHELMERSH (Salop.); Appointment of attorney. 44M69/C/501. 1529. By Richard Tedstillals. Fermor, late of Oldebury, co. Salop, yeom., Of Humfrey Burnell, rector of Glaseley, and Thomas Tedstill his son. To deliver seisin of 1 messuage in Chelmers to **Robert Overton**, Thomas Tedstill the younger, Thomas Smythe, John Watt, Humfrey Grenowys, **William Overton**, Francis Sowtrell and John Wrednall."*

*SOURCES: History of William Harris and Temperance Overton on
<https://harrisandrelatedfamiliesofvirginia.wordpress.com>.*