# John Duxford of Ashwell

### #122388 / #122644 | Generation 16 | Grade B

Fourteenth-great-grandfather through two routes. Father of Richard Duxford of Westmill. Born about 1510 (estimate); died after the will dated 12 February 1557/58 and by probate on 26 April 1559. Ashwell is his documented residence, not a verified birthplace.

### Correlated paternal identification

John Duxford of Ashwell is admitted at Grade B as the father of Richard Duxford of Westmill. The printed will abstract explicitly names a son Richard. Identifying that son with the later Westmill patriarch rests on the uncommon full name, nearby Hertfordshire locality, compatible chronology and Threlfall's traceable family reconstruction.

The will names Richard directly as John's son. The remaining inference identifies him with Richard of Westmill. The published reconstruction and coherent chronology support Grade B under the same threshold as the existing register; no actual competing Richard or contradictory life event was established in the documented research.

### Agnes and the testamentary household

Agnes is named wife, residuary legatee and executrix. The abstract also names Dorothy, Richard, James and John as children. Agnes's biological maternity is a separate, unestablished relationship; no maternal position is added. Her maiden surname is not supplied.

### Both descent routes

John Duxford of Ashwell > Richard Duxford of Westmill > Katherine Duxford Richardson > Thomas Richardson of Woburn > Sarah Richardson Bacon > Michael Bacon of South Carolina > Samuel Bacon Sr. > Samuel Bacon Jr. > Samuel Bacon III > Mary Ann (Bacon) Moore > Laurania / Lourania / Lorana Moore Smart > Loanza Smart > Sarah U. / Sula Long > Robert Troy Zorn > Hulda Dean Zorn > Jinna Kaye Higgs Tucker > Clark Hollin Tucker

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Number control: 2 x 61194 = 122388; 2 x 61322 = 122644. John was incorporated once at 231 / 273. Jacob, Nathan and Ann bring the current total to 234 / 276. John’s proof: p. 1649; printed will: p. 1650.

# John Duxford | Grade B proof and citations

### ADMITTED - GRADE B

The positive evidence is a named son Richard in a specific Ashwell household, an uncommon full name in a nearby Hertfordshire locality, compatible generation and chronology, and Threlfall's traceable probate/parish reconstruction. The scholarly assessment is an evaluation of that record tradition, not another independent will. Family naming provides modest context only.

### Source limitations retained with the admission

The supplied printed abstract supports the will's wording, but its publication title and page are outside the crop. The original Tudor will and the cited book pages were not newly inspected. O'Hara's attributed Threlfall excerpt and bibliography were inspected on 16 November 2026. No exhaustive regional uniqueness claim is used, and inaccessible records are not treated as negative findings.

The abstract prints Huntingdon Wills 7:221. Noble's calendar reportedly prints Joone Duxfforth, Ashwell, 1558, volume 11, page 221. These locators have not been reconciled against the historical register leaf. Neither is silently converted into a verified modern shelfmark. This limitation remains visible without placing the admitted relationship on a separate hold.

### No additional maternal or medieval extension

Agnes's wife/executrix status is recorded, while the proposed maternity remains separate. John's parents, the Clothall taxpayer identity and any knightly descent are not established by this addition. The curate's title Sir in the will does not establish an ancestral knight.

### Sources

John Duxforth: printed will abstract. Will dated 12 February 1557/58; proved 26 April 1559, Baldock. User-supplied printed abstract reproduced in English Crown dossier, 16 November 2026, p. 136 (Plate 15), transcribed p. 94. Printed reference Huntingdon Wills 7:221; exact publication outside crop. Current master p. 1650.

Threlfall: Ashwell-to-Westmill family reconstruction. John B. Threlfall, Fifty Great Migration Colonists of New England and Their Origins (1990; 1992 reprint), p. 537 for John and pp. 535-536 for Richard, as quoted and page-attributed in Robert J. O'Hara's person sheet and bibliography. Attributed excerpt and bibliography inspected 16 November 2026; original book pages not newly inspected.

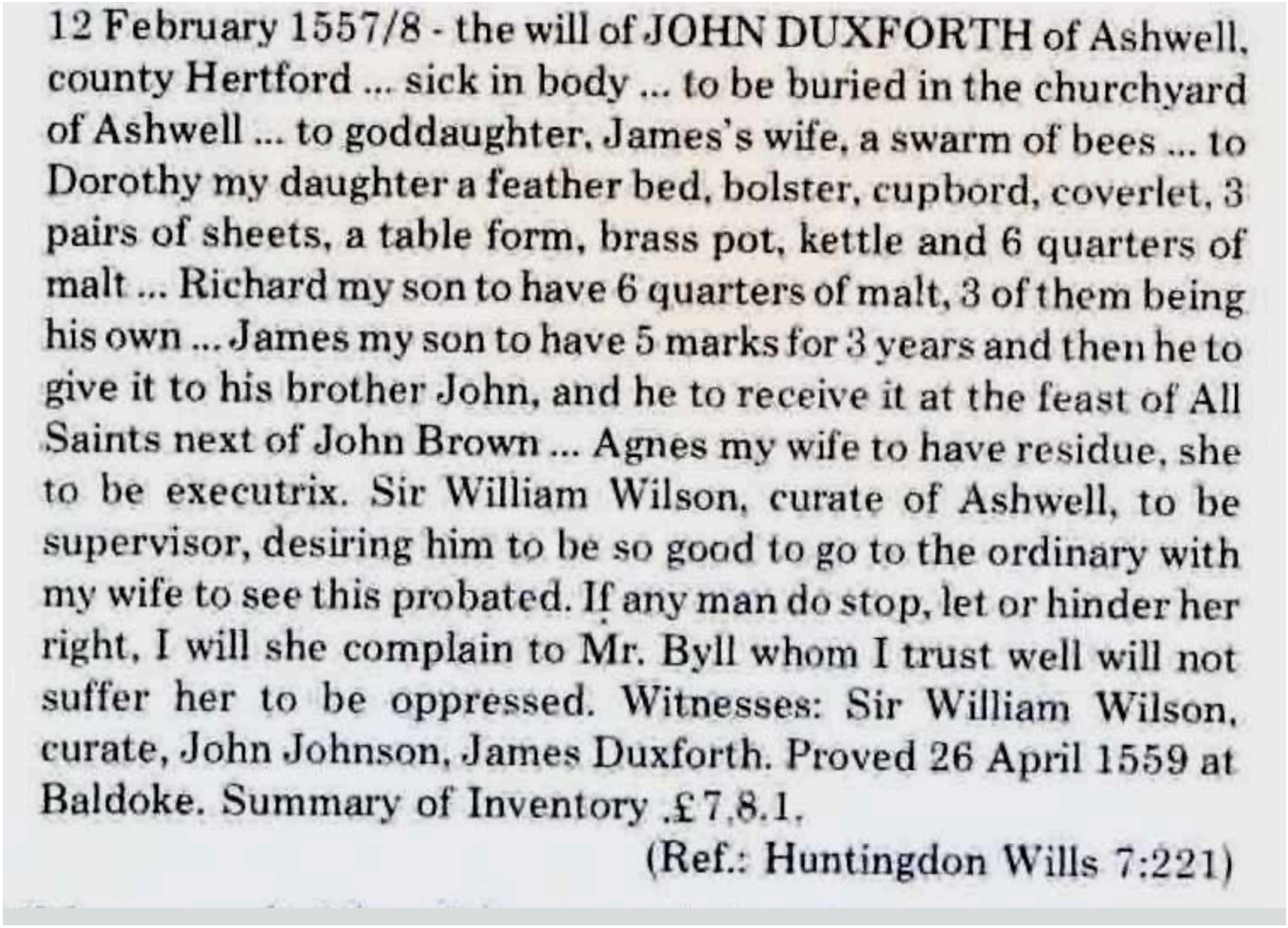
Threlfall bibliography and page attribution. O'Hara bibliography entries 329-333; John p. 537; Richard pp. 535-536.

English Crown final paternal proof and source audit. Operation The English Crown, Findings and Admission Orders, 16 November 2026, pp. 7-10, 90-94 and 136. Complete supplied dossier preserved unchanged as a master attachment. Noble, Calendars of Huntingdonshire Wills, BRS 42 (1911), p. 37: Joone, Ashwell, 1558, vol. 11, p. 221; reported source discrepancy retained.

Published excerpt: rjohara.net/gen/cards/ps01/ps01_458.html Bibliography: rjohara.net/gen/cards/wc_src/src014.html

# John Duxforth | the printed will abstract

**Will: 12 February 1557/58 | Probate: 26 April 1559**



12 February 1557/8 - the will of JOHN DUXFORTH of Ashwell, county Hertford ... sick in body ... to be buried in the churchyard of Ashwell ... to goddaughter, James's wife, a swarm of bees ... to Dorothy my daughter a feather bed, bolster, cupbord, coverlet, 3 pairs of sheets, a table form, brass pot, kettle and 6 quarters of malt ... Richard my son to have 6 quarters of malt, 3 of them being his own ... James my son to have 5 marks for 3 years and then he to give it to his brother John, and he to receive it at the feast of All Saints next of John Brown ... Agnes my wife to have residue, she to be executrix. Sir William Wilson, curate of Ashwell, to be supervisor, desiring him to be so good to go to the ordinary with my wife to see this probated. If any man do stop, let or hinder her right, I will she complain to Mr. Byll whom I trust well will not suffer her to be oppressed. Witnesses: Sir William Wilson, curate, John Johnson, James Duxforth. Proved 26 April 1559 at Baldoke. Summary of Inventory £7.8.1.

(Ref.: Huntingdon Wills 7:221)

Source: supplied English Crown dossier, 16 November 2026, p. 136 (Plate 15); transcription and source discussion on pp. 90-94. The entire supplied PDF is preserved unchanged as an embedded attachment in this master. This is a printed abstract, not an original Tudor manuscript.

The image reads Richard my son and Agnes my wife. It prints Huntingdon Wills 7:221. The separately reported Noble calendar locator is 11:221; the discrepancy and the cropped publication details remain explicit. Current admission concerns John's paternal identification only.