

Warburtons in Wills in the 17th Century

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to correlate all the information on Warburtons contained in the first 2 parts of the Bowdon and Hale Wills books, as a basis for further research to establish relationships between the various families.

The information available includes nine Warburton wills, wills of other family members, and references in other wills where Warburtons act as trustees, witnesses, debtors, or appraisers of inventories.

Warburton Wills

The Hale wills are up to 1680 only. Bowdon goes up to 1690, though I have added the accounts and disputations of Thomas because it follows on from the previous 3.

- 1. William Warburton the Elder, Husbandman, died 1611 (Hale #9).** William is referred to as William the elder. William was a noted 'banker' or lender of money, with over £190 owed to him on his death. No wife is mentioned. He inherited his 'leased' smallholding from his brother John. His children are John, Jane and Maude/Mathilda who seems to be illegitimate, and married Brian Coppock shortly afterwards. A Jane Warburton married her cousin Henry Warburton of Sinderland on 20th Feb 1615 in Bowdon, with John Warburton of Bowdon as bondsman (it could be this Jane). A William is overseer of the will, but his relationship isn't known. Son John proves the will and is presumably the John who is one of the appraisers. Debtors include a John Warburton and his mother Alice (probably William's nephew, John's son), a Robert Warburton, and a John Peake (a John Peake married Isobel Warburton of Bowdon on 1st Feb 1632). One of the appraisers is Richard Rogerson alias Johnson. He married Anne Warburton, widow 21st Aug 1917. Also it is believed Maude's mother is a Johnson girl and speculated that William may have later married her.
- 2. Thomas Warburton, Yeoman, died 1635 (Hale #52).** This is just an inventory. Thomas was buried 14/1/1635. He leases land from William Duncalfe.
- 3. George Warburton, Yeoman, died 1639 (Hale #60).** His children are, Sibill Eaton wife of John Eaton of Bowdon, yeoman, Jane Devis wife of William Devis of Bowdon, yeoman, Ann Hesketh wife of William Hesketh of Sinderland, yeoman, Margaret Leicester wife of Lawrence Leicester, gentleman, William, Ellen, and John. The last 2 are the major beneficiaries, along with wife Sibill. Witnesses are William Ashley, John Arstall, and John Goulden. A George Warburton is appraiser (presumably a different one). George was buried on 24/6/1639. The inventory includes land of John Duncalfe and John Burges (note Sibill's dispute with George mentions a George Burges). Son John owes £40.
- 4. John Warburton, Husbandman, died 1639 (Hale #61).** This is a nuncupative will with some damage. Will mentions John, son, Jane, daughter, Joseph, reputed son, William, son, and John grandfather to Joseph. Also mentioned are Henry of Sinderland (who owes money), John Eaton (a benefactor, or maybe just owed money), and Thomas Perrin from whom he leased land called Aspinhurst. John and Jane are the main benefactors, John is executor and Henry is an appraiser. John's wife was Jane Artenstall, now apparently dead. John was buried 8/5/1639. Note describes John Eaton as John's cousin Sibill's husband.

5. **John Warburton died 1672 (Hale #108).** This is John the wheelwright, and therefore possible son of William the elder (died 1611), though he must have been quite old since he was executor of his father's will. He mentions brother Henry, nephew Henry and kinswoman Alice. John is appraiser. In 1667 John had wife Katherine and sons John and William, but these appear to be dead by 1672. Brother Henry had wife May and second son Thomas alive in 1667, but not mentioned in the will. Nephew Henry married Elizabeth.
6. **John Warburton died 1679 (Hale #119).** This is part of an inventory. Candidates are a labourer living alone in 1667, or the son of John and Margaret (though this is disproved by mentions of John in his father's and brother Josiah's wills
7. **Elizabeth Warburton, widow of Bowdon, died 1686(Bowdon #36).** Bequests to sons George, Thomas, and William, grandson John (son of George, and daughters Sybill and Ann). William was executor but did nothing and had to renounce his role. Note says Elizabeth (nee Key) was widow of Peter. Marriage 12/5/1627, Peter dead by 1658, they farmed Pool Bank farm. Ann was married to Richard Clarke. Thomas was a wheelwright married to Mary (nee Aldcroft), with kids Aldcroft, Mary and Elizabeth.
8. **Sibill Warburton, spinster, died 1687 (Bowdon #37).** This is an inventory. Administration granted to Thomas and the Clarkes.
9. **George Warburton, of Bowdon, died 1688 (Bowdon #38).** This is an inventory, with John as appraiser.
10. **Thomas Warburton, of Bowdon, died 1699 (Bowdon #42).** These are accounts and disputations because Thomas (a wheelwright) died in considerable debt. He is the son of Elizabeth (note says brother William probably got the farm). Statement by Aldcroft gives his age at 23 years. There appears to be financial treachery by his administrator John Jackson.

Trustees, Witnesses and other Mentions

Date	Ref	Comment
1604	HV1 p18	William is administrator of Richard Kelsall's will
1610	HV1 p21	William the elder rents a cottage (for 2/6 pa) half owned by Richard Grantham, which he bequeaths to William Grantham
1611	HV1 p26	William and Richard Johnson overseers of William's will
1611	HV1 p30	Thomas of Hale barns overseer and witness for Robert Barlow (will dated 1604)
1617	HV1 p42	George and William (and William Arstall) are friends and executors for Ralph Partington (will dated 1616)
1617	HV1 p43	William, William Arstall (son), Robert Pearson and Thomas Perrin are trustees for Richard Arstall's younger children
1618	HV1 p47	William is witness for Lawrence Hardy of Ringway

	HV1 p50	Ralph married Ann Hewitt of Rostherne at Bowdon 13/12/1610
1623	HV1 p61	George is brother-in-law, trustee and witness for Thomas Perrin. John Goulden is trustee and neighbour, Robert Pearson is witness. NB George and Robert Pearson only make mark – are also appraisers.
1624	HV1 p63	Thomas elder and younger witness for Richard Grantham
1625-8	BV1 p31-4	Inventory of John Barrington, and accounts of Sibell Eaton. Sybell Warburton married John Barrington, and after his death, John Eaton. There are debts and disputes concerning a George Warburton. One payment is dependant on the death of Thomas Warburton, who is still living (1628).
1627	HV1 p71	Robert Johnson gives £1 to each child of John the younger, and £10 to Maud Coppock (implies Maud's, and maybe John's mother was a Johnson).
1632	HV1 p76/7	Robert Artenstall gives 12p to John, son-in-law. 11 mths later Robert's wife Jane's will (under Timperley) mentions John, wife Jane (nee Artenstall) and kids William, John and Jane. Daughter Ellen Artenstall married Alexander W who disputed will.
1634	BV1 p45/8	John Vaudrey alias Warburton is illegitimate son of Alexander Vaudrey and a Warburton girl.
1638	BV1 p50-2	Jane and William Devias make statements concerning their friend Edward Ogden who was taken ill while walking and died 6/7 days later. Jane is 32 years old, 16 years younger than her husband.
1641	HV2 p21	William Coppock makes bequest to sister-in-law Maude (who was buried 23/4/1655; Brian died 22/11/1655). Also bequest to John Haslehurst of Mobberley who may be the one who married Ellen of Hale 4/5/1619, and was bondsman when Henry Warburton married Ann Barlow of Rostherne 4/2/1640.
1646	HV2 p24	Margaret (John's wife) receives bequest from uncle Henry Hardy. Henry had, with his brothers, borrowed £4 10s from William in 1611. (NB no obvious link to John Hardy, butcher). An Edward Astle had illegitimate son John W buried 30/1/1678.
1647	HV2 p27	John is witness for Robert Hollinpriest. (Note says John, son of George)
1648	HV2 p29	Sibil Johnson bequeaths 40s each to Maude Coppock, and John, wheelwright.
1648	BV1 p55	George's sons-in-law William Devis and John Eaton witness will of John Hardy of Bowdon, butcher. (John married a Hardy). A George appraises. Two Georges signed and

		marked the Grand Remonstrance.
1648	HV2 p29	John signs as witness to will of Andrew Gardner (dated 11/9/1641)
1649	HV2 p30	John signs as witness to will of Elizabeth Goulden
1654	HV2 p35	James Hardy makes bequests to Margaret (daughter - £10), and children of John and Margaret (grandchildren) 6s 8d each. John is also executor. Note says John is son of George, but evidence is circumstantial (Jill Groves email).
1661	HV2 p37	John, with Thomas Goulden, is executor for George Goulden. Thomas is witness
1662	BV2 p16	Bequest by John Eaton to John and wife.
1664	HV2 p48	Henry, appraiser for Margaret Hardy (widow of James d. 1654) may have been son of John and Margaret. In 1667 he had wife Mary and kids Thomas and Henry, plus daughter-in-law Elizabeth.
1667	BV1 p43	Anne Warburton is servant to Edward Simpson in Timperley
1669	HV2 p61	Thomas Perrin is son of Thomas Perrin and Sibil Warburton i.e. Thomas the elder and George W married each other's sister named Sibil.
1675	HV2 p79	John is trustee and overseer for Robert Pearson (will dated 1665). Note says this is the wheelwright who is now dead.
1677	HV2 p83	John bondsman to brother Henry for marriage to Mary Boond of Lymn 6/2/1684
1677	HV2 p84	Two Williams: a) married to Jane with daughter Ann and Mary in 1667, b) married Catherine Burgess at Ashton-on-Mersey 11/10/1663.

Debts

Date	Ref	Comment
1604	HV1 p19	Richard Kelsall owed Henry 10s 10d for hire of cow
		and owed (was owed by) William and Richard Marbury 16s 2d, settled in the curia of Dunham Massey
1604	HV1 p20	John Bradley owes William £4 12s by bill
1611	HV1 p27	John owes William £1 8s (cow hire), and £2 8s (lente money)
1611	HV1 p27	Robert owes William 8s 2d
1611	HV1 p28	John and his mother Alice owe William £1
1611	BV1 p20	George owes Edmund Simpson 1s 8d
1612	HV1 p31	John owes John Antrobus 4s

1617	HV1 p42	John owes Ralph Partington £6 12s (one bond)
1625	BV1 p32	George has debt for articles in hands of George Birch
1628	BV1 p32-4	George's debt to John Barrington is £30. £20 due 6 mths after death of Thomas (who is still living). Also claim by George for £10 2s in Altrincham court.
1628	HV1 p74	John owes Henry Arstall 5s
1629	BV1 p39-42	Alexander leased cottage and land from Sir George Booth of Dunham Massey, sublet from Alexander Owen for £16, payable by 1630, but only £1 10s outstanding on Owen's death; also signed Grand remonstrance of 1642
1634	BV1 p44	
1640	HV1 p95	John and Henry owe John Brandreth £1 13s 4d by bill
1640	HV1 p95	John owes John Brandreth £1 1s 8d by bill
1641	BV1 p28/53	Edmund Simpson (son of above) leases land from Alexander for £3
1642	HV2 p23	John owes Edward Worsley, 6 boards and 2 old ladders (5s)
1662	BV2 p17/18	George paid 16s for work done, and 4/6d for thrashing corn, Elizabeth paid 1/6d due, from John Eaton.
1664	HV2 p49	John, wheelwright, owes Margaret Hardy £2 10s
1665	HV2 p53	Henry and John Barrow owe Richard Vaudrey £1 6s 8d not due, Henry plus Thomas and Randle Goulden owe £15 due, and Henry and Thomas Goulden owe £14 not due
1669	HV2 p59	Elizabeth of Bowdon owes Ellen Brundrett £1
1677	HV2 p84	William owes John Lamb 7/6d

Appraisers

Date	Ref	Appraiser	Deceased
1604	HV1 p18	William	Richard Kelsall
1611	HV1 p23	John	Richard Goulden
1611	HV1 p27	John	William Warburton
1611	HV1 p29	Thomas	William Ashley
1614	HV1 p37	George	James Holt (clothier)
1615	HV1 p39	John	William Leather
1617	HV1 p43	George/William	Richard Arstall aka Artenstall
1619	HV1 p52	George	William Partington

1619	HV1 p58	John	William Booth
1623/4	HV1 p62	George	Thomas Perrin
1626	HV1 p63	George	John Hollinpriest
1628	HV1 p66	George	John Grantham
1632	HV1 p76	George	Robert Artenstall
1633	HV1 p80	George	Robert Partington
1634	BV1 p47	George	Alexander Vaudrey
1635	HV1 p84	George	James Leicester
1636	HV1 p85	George	George Perrin
1639(1/6)	HV1 p88	George	Robert Leatherbarrow
1639(28/6)	HV1 p90	George	George Warburton
1638	HV1 p92	Henry	John Warburton
1648	BV1 p55	George	John Hardy
1663	HV2 p43	John	Margaret Tonge
1663	HV2 p48	John/William	Thomas Goulden
1664	HV2 p49	Henry	Margaret Hardy
1669	HV2 p60	John (signs)	Richard Rylands
1672	HV2 p72	John (yeoman)	Edward Pearson
1672	HV2 p73	John	John Warburton (wheelwright)
1677	HV2 p82	John	Margaret Barlow
1677	HV2 p83	John	John Lamb
1679	HV2 p84	John	Margaret Johnson
1680	HV2 p85	John	Richard Alcock (inventory dated 1669)
1688	BV2 p 57	John	George Warburton