

Hodgetts Timeline 2: Darlaston & Rushall

Date	Who	Where	Details
1375	John Hoget	No origin noted	Archer on the Muster & Retinue Rolls in France serving with Edward Despenser. (Archers were boys/teens, then became men-at-arms). ⁱ
1377, 1379-1380	[Context]		Poll taxes taken – no Hodgetts found at Walsall, Wednesbury, Rushall, or Tipton. The lists for Sedgley and Dudley do not appear to have survived and the list for Halesowen is damaged (there is a John H... there). Thomas Harper is listed as constable for Darlaston 1377 (p471) ⁱⁱ 1379-80 is in <i>Collections for a History of Staffordshire</i> Vol 17 p155 but no sign of Sedgley or Clent.
1390	Thomas & Edith Hichcnkes	At Cuttelston hundred	Poll tax. ⁱⁱⁱ Cuttelston borders Offlow to the north of Walsall ^{iv}
1390	William	At Walsall	In 1390, on the death of Ralph Bassett, the manor of Walsall passed to Thomas de Bauchamp the younger, earl of Warwick. ^v 1390-1 “The primary metal industries: Despite the importance of Walsall ironstone early iron-smelting in the parish seems to have been small-scale and intermittent, perhaps because water-power was limited. About 1300 Roger de Mortheyn granted Adam the bloomer an acre of waste at Bloxwich. (fn. 383) The name 'Synderhulleffeld', which occurs in 1333, may indicate early ironsmelting in the Birchills area. (fn. 384) In the late 1380s and 1390s Robert Grubbere was apparently working a bloomsmithy, buying the ore from the lord of the manor and reselling the metal to him. In 1390-1 the lord also bought 42 blooms of iron from Warin de Walton of Walsall and William Hoggettes ” ^{vi}
1394	John Hogetes	At Tipton & Sedgley	Plea Rolls DE BANCO. EASTER, 17 R. II. “Staff. Thomas Reynald of Tybynton sued Philip Fraunceys, William atte Haystowe, John Hogetes , Thomas de Pype, Nicholas Percokes, and Peter Baresfen for breaking vi et armis [with force of arms] into his close at Seggeley and cutting down his trees at Tybynton (Tipton), and for cutting and carrying away his grass at Seggeley to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Octaves of Holy Trinity, m. 73.” ^{vii}
1397	[Context]	Dudley	Isabella de Sutton died
1399	[Context]	Perry Barr	The manor of Perry Barr came into the hands of Thomas, Earl of Warwick and, on the accession of Henry IV in 1399, his rights were reaffirmed. ^{viii}
1401-1403	William	At Worcester At Walsall At Walsall	1401 William Hychecokes, Inquisition juror of Isabel Widow of John De Sutton re Dudley Castle etc ^{ix} (inquisition jurors were freeholders) 1402 Inquisition Juror, Joan, widow of Ralph Bassett . Jurors: William Russhehale ; John Maunsell ; Richard Bridde ; Roger Onewyn ; Richard Odes ; John Wilkys ; John Cole ; John Bondok ; William Hogetes ; Roger Mollesle ; John Prestes ; and Thomas Bailly. ^x

			Jan 1403 Inquisition Juror, Thomas De Bello Campo , Earl of Warwick. Other jurors included Roger Mollesley. ^{xi}
1401-2	John	At Wolverhampton (re Dudley)	1401-2 Inquisition juror of Isabel Widow of John De Sutton re Dudley Castle etc. Jurors included John Mollesley. ^{xii} (the John Sutton who the castle was awarded to was Isabella's great grandson) ^{xiii}
1403	John	At Walsall	1403 inquisition juror William Waleshale, escheator of Staffordshire Inquisition of JOHN HERVYLE/HERONVILLE manor at Wednesbury Jurors: John Wylkys of Darlaston ; Thomas Chylternes ; Richard Harper of Darlaston ; Laurence Happeford ; John Hogetus ; William Harper ; John Symcokes ; William Colyns ; William Swetecok ; Roger de Norton ; John Pert of Bromwich ; and Thomas Wylkys of Brierley. ^{xiv} 1403 John Hogyn named as having owned Walsall land in inquisition of Edmund Earl of Stafford in regards. ^{xv}
1404-1425	[context]	Darlaston	John & Thomas Harper were granted land at Darlaston by the de Darlaston family Darlaston was part of the Manor of Sedgley and residents included John & Thomas Harpur from 1404 plus John Harpur de Rushall in 1435. In 1425, a Stephen Lykmans was chaplain there
1405	William	Of Walsall	1405 "34 Grant by Henry Wynde of Walshale, chaplain, and William Hogets, of the same, to the Wardens of the fabric of All Saints, of Walshale , of an annual rent of 40d., to be received after the death of Juliana, widow of John Greygos, from two messuages lying between the tenements of William Stokley, and John Kilbulle ; from a field called 'Byrchzatefeld,' and from a parcel of meadow land lying in 'le longmedowe.' Dat. Walshale, Mond. N. bef. Annu. B.V. Mary, [25 Mar] 6 Hen. IV. [1405] <i>Lat. 2 seals</i> ^{xvi} [Byrchzatefeld location not found but Birchills was 2 miles north west of Walsall ^{xvii}] Julianna Greygos involved in other land 1416 with reversion to the Guild of St John the Baptist. 1405 "35 same year Grant by the same to the same, of a like rent, to be received after the death of the aforesaid Juliana, from a field called 'Marchfield,' and from two messuages lying beyond the water, between the croft of William, <i>clericus</i> ' [the clerk], and 'Botelsone.' Same date. <i>Lat. Endorsed, "3s. 4d to be payed out of brassyar land."</i> ^{xviii} [1405 grant also in the Walsall Personal Name Index 1405 William of Walsall, party to a deed 276/34, 35 ^{xix}
1406	[Context]		John de Sutton died aged 26 (great grandson and heir of Isabella)
1407-09	William	Of Walsall	1407 bond "Henry Wynde, William Hogets, Juliana late wife of John Greygose/John Brasyer" (TNA) 1407 Inquisition Juror at Tamworth for Margaret, widow of Thomas de Beauchamp. ^{xx}

			<p>1408 Inquisition Juror, John Arden, Knight^{xxi} 1408 inquisition juror, Nicholas Audeley at Wolverhampton.^{xxii}</p> <p>1409 “EXTRACTS FROM THE PLEA ROLLS. DE BANCO. Mich., 10 H. IV. Staff. Roger Mollesley, of Walshale, sued William Hogettes of Walshale, and William Fylkes of Walshale, for beating, wounding, and illtreating him, at Walshale, and taking his goods and chattels to the value of £40. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered, as in last suit. 575, dorso.”^{xxiii} [but the entry before was not transcribed].</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The church at Walsall had a dependent chapel at Rushall and Halesowen had the patronage of the vicarage. There were several chapels and side altars in the Walsall church including an altar of St John the Baptist. “In 1390 Sir Thomas Aston of Haywood in Colwich was licensed to endow a chantry, with one chaplain, for the guild of St. John the Baptist. (fn. 65) The endowment, not completed until 1404, consisted of land and rent worth 10 marks a year in Walsall, Rushall, Great Barr in Aldridge, Rugeley, Essington in Bushbury, King's Bromley, Finchpath in West Bromwich, Norton Canes, and Stonnall and Little Aston in Shenstone. (fn. 66) Also in 1404 Aston endowed a second chantry with land and rent worth a further 10 marks yearly for the souls of guildsmen killed at the battle of Shrewsbury in 1403... None of the chantries had its own chapel... All the chantries were apparently under the supervision either of the guild of St. John the Baptist or of Our Lady's Guild by the early 16th century.”^{xxiv} • Tithe records show Rushall had a population of about 150 in the 1300s^{xxv} • In 1419 there were Letters of attorney to deliver seisin of nine selions to Thomas Harper of Darlaston. People mentioned are Alice, relict of Richard Harper, of Darlaston, William Jamys, rector of the church of Darlaston, Roger de Mollesley of Darlaston. • In 1435, Roger Mosely had Darlaston manor with Thomas Harpur.
1411	John	At Worcester	Inquisition juror for Richard HUGGEFORD who held the manor of Wyre Piddle and Little Comberton for life by the grant of Thomas de Bello Campo , late earl of Warwick (Beauchamp) Jurors: Thomas Kyngton senior; Andrew Feckenham ; John Lyttelton ; John Byrlyngham ; Hugh Bertelot ; John Pars ; Thomas Gybbe ; Andrew Tayllour ; Richard Nasshe ; Edward Upton ; John Hogges ; and John Mulle. ^{xxvi}
1412-1422	John	Of Darlaston	10/6/1412 “John Hoggeans senior with Richard att fforde of Newcastle under Lyme, John Tolle & Thomas Howle of Haloughton (all of the county of Stafford) went bail (£20 each) for John Elys, Taylor at Coventry to keep the peace towards Nicholas Symcok & Ralf Bredon Deyster senior. John Elys stood for a further £40 himself.” ^{xxvii}

			<p>23/5/1413 John Elys together with others at Fynchespath with swords and staffs, bows and arrows lay in ambush towards killing Nicholas Symcok. They broke into his house, beat and wounded him so his life was despaired of. John Elys and his guarantors were called to pay the sums by 15 days after Easter. The writ was issued again quarterly six times. They were then called before the barons of the exchequer of the king. John Elys was found to own nothing and therefore be unable to pay his £40. The guarantees were called in. John Hodgetts throughout etc were summoned but did not appear. (various spellings of Hodgetts throughout).</p> <p>29/7/1415 (3rd year of Henry V) Royal Pardon given to John Hogetes of Darlaston.^{xxviii}</p> <p>Their attorney John Harpur appeared for two of the men presenting their pardons, and John Hodgetts of Darlaston presented his pardon of all manner of penalties against the king and his father before the eighth day of December last past.^{xxix} [the pardon was in general terms but the 'crime' was the debt of £20, surety for John Ellis.]</p> <p>1420 inquisition juror, Roger Dorlaston.^{xxx} 1420 inquisition juror (along with Roger de Wyrley) and again in 1421, John son and heir of William Cressich or Benteley^{xxxi} 1421 inquisition juror, Richard Mutton, Knight.^{xxxii} 1421 inquisition juror, Thomas Tomenhorne, Knight.^{xxxiii} 1422 John Hogetus Juror twice at Litchfield in post mortem inquisitions for the manor of Darlaston held of John Sutton, knight. Jurors include Thomas Harpur and Roger Mollesley (Jan & May).^{xxxiv} [15th century, no specific date] Grant of three ? tenements to Clement Barnndeley and Agnes his wife by John Hogetts of Darlaston, John le Harper of Darlaston [incorrectly catalogued as from Clement Barnndeley]</p>
1419	? John Hogchekynson	Of Blymhill	John Hogchekynson of Blymhill, inquisition juror. ^{xxxv}
1419	[Context]	Rushall	<p>Born c1395, John Harpur of Rushall is said to have been the son of John Harpur and Isabel (dau of Sir Robert Aplleby). He sat for Stafford in 1419. He acquired his principal estates and position in 1427 by marrying Eleanor (b1412) daughter and heiress of William Grobber, alias de Rushall (one of the Household of Richard II, Henry IV and Henry V, who fought at Shrewsbury and at Agincourt, d 1429) by Elizabeth dau of John Rolleston of Rolleston. This William de Rushall had been adopted son of William Walshale MP. John Harpur served as an MP almost continuously from 1419-1432, he was steward to the House of Stafford, JP 1430-till death, escheator 1429-30 etc.^{xxxvi}</p> <p>He showed early promise as a lawyer appearing at the Staffordshire assizes in 1411.^{xxxvii}</p>

1419	John	At Handsworth	<p>Mar 1432/3: Proof of Age case for Elizabeth, wife of Robert Moulevers, Esquire “John Hogettes, aged 48 years and more, swears that Elizabeth was born at Handsworth, baptised in the church there, and was 14 years of age on 1 February last. Asked how he knows, he says that he apprenticed Richard his son to John Tamworth of Coventry, draper, on the day that Elizabeth was born, to learn the trade and to serve him for 8 years. John Hondes, 50 and more, took a certain tenement of John Stoke in Lichfield to farm for 20 years, rendering...s. 4d. yearly. Richard Buggyn, 60 and more, was in the church when Elizabeth was baptised and ministered water so that her godfather and godmothers might wash their hands. Thomas Porter, 60 and more, was also in the church and held a torch. William Prustes, 60 and more, began his pilgrimage to the holy land on the day that Elizabeth was born. Thomas Corbyn, 50 and more, says that Richard his son was born the day after the birth of Elizabeth. Nicholas Hayteley, 54 and more, says that Nicholas his son professed as a monk in the abbey of... on the day that Elizabeth was born. John Draper, 46 and more, says that Margaret his wife was Elizabeth’s nurse immediately after her birth and... for over a year afterwards. Thomas Bromwych, 60 and more, espoused Beatrice now his wife on the Sunday following the birth of Elizabeth. John Erbury, 47 and more, took seisin to him and his heirs of a messuage of Richard Twye, chaplain, in Handsworth on the day that Elizabeth was born. John Neweman, 50 and more, says that Alice his wife died after a long illness. John Wyot, 48 and more, was in service to Baldwin father of Elizabeth, in the office of butler, and... to the godfather and godmothers of Elizabeth in the church after her baptism.” ^{xxxviii}</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Twye was Handsworth chaplain at the time making it unlikely John Hodgetts himself baptised the child. • Elizabeth was the daughter of Baldwin Straunge who had been an officer in the de Beauchamp household.^{xxxix} <p>Her mother Margaret Lestraunge died 16/1/1419.</p>
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ⁱ TNA, E101/34/3, m2d & TNA, E101/34/5, m3d, quoted in <https://www.medievalsoldier.org/database/> Rtd 4/7/2023

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^{vi} *Walsall: Economic history*, British History Online, <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/staffs/vol17/pp180-208> viewed 17/6/2022.

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