

Hodgetts Timeline 4 - Halesowen & Rowley Regis

Date	Who	Details
1538		Halesowen Abbey dissolved, and its lands awarded to John Dudley (of the castle)
1547		Chantries Act dissolved chantries and denounced the doctrine of purgatory (p131).
1550-1553		John Dudley (of the castle) is de facto regent for teenage King Edward VI. Following Edward's death, Jane Grey (Dudley's daughter-in-law) is set on the throne for 9 days. Following her removal and the installation of Bloody Mary, Dudley is beheaded.
1553		Queen Mary's reign involved much redistribution of lands. It did not go back to the church but instead was awarded to Mary's supporters. John Lyttleton of Franckley, esquire was granted the keepership of Dudley Castle, the park and its lands.
1558	Thomas	✓Worcestershire Will and inventory (223) Wife Margery and young children Nicolas, John, Ann and an unborn child. Mention of land at Awsten's Ground and a debt to Richard Hodgetts of Handsworth. Will wording tends to the Protestant style despite being written in the reign of Queen Mary. ⁱ [Halesowen parish register began the following year] Note: According to intro of QS 1591-1621 (pxxxv) , blacksmiths sought permission at the Quarter Sessions to set up in a new parish. Thomas would have to do this but the QS records for Shropshire pre 1638 have not survived.
1559		Parish register began at Halesowen - no Hodgetts until 1567
1562	?Margery (Handsworth)	Possible marriage of Thomas' widow: Margery Hodgetts sister of John Hodgetts yeoman of the Grove, m William Richards.
1567	William	first Hodgetts in the parish register: William m Elienor Pearsall 1567. He may have been from Kingswinford
1574	Nicholas & Johane	Margaret dau of Nicholas and Johane bapt (buried Dec 1575)
1575	Nicholas & Johane	Elizabeth dau of Nicholas and Johane bapt
1575		Queen Elizabeth visits Dudley
1576	John (&Joyce)	Richard son of John baptised 2/9/1576.
1577	Johane	Johane m John Trulove
1578	John (&Joyce)	John son of John baptised 28/9/1578.
1580	Nicholas, nailer (Rowley Regis)	Richard Harper in a plea of debt against: Gest, John, of Rowley, Staffs, nailer; Hodgett, Nicholas, of Rowley, nailer; Fysher, Thomas, of Dudley, nailer 1422/f 439
1581	John & Joyce	Elinor dau of John and Joyce bapt 20/1/1580(81)
1585	Richard	Baptism, no parents listed
15/1/1585/6	William & Alice	William m Alice Gest
1587	John (&Joyce)	Marjorie baptised Jan 1586/7, no parents listed but she married John Dethridge and had daughters Joyce and Elinor.
1590	John (&Joyce)	Walter, son of John bapt 4/10/1590.
18/4/1593	William	William married 1593 Margaret Green
1593	Edward	Burial
1593	Nicholas	Burial

4/4/1598	William	Bond from William Hodgetts of the parish of Halesowen , co. Salop, smythe to Thomas Holte of Duddeston, armiger to secure performance of covenants and Bargain and sale and feoffment from Thomas Holte of Duddeston, esquire to William Hodgetts of the parish of Halesowen co. Salop, smythe of land in Asheferlonge and the Olde House in the parish of Sutton in Coldfield (BA).
1609	John & William	Appear in Manorial Rolls under Hunnington and John under Ridgeacre – something above an agreement with someone Smythe.
1610	William	Quitclaim : Edward Grove of Westbromwich co. Staff., yeoman to William Hodgette(s) of Ridgacre in the parish of Halesowen co. Salop, yeoman ; Property: 1 cottage, garden, orchard, 2 crofts of land, 3 selions of arable land in Honsworthe co. Staff. (BA)
1612	John & William	Appear in Manorial Rolls @ Halesowen in a list – homage/jury?
1614/5	John, William, Thomas & Richard	All in Manorial Rolls @ Halesowen in [homage/jury?] lists or unreadable entries.
6/6/1617	William	<p>✓ Will dated 1617ⁱⁱ (burial 8/3/1619/20 & probate 8/7/1620). Wording is Protestant. Mentions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executors: wife Margery/Margaret and William Gest of Owly Grange [Howley Grange in Ridgeacre]. Margaret and unnamed others contested but the will was declared valid.ⁱⁱⁱ • Jane, dau of my brother John (Boise tenement). • Mary Parr wife of Richard Parr. • Brother's daughters: Margery Shackleton, Isabell & Winifred Hodgetts. • Brother Thomas Hodgetts (Handsworth properties). • Richard & William Hodgetts (sons of my cousin John Hodgetts). • 6 other unnamed children of cousin John. • four children of my uncle William Hodgetts deceased. • John Hodgetts son of my brother John. • William's will passed into the possession of Nicholas Hodgetts of the Grove.^{iv} <p>William's phrasing makes it clear his cousin John and nephew John are different people. Buried Halesowen 8/3/1619/20.</p>
7/9/1622	John & Joyce	✓ John Hodgetts of Halesowen, Worcetershire inventory & administration bond (70a) by sons Humphrey and William, locksmiths. Administrator: widow Joyce. The will itself has not survived.
1625	Thomas (Handsworth)	✓ will of Thomas , written 11/3/1625 probate 1626. Beneficiaries: Thomas Millward husband of Jane my kinswoman, Thomas Shaktlon of Yardly husband of Margerie Hodgetts my kinswoman, Thomas Shackleton's dau Ann, William Hodgetts of Halesowen, Thomas Bull of Yardley, William Greenfell of Smethwick, John Hodgetts of Handsworth (wheelwright), poor of Handsworth. Mentions wife Joane, property in Alchurch? And Richard Parr and Marie his wife (TNA) semi-Protestant wording with reference to the trinity so could be Catholic.
1630	Rowley Regis	Joan wife of Richard Quarter sessions . Defendant - ignoramus for Riot and Assault. ✓ Walter Quarter sessions . Defendant - ignoramus for Riot and Assault Joyce Quarter sessions . Complainant for Riot and Assault.
1635	Thomas	Bapt: Richard son of Thomas
Aug 1648	Cornet Thomas Hodgetts (Cornet is a rank)	[Royalist] In 1660 Dud Dudley wrote "200 men were dispersed, killed and some taken, namely major Harcourt, Major Elliotts, Capt. Long and Cornet Hodgetts, of whom Major Harcourt was miserably burned with matches. The petitioner and the rest were stripped almost naked, and in triumph and scorn carried up to the city of Worcester (which place Dud had fortified for the king), and kept

		close prisoners, with double guards set upon the prison and the city.” [referred to as Cornet Hodgetts with no first name but the only Royalist Cornet found is Cornet Thomas Hodgson/Hodgkinson from Staffordshire. ^{vi}]
1651	Henry (Rowley Regis)	Henry married Mary Grove
1651	Edward & Humphrey	Hodgetts v Hodgetts (national archives) Plaintiffs: Edward Hodgetts and Anne Hodgetts his wife. Defendants: Humphrey Hodgetts. Subject: copyhold of Halesowen manor, Shropshire. Document type: bill only
1685	Thomas (Rowley Regis)	Lease i) Edward, Lord Ward ii) Thomas Hodgetts of Rowley Regis, Staffs., Nailer 4 closes of land (10a), part of Faytings Farm in Rowley Regis. Timber and mines, etc., reserved.
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1700	William, son of William	Copies of the court rolls of the Manor of Halesowen concerning the admission of William Hodgetts, son and heir of William Hodgetts, deceased, to lands within the said manor.
1755	William	William of Halesowen, widower married Sarah Guest of Dudley at Dudley, spinster

ⁱ A calendar of wills and administrations in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Worcester, p152 <https://archive.org/details/calendarwillsan00frygoog/page/152/mode/2up>

ⁱⁱ [Will of William Hodgetts, Yeoman of Halesowen, Shropshire](#), TNA, PROB 11/135/646.

ⁱⁱⁱ [Sentence of William Hodgetts of Halesowen, Shropshire](#), TNA, PROB 11/136/120.

^{iv} Hackwood, Frederick William, *Handsworth Old and New*, Brewin Books, 2001, p82.

^v Bennett, Martyn, *Royalist War Effort in the North Midlands*, PhD, Loughborough University, 1986, p332

^{vi} Smiles, Samuel, [Industrial Biography: Iron-workers and Tool-makers, Ticknor and Fields](#), Boston, 1864 accessed 14/3/2022 ; Staffordshire Record Society Vol 10, p30