

The Pettipher family and Warwickshire connections

On their mother's death John and Mary Cheetham would have been taken into the care of their aunt Elizabeth. Pettiphers do occur in Banbury: an Edward Pettipher/Pettifer was churchwarden in 1689 and 1693.¹³

However, it seems likely Mary Cheetham's family were from just over the county border in Warwickshire. Mr Anthony Petipher of Warmington paid tax for six hearths in 1663 and 1670.

Where Elizabeth Pettipher and her brother Edward lived in 1690 is at present unknown. When she "intermarried" (c.1693) with Edward Phillips of Shrewsbury, clothier, it may be assumed John and Mary moved with her. Legal documents must be factual, but *we* can feel sorrow that John's sister Mary did not live to receive her household goods. Elizabeth Pettipher's marriage to **Edward Phillips** explains his appearance in these deeds, and how a Shrewsbury woollen-draper, **Walter Pateshall**, came to acquire property in Banbury.

However, by 1698, John Cheetham, now come of age, was living at Westcote in Warwickshire. His uncle Edward Pettipher was a witness to the 1698 deeds. In 1700 "Edward Pettipher of Westcote, Warw., gent." was party to a Magdalen College lease.¹⁴ This was a tiny hamlet in Lower Tysoe, in 1670 only having a 5-hearth house and one other. Clearly John was living with his uncle in 1698. Edward Pettifer was buried at Tysoe on 27 April 1725, though no Cheethams appear in the Tysoe registers.¹⁵

The Wagstaffe family of Calthorpe and Farnborough

Mary Cheetham's will mentions £700 "put forth in the name of my uncle **William Wagstaffe**". It seems probable that he is the same as William Wagstaffe, gent., of Calthorpe, buried at Banbury 4 October 1695. His will ("infirm in body... to be decently buried"), dated 23 March 1694/5, was proved in the Peculiar Court in August 1696 by his widow Hannah.¹⁶ John Wagstaffe was a witness of two 1689 documents: two John Wagstaffes, brother and (adult) son, are mentioned in the will.

¹³ Ironically, one of the witnesses of Anthony Jackeman's will in 1632 (fn.6) was a Thomas Pettipher. For that matter, the other was Margaret Walters, probably connected to his widow, Elizabeth Waters. 57
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¹⁴ Shakespeare Centre Library and Archive [DR 18/10/114/1]. Surrender by Edward Pettipher of Westcote, gent., *et al*, 2 Aug 1700.

¹⁵ *The Parish Registers of Tysoe, Warw.*, ed D.B. Woodfield, 1976.

¹⁶ Oxfordshire Record Office. Will of William Wagstaffe, 1696. Pec.55/2/50; see also D.M. Barratt, 'James Sutton: A Presbyterian Minister', *C&CH* 6(2), 1975.