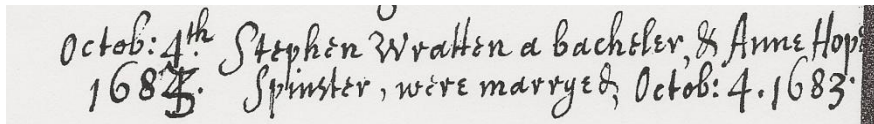


## Warbleton to Burmarsh

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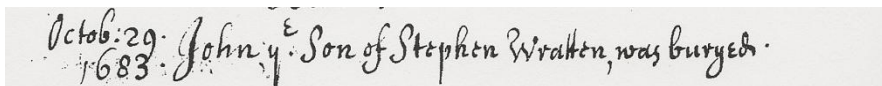
There is no absolute proof that the Wrattens of Warbleton and the Wrattens of Burmarsh are connected. Here are the reasons why I have concluded they are.

The first mention of Wrattens at Burmarsh is the marriage on 4 October 1683 of Stephen Wratten and Ann Hope.



Octob: 4<sup>th</sup> Stephen Wratten a bachelor, & Anne Hope  
1683. Spinster, were marryed, Octob: 4. 1683.

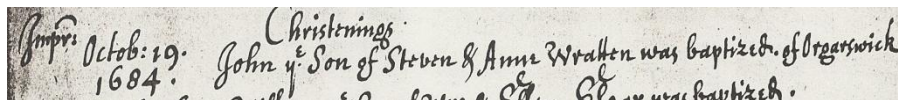
25 days later, 29 October 1683 John son of Stephen Wratten, was buried.



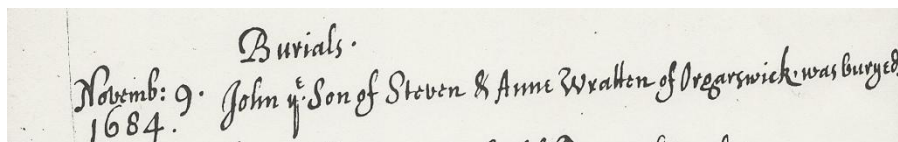
Octob: 29. John y<sup>e</sup> Son of Stephen Wratten, was buryed.

As the Stephen Wratten who married on 4 October was a bachelor he cannot be the father of this John.

In 1684 Stephen and Anne's first child was baptised and buried.



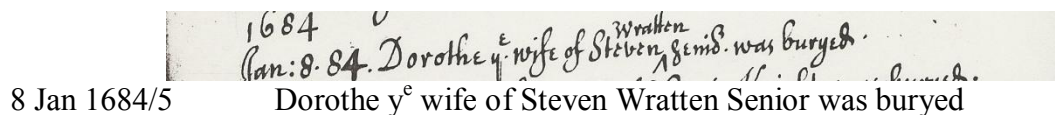
Christenings.  
Impr: Octob: 19. John y<sup>e</sup> Son of Steven & Anne Wratten was baptizd. of Orgarswick  
1684. ... was baptizd.



Burials.  
Novemb: 9. John y<sup>e</sup> Son of Steven & Anne Wratten of Orgarswick, was buryed.  
1684.

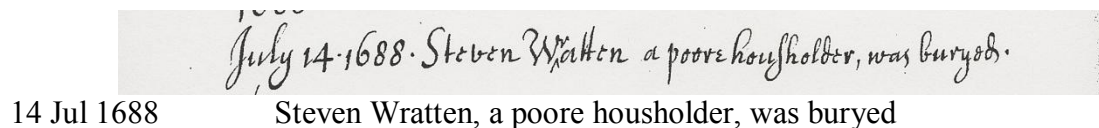
Their remaining children were baptised and buried until 1699.

Other entries that shed light on the family are:



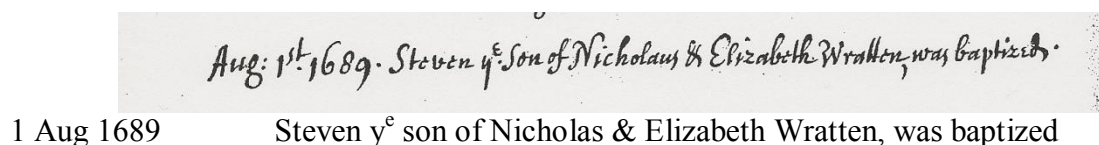
1684  
Jan: 8. 84. Dorothe y<sup>e</sup> wife of Steven Wratten Senior was buryed.

8 Jan 1684/5 Dorothe y<sup>e</sup> wife of Steven Wratten Senior was buried



July 14. 1688. Steven Wratten a poore housholder, was buryed.

14 Jul 1688 Steven Wratten, a poore housholder, was buried



Aug: 1<sup>st</sup> 1689. Steven y<sup>e</sup> Son of Nicholas & Elizabeth Wratten, was baptizd.

1 Aug 1689 Steven y<sup>e</sup> son of Nicholas & Elizabeth Wratten, was baptized

## Marriages

Apr: 23  
1691. Henry Gill, bachelor, & Mary Wratten Spinster, were married.

23 Apr 1691 Henry Gill, bachelor & Mary Wratten, spinster, were married

Apr: 4  
1692 Anne Wratten, a widdow, was buried.

4 Apr 1692 Anne Wratten, a widdow, was buried

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1701  
Nicholas the son of Stephen Rotton  
of Eastbridge by Elizabeth his wife  
was baptized May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1701

11 May 1701 Nicholas Wratten the son of Stephen Rotton of Eastbridge by Elizabeth his wife was baptized

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1702  
Stephen Rotton of Eastbridge was  
buried April the 14<sup>th</sup> 1702

14 Apr 1702 Stephen Wratten of Eastbridge was buried

These lead to the following conclusions

- there were two Stephen Wrattens at Burmarsh, the younger living at Eastbridge
- the older Stephen had a son John, and a wife Dorothy
- the older Stephen died in 1688 and Ann Wratten, widow, who died in 1692 was probably his widow
- the younger Stephen's wife, Ann, died between 1699 and 1701.  
*(Unless Ann has been written as Elizabeth in the register, The Bishop's transcript and the Archdeacon's transcript. This is unlikely – there is one instance of a mistranscription (Nicholas son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Wratten was buried on 3 Dec 1689 - his father is Nicholas in the register, but Stephen in the Archdeacon's Transcript) however that error only appears in one place.)*
- There were two other members of the younger generation, Nicholas and Mary.

Therefore the family profile is:

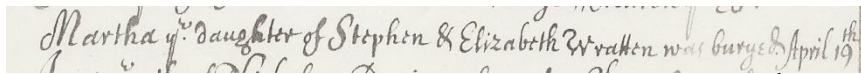
Father – Stephen Wratten, probably born in the 1630s

Children – Stephen, John, Nicholas and Mary born in the 1660s

At Warbleton a Wratten family exists which fits this profile:

Stephen (born 1633) married Elizabeth Nuttley in 1657. They had children, Thomas (1659), Martha (1663), Mary (1664), Nicholas (1666), John (1669) and Richard (1671). Richard died as a child and was buried at Warbleton. Although there is no baptism for a son named Stephen it is a reasonable assumption that would have been one, as Stephen's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all called Stephen Wratten. This Stephen probably fits in the gap between 1659 and 1663. It is always well to remember that during the Commonwealth period there were many entries omitted from Parish registers. After Elizabeth's death in 1673 the family disappears from the Registers.

Neither of the other children, Thomas and Martha, are found at Burmarsh, although a burial at the nearby Saint Mary in the Marsh in 1680 appears to be Martha's:

A photograph of a handwritten entry from a church register. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Martha ye daughter of Stephen & Elizabeth Wratten was buryed April 19<sup>th</sup>". The entry is on a piece of aged, slightly yellowed paper.

Martha ye daughter of Stephen & Elizabeth Wratten was buryed April 19<sup>th</sup>

Based on this evidence it is reasonable to conclude that the Wrattens of Warbleton and Burmarsh are the same family.