

A date does survive for another Soden named in the Sibford Gower court roll. This was on the Wednesday before the Nativity of the Blessed Virigin Mary in the forty-ninth year of the reign of Edward III, i.e. 5 September 1375. The entry in the roll records that the court ordered that a pledge to appear at the next court should be taken from Richard Soudon, when he was to appear to tell the court what services he owed to the manor for his tenement. At the time of both this and the previous entry Oseney Abbey were the lords of this manor, and we shall find further connections between the abbey and the Sodens before the Dissolution.

Neither Thomas nor Richard Soden are mentioned in the 1381 Poll Tax assessment, so we must assume that by this time both were dead. Three others of the family living in Bloxham Hundred were assessed in this year, viz. Robert Sowdan 'asser(um)', and two John Sodens; Robert paid 6d. and the two Johns 4d. each. The description of Robert is obscure; 'asser' can mean lathe, board or pyx.

The next recorded event may show some connection with Swalcliffe. It consists of two entries in the Lichfield diocesan ordination list of the ordination of Nicolas de Soudon as a subdeacon secular at the priory and convent of Stone, in Staffordshire, on 17 December 1407 and his subsequent ordination in the same place as an archdeacon secular on 10 March 1408. By Letters Patent granted at the royal court held on 6 November