

1562 William Soden (in goods)        ?                        ?

Six names are listed, but most are missing or illegible.

1576	(a) Jeffrey Soden (in lands)	£1	1s.4d.
	John Soden (in lands)	£1	1s.4d.
	(b) Richard Soden (in lands)	£2	5s.4d.
	Jeffrey Soden (in lands)	£1	2s.8d.

In this year only ten inhabitants were assessed on each occasion, on the first of which a total of 28s. was paid in tax and on the second 47s.4d.

It is difficult to interpret these records. Why, for example, were Jeffrey, John and Richard Soden assessed on the capital value or income of their land rather than on their goods in 1576? However, they do tell us that in 1523 Richard and the elder Thomas were among the twenty-two persons in the two lowest paying groups, only four persons being in the two highest assessed groups at £10 and £12. In 1545 we find that Thomas the younger had risen to the position of being one of the two highest assessed persons in the township, and in the first levy of 1576 Jeffrey and John were two of the three lowest payers. In the second levy of this year Jeffrey and Richard were in the lowest paying group of three people. So it would appear that Thomas the younger (the father of Gregory) was the most successful of all the villagers, rising to a financial position higher than his father, Thomas the elder, and his uncles and brothers.