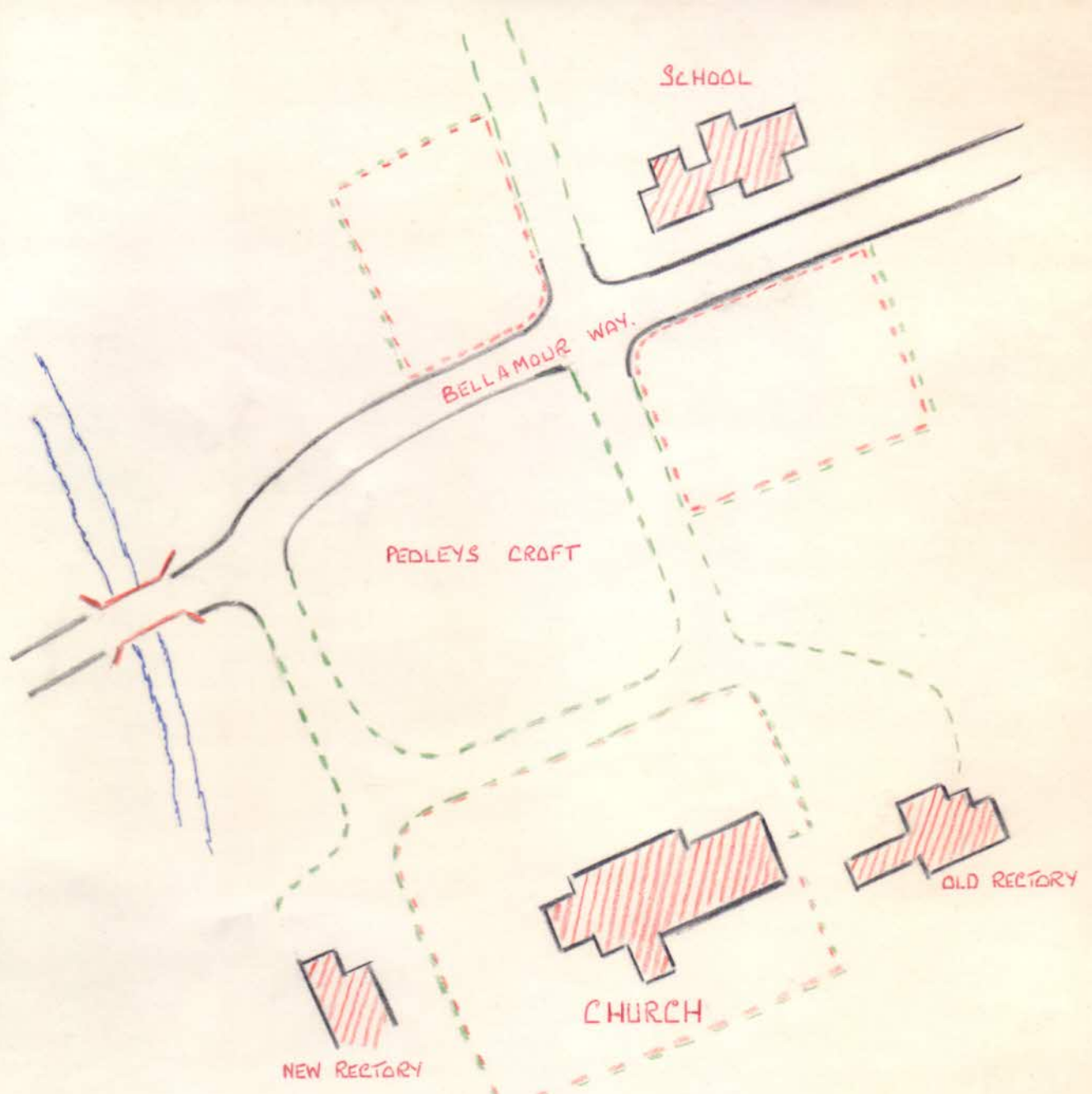


STAFFORDSHIRE



CHURCH PRECINCTS COLTON

MONUMENT AND TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTION PROJECT.

Carried out by members of Colton W.I. 1981-82 on the three Burial Grounds situated in the Parish of Colton, in the County of Stafford.

Basic information originally requested by The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry.

Subsequently the County W.I. instigated a Competition and this book is a compilation plus additions to the original information.

The book will be presented to The Colton Parochial Church Council in order to preserve our Parish Records and Heritage.

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| HISTORY OF CHURCH. | | | | |
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Colton W.I. wish to acknowledge the advice and assistance given by the families, friends and other interested persons within the Parish.



Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF COLTON CHURCH.

Colton Church dedicated the Blessed Virgin Mary, was established before the Domesday survey. There was a Priest here when the survey was made.

Some portions of the present Church date from the early 13th Century. The base of the Tower is of this date, together with the South East corner now housing the Vestry. This part was the Chancel until major rebuilding took place - please note the ancient piscina and the three sedilia in the South wall.

In 1851 great restoration work began, the architect being the eminent Victorian architect G.E. Street. Costs were met by Miss Ellen Oldham of Bellamour Lodge and other parishioners. Street's works to be noted especially are the Font and the Altar rails (his drawings for these are kept at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London). He also designed the Communion Plate and the Almsdish.

The register dates from 1647 and there are also many historically valuable papers kept with the Church documents.

Notes on a tour of the Church:

The "Bird" gates.

These were given by the village people as a memorial to their benefactor, Ellen Oldham in 1883 and have recently been restored to commemorate the 1977 Jubilee.

The Baptistry Window:

Given by the Cooper family in 1962 in memory of Frank William Cooper (note the beehive - a symbol of a community working together). Through this window can be seen the neatly laid out grounds, undertaken in 1959/60 by the Rev. A.S. Towlson and the villagers.

The Belfry contains three bells with a frame that provides room for three more.

The List of Rectors is nearby.

The festive frontal was donated by Mrs. E. Bettson in memory of her husband Bernard in 1977.

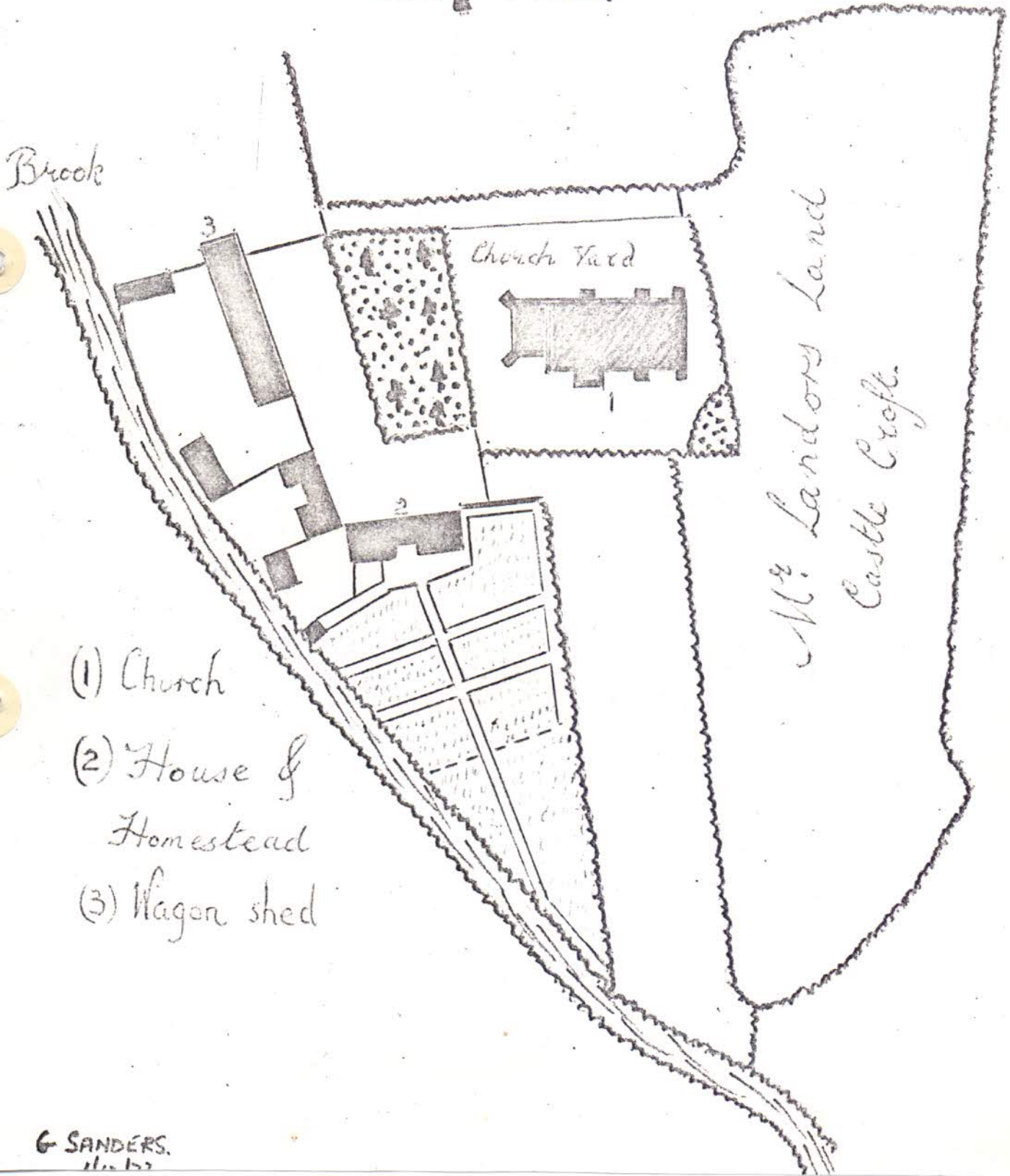
The Organ celebrated it's century in March 1979.

The Misereres in the Chancel were rescued from a Summer House in the 1850's having previously been in Tenby Church (these are seats for Priests who could rest in their upturned sides during long services).

The Windows:

Apart from the one already mentioned, they all date from the Restoration period of the 1850's, apart from a small amount of medieval glass in one belfry window.

Plan of old Rectory
Colton
1807 A.D.



HISTORICAL NOTES ON COLTON CHURCH AND PARISH PRIESTS.

The Rev. John Taylor was Rector of Colton from 1738 until his death in 1767.

In 1751 he was imprisoned in Stafford Gaol for 2 years for his support of the Jacobite cause.

"However, this precaution by those in power proved a failure, as the frequent visits paid him by the gentlemen of the County who flocked to Stafford for that purpose, are said to have made more commotion and excitement than could possibly have arisen had he remained unmolested in Colton." (Quoted from "Colton and the de Wastineys" by the Rev. F.P. Parker, M.A. 1897).

There is an Affidavit of 18th Nov 1752 of Dr. Richard Withers of Shenstone certifying the "mischief to his health" for want of exercise, as the gaol had no garden.

Both his father and grandfather had previously been Rectors of Colton, and from this family is descended the present Rector of Colton in Norfolk.

Seven children of the Rev. John Taylor died because of extreme dampness in the Old Rectory. A replacement Rectory was built by the Rev. John Landor (1767-1806). This replacement Rectory was sold in the 1970's and a new Rectory was built on the original site.

1086 A.D. The earliest mention of Colton is to be found in the great survey of William the Conqueror, the Domesday Book.

Beginning in the year 1086 A.D. the Staffordshire Domesday tells us that in the days of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066) Almund, a free man held a manor in Coltone which passed at the date of the survey into the hands of a Norman Lord named Azeline or Asselin. The Mavesyn's are descendants of this Asselin who later became holders of the Manor of Little Hay. Asselin's Colton Manor covered approximately 1,457 acres (1 hide) including a wood of 720 acres, the whole was valued at 40 shillings. This whole was later called Marshalls and Griffyns Manor.

1270 - 55th year of the reign of Henry 3rd. Nicholas of Colton stabbed Adam, son of Hereward in a brawl at Dutton. The murdered fled for his life to Colton Church and took sanctuary there as was the custom. Colton villagers appeared to have acted with spirit and would have guarded the church to secure his arrest, for which they were answerable, but were prevented by Ralph de Burgh, who being prompted by William le Mavesyn, Lord of Little Hay, connived at the murderers escape. For this a fine of 100 shillings was levied to the use of the then Sheriff, Hamon le Strange. It appears that Hamon kept the money himself and was afterwards brought to justice.

1271 - the following year a shocking murder took place in the village when John the chaplain of Colton, serving probably the chapel on the site of Bellamour Lodge, killed Christina, wife

of Nicholas de Colton, whilst interposing between him and a stranger residing at her house, striking her in the stomach with a knife although the blow was intended for her guest. John was outlawed and his goods confiscated.

1322 A.D. - During the 15th year of Edward III reign. -

"A visitation was held in Colton Parish Church. The parishioners of Abbot's Bromley, having failed to attend, were to be cited by the Dean of Stafford and Newport, and excommunicated for their neglect."

1430 A.D. - During the 8th year of Henry 6th reign.

William Arneston, appearing for the King, sued Roger Hode the "parysshe priest" of Colton, Roger Boweland of Drakelow, chaplain, and Thomas "Atte Halle" of Colton, Labourer, for breaking into the King's Park at Barton (under Needwood) and chasing and taking his wild animals. None of them appeared.

1746 A.D. - During the 19th year of George II reign.

Rev. John Taylor, being known for a warm partisan of the Jacobite cause, was sent off to Stafford gaol, when "the young Pretender", Charles Edward Stuart reached Derby.

CORN PLAITING.



Colton Church is noted for its special Harvest decorations when wreaths of corn are hung round the pillars, the pulpit, the lectern, the font and the arches of the main door.

The custom was introduced by the Rev. F.P. Parker and his two sisters in 1874, and has been continued ever since.

Each year a group of about twelve ladies cut the corn in August, by kind permission of local farmers, and store it, hanging the sheaves upside down to keep the ears straight. Then in October they meet in the Village Hall to cut the corn into lengths of about 8" and plait the wheat, oats and barley in 7's to make the wreaths.

For many years it was the custom to send the wreaths afterwards by train to a Church in Bath, until it was bombed in the Second World War.

Now we share them with local churches, who much appreciate the gift.

Dorothy M. Jones.





Marble Tablet
in Belfry

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

THE BELFRY.

STONE OBLONG TABLET IN WOODEN FRAME - SOUTH WALL.

MRS MARY TAYLOR, EITHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER OR AUNT.
TO THREE SUCCEEDING RECTORS OF COLTON. LEFT BY HER
WILL BEARING/
DATE SECOND OF APRIL 1755 THE SUM OF TWENTYFIVE POUNDS
TO /
BE LAID OUT ALL SECURED UPON LAND BY THE MINISTER
AND CHURCH-/
WARDENS OF THE SAID PARISH FOR THE TIME BEING; AND
THE RENTS /
AND PROFITS THEREOF TO BE DISTRIBUTED YEARLY UPON
GOOD FRIDAY /
AMONGS SUCH POOR PEOPLE ONLY OF THE SAID PARISH AS
SHALL ATTEND /
THE PRAYES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BOTH AT MORNING AND
EVEN/
ING SERVICE OF THAT DAY IN SUCH PROPORTION AS THE SAID
TRUSTEES /
IN THEIR DISCRETION SHALL SEE FIT-/
THE TRUSTEES IN 1765 PURCHASED AN ANNUITY OF TWENTY
SHILLINGS TO BE PAID OUT OF THE RENTS OF A/
PIECE OF LAND IN THE PARISH OF COLTON CALLED
VINSON'S HOLLOW-DALE/
NOW IN THE HOLDING OF THE REV'd JOHN LANDOR
RECTOR /

SOUTH WALL.

OVAL MARBLE TABLET.

NEAR - THIS PLACE ARE INTERRD/
THE REMAINS OF JOHN PEGG /
LATE OF NEWLAND IN THIS PARISH /
HE DIED SEP. 23 1766 /
AGED 79./
AND NEAR TO THE NORTH DOOR OF THE CHURCH LIE THE /
REMAINS OF JOHN PEGG /
WHO DIED MAY 3 1806 /
AGED 67 /

NORTH WALL

FACED MARBLE SHIELD.

TO THE MEMORY / OF MR. WM. TAYLOR LATE OF / THE MIDDLE
TEMPLE LONDON GENT; / WHO DIED JAN'ry 28th 1762 AGED 43.

. . .

OBLONG TABLET IN WOODEN FRAME - IDENTICAL TO FIRST
AT THREE OF THE SEVERAL CHARITIES LEFT TO THIS PARISH /

THOMAS RUSSELL, OF THE CITY OF LONDON, BY WILL,
DATED JULY 7th 1589, LEFT 52^S YEARLY FOREVER - / TO BUY TWELVE^D
IN BREAD, FOR EVERY SUNDAY IN THE YEAR, TO BE GIVEN TO
THE POOR; CHARGED UPON / HIS ESTATE AT MARCH-BURN IN
THE PARISH OF HERMITAGE /

THOMAS TAYLOR OF COLTON, BY WILL DATED MAY 19th 1676,
LEFT 52^S YEARLY FOREVER, TO BE \pm GIVEN BY 12^D EVERY SUNDAY
TO THE POOR; CHARGED UPON A PIECE OF LAND, IN THIS
PARISH CALLED TINKER'S CLOSE /

THOMAS BUTLER OF COLTON, BY WILL, DATED JULY 30th 1680,
LEFT 56^S YEARLY FOREVER TO BUY CLOATH AND OTHER
CONVENIENCES FOR THE POOR, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
MINISTERS / AND OVERSEERS / CHARGED UPON A PIECE IF LAND
CALLED UPPER CRABTREE FLATS /

JOHN WEBB OF WIGGINGTON BY WILL, LEFT 20^S TO BE GIVEN
TO THE POOR ON EVERY ST. THOMAS' DAY / YEARLY FOREVER,
CHARGED ON HIS HOUSE IN COLTON (NOW KNOWN BY THE NAME OF
THE THREE WHEELS) / AND THE LITTLE CROFT ADJOYNING
SITUATE BETWIXT THE HOUSE BELONGING TO THE CLARK, OF THIS /
CHURCH, AND THE FREEHOLD HOUSE OF MR. POWER A MINOR /

A MEFSUAGE WTH LANDS THERETO BELONGING VALUE OF YE WHOLE
ABOUT 4 - ? PER ANNUM / AND WAS LEFT TO Y^E PARISH
CLARK OF THIS CHURCH FOREVER BY SOME VERY ANTIENT AND
UNKNOWN / BENEFACTOR /

THE REV. MR. JOHN TAYLOR, RECTOR (JOSH^E EVAN) CHURCH-
(BENJ^N TOOTH) WARDENS
1731.

WEST WALL

OVAL STONE TABLET.

UNREADABLE EXCEPT FOR THE BASE "1760"
BADLY WORN COAT OF ARMS WITH LIONS AND FEATHER PLUMES,
SURROUNDED BY SCROLLS - TABLET - CRUMBLING BADLY.

HIC JACET / M-ER ANNAM UXOROM / - ET ANNAH FILIAN
EJUS PRIMOGEN(?) - TAM / JOHANAES TAYLOR A.M. /
HUIUS OHIN ECCLESIAE RECTOR; / QUI, ERGA DEUM PIETATE, /
ERGA HUMINES BENEVOLENTIA PRAE DITUS, / OMNIBUS
QUIBUFEUM VER-FATUS EFT, / AT, AT, QUANTO MAGIS SUIS
DEFIDE, / DIE 7 M.D SEPT BRIS 1735, / AET 52 / ANNA, COMJUX
EJUS PERQUAN FIDELIS & TEMERA, / BLANDA, COMIS, CAFTA, PIA, /
HEU / QUANTUM QUANTIM FLORATA /

OBT 19nd DIE FEB^r 11 1728, AET 3 M / ANNA FILIA EJUS
PRAE DICTA, / PIETAET ERGA DERENTEM FUPERFTITEM EXIMIA;
ANORE ERGA FRATRES FUOSNON FIMULATA, / VIRTUTE ET PRUDENTIA /
X QUALES VEL PROVECTIORI AETATE VIXAUT NE VIX QUIDEM
INVENERIS } PRAECLARA
OB^l16 T^o APRILIS 1732
AET 21.



St. Mary's Church - The Rave

In memory of those men
of Colton who fought, and
died for the cause of Liberty
& Justice in the Great War of 1914-19

2ND LIEUT. A.G. ROWLEY 8TH DURM LT INFTRY.

L.E. ABBOT 4TH ROYAL BERKS.

E.A. BRAIN 6TH N. STAFFS.

J.W.E. CHAMP 1ST E. YORKS.

H. CURRIN 7TH N. STAFFS.

J. DEACON 53RD W. YORKS.

G.H. DEVAL R.A.M.C.

J.E. GOODALL H.M.S. POMERANIA.

H.G. HILL AUSTRALN LT HORSE.

T. KEY 8TH N. STAFFS.

J. MIDDLETON 1ST N. STAFFS.

F. ROBSON N. STAFFS.

T. ROWLEY 1ST N. STAFFS.

J. TALBOT 7TH N. STAFFS.

L. TURNER 1ST STAFFS. YEOMANRY.

J. WRIGHT 7TH LEICESTERS.

E. YATES 1ST KING'S SHROPSHIRE LT INFTRY.



Memorial Tablet

THE NAVE.

WEST WALL. LIST OF RECTORS FROM A D 1086 to 1971.

WEST WALL. MARBLE AND BRASS TABLET.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE MEN / OF COLTON WHO FOUGHT AND /
DIED FOR THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY / AND JUSTICE IN THE GREAT WAR
OF 1914 - 19.

2ND LIEUT: A G ROWLEY 8TH DUR^M LT INF TRY
L E ABBOT 4TH ROYAL BERKS.
E A BRAIN 6TH N. STAFFS.
J W E CHAMP 1ST E YORKS.
H CURRIN 7TH N. STAFFS.
J. DEACON 53RD W YORKS.
H CURRIN 7TH N. STAFFS
J. DEACON 53RD W YORKS
G H DEVAL R.A.M.C.
J E GOODALL H M S POMERANIA
H G HILL AUSTRAL^N LT HORSE
T KEY 8TH N STAFFS.
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F ROBSON N STAFFS.
T ROWLEY 1ST N STAFFS.
J. TALBOT 7TH N STAFFS.
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COLTON CHURCH.

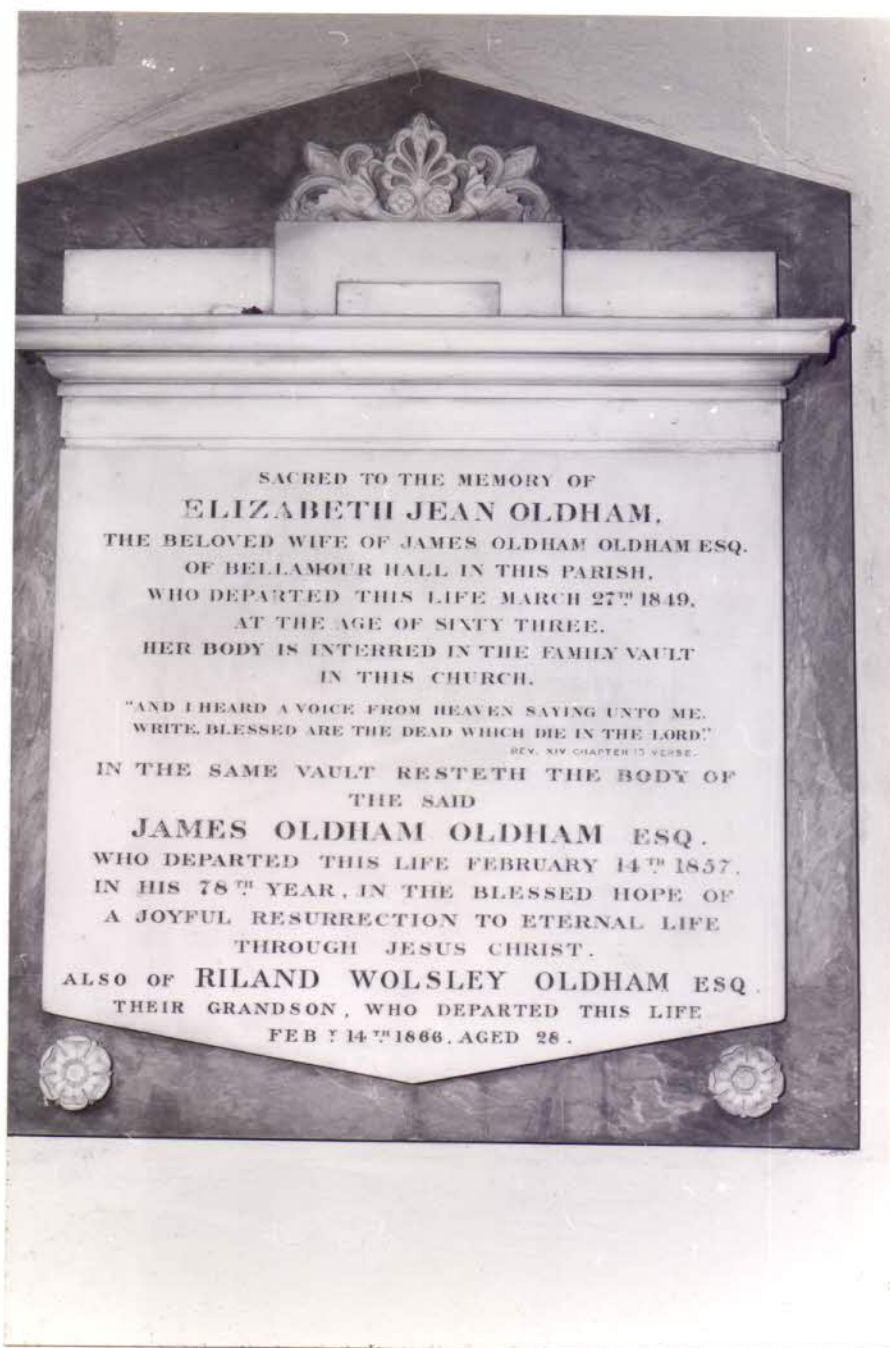
DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED V. MARY.

RECTORS.

PATRONS.

| A.D. | RECTORS. | PATRONS. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1086 | The priest of Colton (Domesday Survey) | |
| c. 1160 | Gilbert the priest of Colton (v. Walsley Grant) | Gerald de Colton |
| ob. 1208 | Richard, parson of Colton (Plea rolls) | |
| c. 1227 | Robert, parson of Colton (Plea rolls) | |
| c. 1254 | John, the priest of Colton (Close rolls etc.) | |
| c. 1284 | William de Beverley, parson of Colton (Plea rolls, etc.) | |
| 1303 | Thomas de Bradewell. | Lady Avice de Mareschal. |
| 1307 | William de Nostrefield (on resignation of de B.) | Lady Avice de Mareschal. |
| c. 1331 | William Attewode. | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1338 | James de Runham (on death of W.P.) | |
| c. 1340 | William de Shulton (by exchange with de B.) | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1342 | William de Houghton, presb. (resign. of de S.) | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1349 | William de Noble (al. de Winton) sub. deac. (cash) | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1350 | William de Hanley, cler. (resignation of de N.) | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1350 | Hugh Ffordivan (resignation of de H.) | Sir Robert de Morley, Kt. |
| 1361 | William Rinn, chapl. (death of Ffordivan) | Sir John Gresley, Kt. |
| 1388 | William Clarke, acolyte (death of Rinn) | Sir John Gresley, Kt. |
| 1393 | John Mellereth (exchange) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1408 | James Conyngeaton, cler. (resignation of M.) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1404 | John Barston, presb. (resignation of C.) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1407 | John Russelbury, chapl. (resignation of B.) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1427 | Henry Villers (or Boule) chapl. | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1431 | Roger Hede, presb. (resignation of Boule) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1432 | Robert Bythorne, presb. | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1441 | John Thorpe, presb. (resignation of B.) | Sir Thomas Gresley, Kt. |
| 1447 | Walter Frynton, presb. | John Gresley Esq. |
| 1451 | Thomas Wolatote, Canon reg. of Roucceter. | John Gresley Esq. |
| c. 1460 | Thomas Fletcher (brother) | Sir John Gresley, Kt. |
| 1467 | William Gresley, B.C.L. (death of F.) | Sir John Gresley, Kt. |
| c. 1470 | Humphrey Brut. | Sir John Gresley, Kt. |
| 1493 | John Gresley, cler. (death of B.) | Sir Thos. Gresley, Kt. |
| 1500 | George Tatton, chapl. (resign. of G.) | Sir Thos. Gresley, Kt. |
| 1544 | John Wilson, chapl. (death of T.) | Sir George Gresley, Kt. |
| 1558 | Thomas Tatton, cler. (resign. of W.) | Sir Wm. Gresley, Kt. |
| 1573 | Roger Re, cler. (death of T.) | Thomas Blunt and Wm. Yare. |
| 1599 | Christopher Hunt (died 1651) | |
| 1651 | John Sanders, M.A. (Priory of Lichfield) | Lord Aston. |
| 1683 | John Taylor, M.A. (death of S.) | |
| 1701 | Samud Spateman, cler. (death of T.) | Walter Lander. |
| 1706 | Richard Onley, cler. (resign. of S.) | Robert Lander. |
| 1708 | John Taylor, M.A. (resign. of O.) | Rev. J. Spateman. |
| 1738 | John Taylor, M.A. (death of T.) | |
| 1767 | John Lander. (death of Taylor) | Robert Lander. |
| 1806 | Charles Savage Lander, M.A. (death of L.) | Robert Lander. |
| 1849 | Abdid Seaton, M.A. (death of L.) | James Palmer. |
| 1874 | Fredk. Ferris Parker, M.A. (death of S.) | Rev. C.W. Lander. |
| 1922 | Dudley Raphael Studdert Holmes, death of P. | Miss C.E. Lander |
| 1946 | Harry Herbert Goodin, L.Th. resign. of H. | Bp. of Lichfield & S.M. Duke. |
| 1937 | Arthur Stanley Towlson, B.A. L.Th. resign. of G. | |
| 1971 | Laurence Wybrew Sapsford, B.A. resign. of T. | |

Rectors of Colton.



*Memorial Tablet to
the Oldham family*

WEST WALL. STAINED GLASS

LANCET WINDOW.

VERBUM DEI. IN MEMORY OF FRANK WILLIAM COOPER /
PARISH CLERK 1949 - 1961 WHO DIED //25th MAY 1961
AGED 60 YEARS.

SOUTH WALL. MARBLE TABLET.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH JEAN OLDHAM /
THE BELOVED WIFE OF JAMES OLDHAM OLDHAM ESQ OF BELLAMOUR
HALL IN THIS PARISH / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH
27th 1849 / AT THE AGE OF SIXTYTHREE / HER BODY IS
INTERRED IN THE FAMILY VAULT / IN THIS CHURCH / AND I
HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING UNTO ME /
WRITE, BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD /
REV: X 14 CHAPTER 13 VERSE.

IN THE SAME VAULT RESTETH THE BODY OF / THE SAID / JAMES
OLDHAM OLDHAM ESQ / WHO DEPARTETH THIS LIFE FEBRUARY 14th
1857 / IN HIS 78th YEAR IN THE BLESSED HOPE OF / A
JOYFUL RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE / THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST / ALSO OF RILAND WOLSLEY OLDHAM ESQ / THEIR
GRANDSON; WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEB: 14th 1866
AGED 28.

SOUTH WALL - BRASS TABLET WITH SHIELD AND THE BADGE OF
4th ROYAL IRISH DRAGOON GUARDS.

IN GRATITUDE. TO. GOD / FOR THE DEAR MEMORY/OF MY
HUSBAND / CAPT C S D O OLDHAM JP/ WHO DIED JAN:
9th 1930 AGED 73 / THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IS / INSTALLED
IN THIS CHURCH /

"THEY NEED NO CANDLE
NEITHER LIGHT OF THE SUN"

(LETTERS IN LEAD FROM BUTTONS FROM HIS UNIFORM)

NORTH WALL - STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD / FEED MY SHEEP /
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
+ TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES SAVAGE LANDOR / AND CATHERINE
HIS WIFE / BY THEIR DAUGHTERS E.S.L. & C.M.L.

NORTH AISLE. EAST WINDOW LARGE STAINED GLASS.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF / JAMES OLDHAM OLDHAM



Memorial to Captain Oldham.

Captain Charles S.D. Oldham, son of a
Judge in India, served in the Indian Army.
In retirement at Bellamour Lodge, he was a
Magistrate, Church Warden and School Governor.
His two regimental badges are incorporated
in his Memorial Tablet on the South Wall of
the Church, and the lead buttons from his
uniform were used for the letters in the
inscription.

ESQUIRE OF / BELLAMOUR HALL AND IN THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE / OF
THE MANY BLESSINGS OF WHICH HE WAS THE CHANNEL / TO THEM THE
INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF COLTON / DEDICATED THIS
WINDOW AD MDCCCL VIII

THE FONT.

THIS FONT IS DEDICATED TO ALMIGHTY / GOD AS A THANK OFFER-
ING FOR THE MERCIFUL/CONTINUANCE DURING 43 YEARS OF THE
LATE REVD CHARLES SAVAGE LANDOR AS RECTOR / OF THIS
CHURCH BY HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER / ELLEN SAVAGE DUKE AD MDCCCLI

THE CHANCEL

NORTH WALL - STAINED GLASS.
WINDOW

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
TWO OF THEM WENT THAT SAME / DAY TO A VILLAGE CALLED
EMHARS / AND THEIR EYES WERE / OPENED AND THEY KNEW HIM.

A.M.D GET. I.M.
ELIZABETH JEAN VX ORIS
JACOBI OLDHAM. DE. BELLAMORE
ARMIGERI. QVAE. OBIT.
DIE. MART. VICES. SEPT.
AD MDCCCXLIX

NORTH WALL

BRASS AND ENAMEL TABLET.

NEAR THIS PLACE / ARE INTERRED THE REMAINS OF THE / REVD
CHARLES SAVAGE LANDOR / RECTOR OF THIS PARISH 43 YEARS /
DURING WHICH HE PREACHED THAT PURE / GOSPEL
WHICH GAVE TO HIM CHEER- / FULNESS AND SERENITY IN LIFE
AND / CONFIDENCE IN DEATH. HE DIED / JULY VIIth MDCCCXLIX
AGED LXXII /
ALSO OF CATHERINE HIS WIFE /
SHE DIED DECEMBER Vth / MDCCCLIV AGED LXIV

EAST WINDOW ABOVE ALTAR

LARGE STAINED GLASS.

DEO. ET. ECCLESI Æ IN MEMORIAM.
JACOBI OLDHAM. OLDHAM.
DE BELLAMORE ARMIGERI -
FILIA. EJVS. ELLEN
HANC. FENESTRAM DEDICAVIT.
ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLVIII

VESTRY.

EAST WINDOW. LARGE. STAINED GLASS

TO THE MEMORY OF THE REV. - A SEATON FOR 25 YEARS
RECTOR OF THIS PARISH. HE DIED SEPT 17th 1874.

BRASS TABLET UNDER WINDOW.

THIS WINDOW IS PLACED TO THE MEMORY OF THE REVD. ABDIEL
SEATON, BY THE GREATER / NUMBER OF HIS PARISHIONERS, IN
GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANY YEARS OF / KINDNESS AND
SELF DENYING LABOUR, AND OF HIS RESTORATION OF THIS
CHURCH 1852.

SOUTH WALL.

COPPER TABLET IN WOOD FRAME.

THIS ELECTRIC BLOWER WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF / WILLIAM EZRA
COOPER / WHO PASSED ON, SEPT: 9th 1944 AGED 72 YEARS
PARISH CLERK 1930 - 1944,
HE LOVED THIS HOUSE OF GOD
MAY OTHERS, AS HE DID, FIND JOY
IN THE SERVICE OF THIS HOUSE.

THE OLDHAM FAMILY - GREAT BENEFACTORS TO COLTON.

James Oldham Oldham and his wife Elizabeth Jean, came to Colton in 1825 to reside at Bellamour Hall.

He was a retired Indian Judge, and she "was the daughter of Hercules Skinner by Jeany, who was a native."

Their family consisted of at least two sons and three daughters. Of this family the three daughters were greatly connected with our Parish, and from the elder son the present Oldhams of South Eastern England and America are descended.

The elder son, the Revd. James Oldham Oldham, married Maria Haig, granddaughter of Sir William Wolseley, and of this marriage there were thirteen children.

He married again at the age of about 60, his second wife Henrietta Lavinia Kimball was about 20, and had been born in the West Indies. Three children were born of this marriage, the daughter being Ellen Maud Harland Oldham Oldham, who many years later was to reside at Bellamour Lodge.

The second son, Charles, had a son, Capt. Charles Skinner Dancey Oldham Oldham, who lived at Bellamour Lodge with his wife Maud who was also his cousin. He died in 1930, and in 1935 Mrs. Oldham left Colton, but both are buried here at Colton.

Capt. Oldham was a Churchwarden, and his wife became a Churchwarden after his death. She was a leader of the Girl Guide movement in the Rugeley area.

The eldest daughter, Ellen, remained unmarried. Her father built Bellamour Lodge for her and she, then her widowed sister and finally her nephew and nièce lived there before it left the family.

Bellamour Lodge is still a beautiful house today. Ellen ran a school for the village girls in the old Bellamour Hall and greatly helped with the rebuilding of the church. When she died in 1884 the village people presented the wood and iron gates at the Church door in her memory. Her sister, Elizabeth, at the same time gave to the village a block of eight dwellings "for the parishioners in the evening of life" in memory of Ellen. These are known as Oldham's Cottages, and are situated in Bellamour Way.

The second daughter, Catherine Matilda, married her sister-in-law's brother Robert Haig, but was soon widowed, and then she married his cousin. Both marriages were conducted by her brother.

The third daughter, Elizabeth, married Dr. John Thomas Harland, and they lived at Tixall until his death. Dr. Harland was called to give evidence at the trial of William Palmer in 1856.

You will read elsewhere of the many gifts that members of the Oldham family gave to Colton Church during their years at Colton. I would like to acknowledge the Revd. F.P. Parker's book "Colton and the de Wasteneys" for some historical information of the Oldham family, and also to Mrs. Norella Oldham Lehmann of Chicago, Mr. Patrick Montague Smith and Mr. Christopher Oldham for filling in so many gaps in the story of the Oldham family.

Dorothy A. Bradbury.



Old Churchyard

OLD CHURCHYARD

ROW 1 UNDER YEW TREES.

1. SMALL CROSS.
R + H + D
Rest unreadable.
2. UPRIGHT STONE.
SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH SAXELBY /
DIED FEB. 24th 1874 / AGED 12 / SHALL WE MEET
BEYOND THE RIVER.
3. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF / WILLIAM NIXON / DIED NOVEMBER 1st
1877 / ALSO OF JOHN NIXON, SON OF WILLIAM AND ELIZA
NIXON / DIED MARCH 14th 1865 / AGED 21 YEARS / ALSO
OF MARY ELIZABETH NIXON DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE
DIED JANUARY 23rd 1860 / AGED 9 MONTHS.
4. UPRIGHT STONE.
HERE RESTETH / THE BODY OF EMMA / DAUGHTER OF JOHN
AND EMMA WOOLLEY / OF THE OLD WOOD / SHE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE / JAN 15th 1868 / AGED 12 YEARS /
5. UPRIGHT STONE.
HERE RESTETH / THE BODY OF / JOHN GRIFFIN
HE / DEPARTED THIS LIFE / XVIII OCT. MDCCCIM/
A SAVIOR OF THE WORLD WHO / BY THY CROSS AND
PRECIOUS / BLOOD HAS REDEEMED US / SAVE ME O LORD /
6. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF / ROBERT TH / AND MARTHA
HIS WIFE /
(No further decipherable)
7. UPRIGHT STONE.

ROBINSON (?)
1873 .

(Not decipherable).
8. UPRIGHT STONE.
HERE RESTETH THE BODY OF....
(not decipherable).
9. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF / JOHN TILL / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
OCTOBER 28th 1860 / I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVITH/

ALSO MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED JAN. -- 1876 /
----- WEARY.

10. UPRIGHT STONE.

IN AFFECTIONATE / REMEMBRANCE OF / NATHAN WHITTAKER /
LATE OF LOWER ----- / WHO DIED MAY 17th 1871 /
AGED 29 YEARS /

(VERSE UNREADABLE).

11. UPRIGHT STONE.

(Unreadable).

12. UPRIGHT STONE.

IN / AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF / JOHN WOOLLEY / OF THE
OLD WOOD FARM WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / APRIL 27th 1879 /
AGED 69 YEARS /.

13. UPRIGHT STONE.

WIFE OF WILLIAM ---- OF THE NEWLANDS

DIED NOVEMBER 15th 18-- AGED 70 YEARS.

14. UPRIGHT STONE.

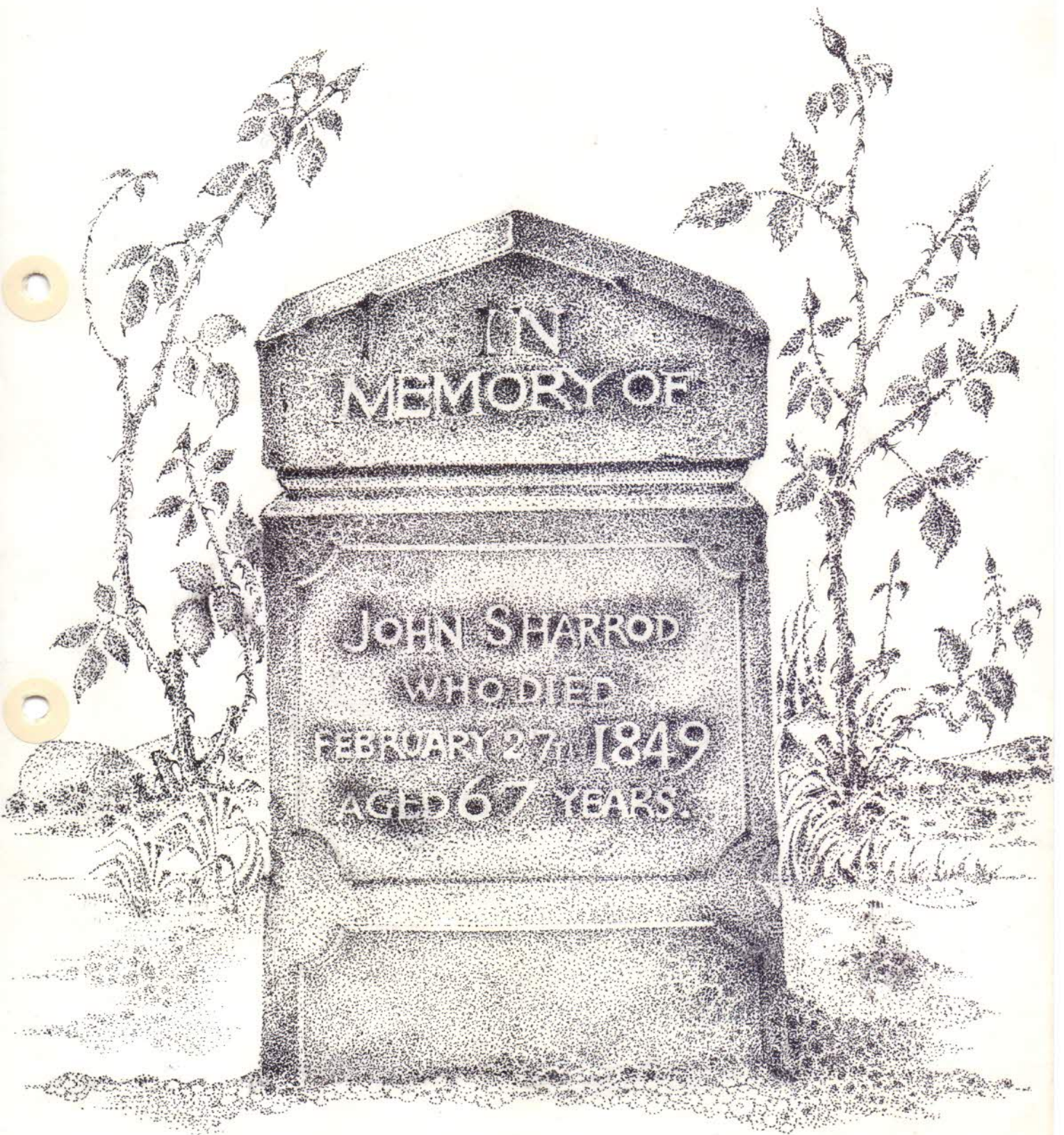
SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF / THOMAS LENTON / OF COLTON
WHO DIED DECEMBER 29th 1872 / AGED 76 YEARS
ALSO OF SUSANNA, HIS WIFE / WHO DIED JULY 10, 1874
AGED 74 YEARS.
TO THEE O LORD BELONGETH MERCY. PSALM 62-12.

15. UPRIGHT STONE WITH FANCY INSET.

(Completely unreadable)

IN
MEMORY OF

JOHN SHARROD
WHO DIED
FEBRUARY 27, 1849
AGED 67 YEARS.



16. UPRIGHT STONE
(Unreadable except for word "AGED")
17. UPRIGHT STONE WITH INLAID CROSS
(Unreadable).
18. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN / MEMORY OF / JOHN SHARROD / WHO DIED/
FEBRUARY 27^t, 1849 / AGED 67 YEARS /
19. UPRIGHT CROSS.
SACRED/TO THE MEMORY OF / SARAH OXFORD / WHO DIED /
JANY 11 1883 / AGED 87
SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD /
20. UPRIGHT CROSS.
ELIZABETH HANDY
SEP 1 1879 /
AGED 88 (?) /
21. UPRIGHT CROSS.
ILM / GEORGE RADFORD //WHO DIED APRIL 13 1881 /
ALSO OF / ANNA HIS DAUGHTER / WHO DIED
JUNE 12 1859 / AGED ? YEARS
BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH /
22. UPRIGHT CROSS.
ANNIE -----
DIED / JAN 28th 1878 /
AGED 5 YEARS /
OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN /

2nd ROW.

1. FLAT SLAB.
IN MEMORY OF / JOSEPH FARMER / SON OF WILLIAM AND MARY
FARMER / (LATE OF SIBSON, LEICESTERSHIRE) WHO DIED
AT COLTON JUNE 7 1839 / AGED 58 YEARS /

2. FLAT STONE.
CARVED CHERUB INSET

3. FLAT CROSS.
JAMES GRANT / DIED NOVEMBER 12th 1876 / AGED 72 YEARS /
ELIZABETH, WIFE OF THE ABOVE, DIED MAY 28th 1877 /
AGED 73 YEARS /

4. FLAT STONE. RING ON TOP.
IN RING - BY THY CROSS AND PASSION GOOD LORD
DELIVER US.
HERE RESTETH / THE BODY OF / WILLIAM MYATT / LATE
OF NEWLANDS / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / DECEMBER V
MDCCCLI / AGED LIV YEARS / MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE
DEPARTED THIS LIFE / DECEMBER XXVI MDCCCLV /
AGED LXI YEARS

5. FLAT STONE.
TO THE MEMORY OF / THOMAS AYLESBURY / LATE OF THE
TAFT / HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE / MARCH 29th 1826 /
AGED 64 YEARS /

I + S

H

MAY HE REST IN PEACE / TO THE MEMORY OF / HANNAH WIFE
OF / THOMAS AYLESBURY / SHE DEPARTED THIS LIFE /
DECEMBER 26, 1810 / AGED 64 YEARS

I + S

H

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE / ALSO IN MEMORY OF / SUSANNAH
WIFE OF THOMAS AYLESBURY / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
JUNE 29th 1799 / AGED 32 YEARS

I + S

H

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

S. EMERY
HAYWOOD.

3rd ROW.

No. 1.

No. 2. FLAT SHALLOW BOX.
IN MEMORY OF / ANN BROWNE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE/
REV^D THOMAS BROWNE B.A. CURATE OF LEIGH /
SHE DIED XXXth JANUARY MDCCCL1 / AGED LXXIX YEARS

No. 3. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF / OLIVER WILLIAM
ELDEST AND DEARLY LOVED SON OF JOHN OWEN / AND JANE ---
OF UNION SQUARE / LONDON N / BORN FEBRUARY 19th 1872 /
DIED JANUARY 12th (?) 1875 (?) /

No. 4. SHALLOW BOX.
HERE RESTETH THE BODY OF HARRIET CLAPHAM / WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE / SEPTEMBER XIV MDCCCLIV /
AGED XXXIX YEARS /

No. 5. TALL CROSS.
I AM THE RESURRECTION / AND THE LIFE / ST JOHN XI.25.

IN MEMORY OF / CHARLES WILLSON LANDOR M.A. /
VICAR OF LINDRIDGE FROM 1847 TO 1873 / DIED 25th
JUNE 1877 AGED 64 / ALSO OF CAROLINE HIS WIFE
/ DIED SEPT. 19th 1892 AGED 76 (?)

No. 6. SHALLOW BOX.
IN MEMORY OF / BEATRICE (?) JANE THE DEARLY
BELOVED AND DEVOTED WIFE OF.....

No. 7. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / MARY ANN DICKEN / WHO DIED MAY 2nd
1866 / ALSO HER INFANT CHILDREN / ANNABEL, ROGER
EDWARD / ? Lyons.

No. 8. RAISED STONE WITH CROSS.
S.M. SON OF ----- MASON / AGED 10 MONTHS / THEY
SHALL SEE HIS FACE / AND HIS NAME SHALL BE IN THEIR
FOREHEADS REV - (?)

AT FOOT - MDCCCX

No. 9.

BROKEN CROSS.

I M / FRANCIS WILLIAM GARNER / PASSED INTO REST
DEC'R 4 1874 AGED 79 / ALSO MARY HIS WIFE
FEB'RY 22 1886 AGED 80 / R I P.

ALSO LOUISA / MAY 26, 1856 / AGED 19 /
AND ELEANOR ELIZ'TH / APRIL 13, 1871 / AGED 35 /
THEIR DAUGHTERS.

4th ROW.

No. 1 SMALL FLAT CROSS - (NO WRITING DECIPHERABLE)

No. 2.



IRON - NO WRITING.

No. 3. S.L. Y. 1837
(Probably a flatstone).

No. 4. R.T. (Probably a flat stone).

No. 5. M. T. " " " "

No. 6. T. A. 1826

No. 7. H. A. 1810

No. 8. S.A. 1799



These are footstone
to No. 5. ROW TWO.

5th ROW. - ALL LAID FLAT.

No. 1. Completely undecipherable.

No. 2. " "

No. 3. I / MEMORY OF / JOHN FORD ASKEY / WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE / MARCH ~~XXXIX~~ MDCCCL1 AGED XLIV /
HE WAS A FAITHFUL AND / VALUED SERVANT
FOR / MANY YEARS AT / BELLAMOUR IN THIS/
PARISH //PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD.

No. 4. IN / MEMORY OF / WILLIAM TOOTH / WHO DIED
DECEMBER 13th, 1801 / AGED 64 YEARS / ALSO
SARAH HIS WIFE / SHE DIED OCT 1st, 1810 / AGED
74 YEARS /
GOD IS OUR HOPE /

No. 5. HERE / LIETH THE BODY OF / WILLIAM, SON
OF WILLIAM AND / DOROTHY FLINT / AGED
15 YEARS / OH, CRUEL DEATH THOU / I SPARETH HONE /
THOU TOOK MY ONLY CHILD / MY ONLY SON / THEN CEASE
TO WEEP / WE ALL MUST DIE / HE DWELLS WITH GOD /
WITH THE MOST HIGH /

No. 6. FLAT STONE (Not readable)



No. 7. IN MEMORY / HANNAH / THE DAUGHTER OF / ANTHONY
AND MARY RUSHTON WHO / DIED FEBRUARY 12th 1771/
AGED 51 YEARS /
NEAR THIS PLACE LIES THE BODY OF / ANTHONY
RUSHTON FATHER OF THE ABOVE HANNAH RUSHTON /
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL the 8 1777 /
AGED 65 YEARS /
ALSO / NEAR THIS PLACE LIES THE BODY/OF MARY
RELICT OF / ANTHONY RUSHTON WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
DECEMBER /RD / 1778 AGED 72 YEARS.

No. 8.

FLAT STONE.

NEAR / THIS PLACE / LIES THE REMAINS OF / SARAH
ELIZABETH AND JOHN / CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND
MARGERY BRADBURY / SARAH DIED MARCH 5th
1776 / AGED TWO YEARS / ELIZABETH DIED MARCH 19th
1779 / AGED NINE YEARS / JOHN DIED AUGUST 1st
1779 / AN INFANT.

No. 9

FLAT STONE.

TO THE MEMORY OF / HENRY PARKER / LATE OF
THIS PARISH/ HE DIED MARCH 2nd, 1877 / AGED
50 YEARS /
WATCH AND PRAY /
FRANCES WIFE OF THE ABOVE / DIED JUNE 20th
INTERRED IN THE / NEW CHURCHYARD / JUNE
30th 1870 AGED 40 YEARS.

No. 10.



JOHN KNIGHT / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE /
- - 1790 AGED 22 YEARS.

No. 11.

TO THE MEMORY OF / SARAH WIFE OF WILLIAM MYATT /
LATE OF INGESTRE / SHE DIED AUG 11th 1785 / AGED
48 YEARS.

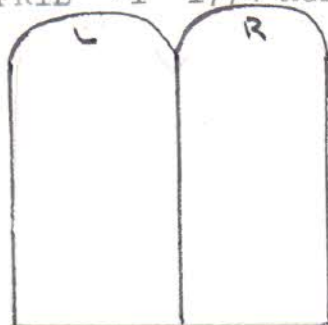
5th ROW.

NO. 12

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE HILL / WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE DEC: 6th 1803 AGED 83 YEARS
ALSO SARAH HIS WIFE SHE DIED MARCH 28 / 1809
AGED 6- YEARS/

No. 13.

IN MEMORY OF / GEORGE THE SON OF ARTHUR
AND ISABELLA / LITTLEJOHN / HE DEPARTED
THIS LIFE APRIL -1 1774 AGED 11 MONTHS.



No. 14

LEFT: TO THE MEMORY OF / THOS HODGKINSON
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / JANUARY 9th
1798 / AGED 72 YEARS / ALSO OF /
THOS HODGKINSON / SON OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED / JUNE 8th 1843 / AGED
75 YEARS.

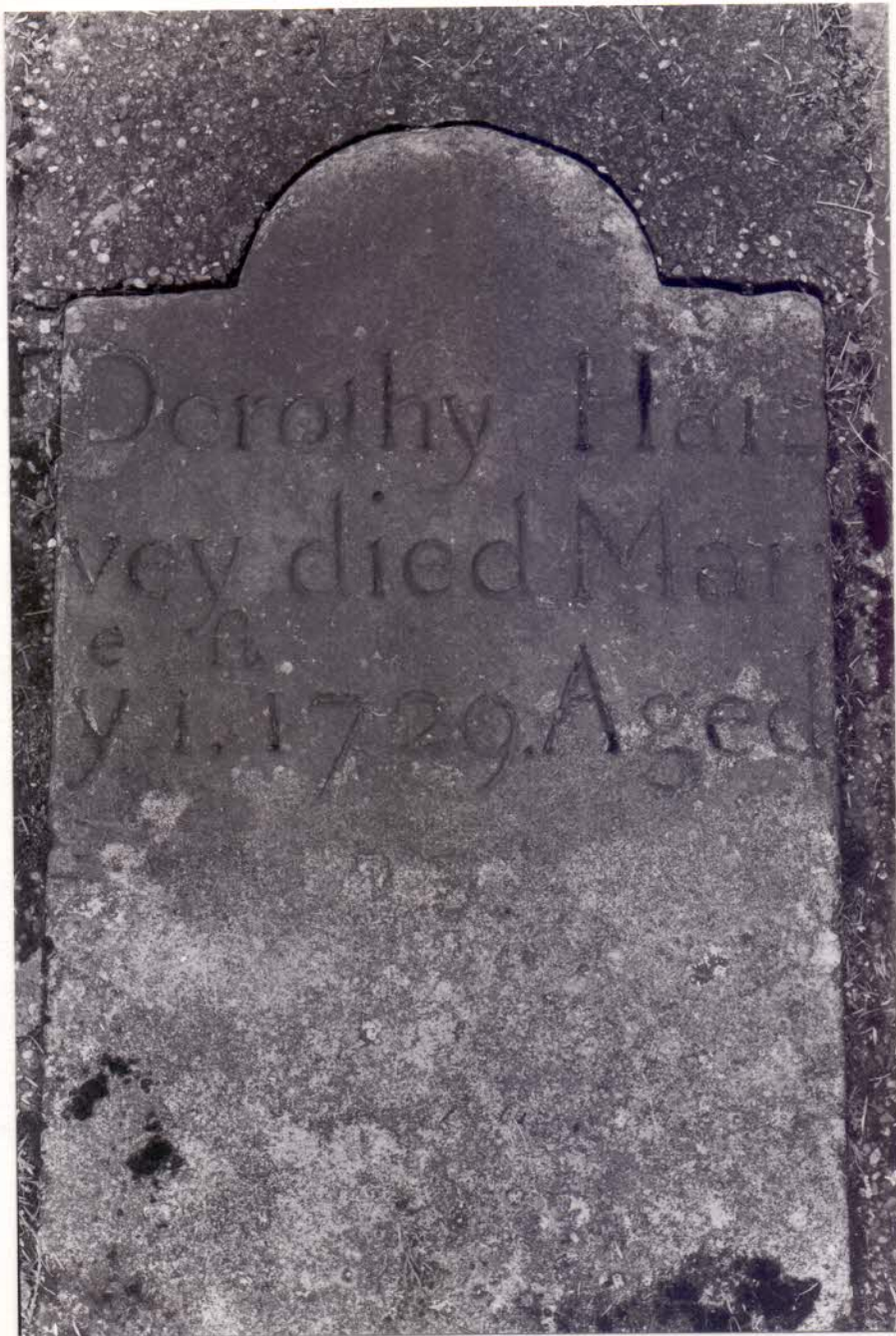
RIGHT: TO / THE MEMORY OF / MARY THE WIFE
OF / THOS HODGKINSON WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE / APRIL 4th 1810 / AGED
79 YEARS.
ALSO ANN HIS WIFE / DEPARTED THIS
LIFE / MAY 8th 1859 / AGED 82 YEARS.

No. 15.

IN MEMORY OF / BENJAMIN BROWN / WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE / AUGUST 4th 1809 / AGED 60.

No. 16.

SACRED / TO THE MEMORY OF / SARAH / THE WIFE
OF BENJAMIN BROWN / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
NOVEMBER 29th 1796 / AGED 48 YEARS /
ALSO FIVE OF THEIR CHILDREN / ELIZABETH/
NATHANIEL / ANN / MARGARET AND / ELIZABETH/
THEY DIED YOUNG. :



Tombstone dated 1729

6th ROW

- LAID FLAT.

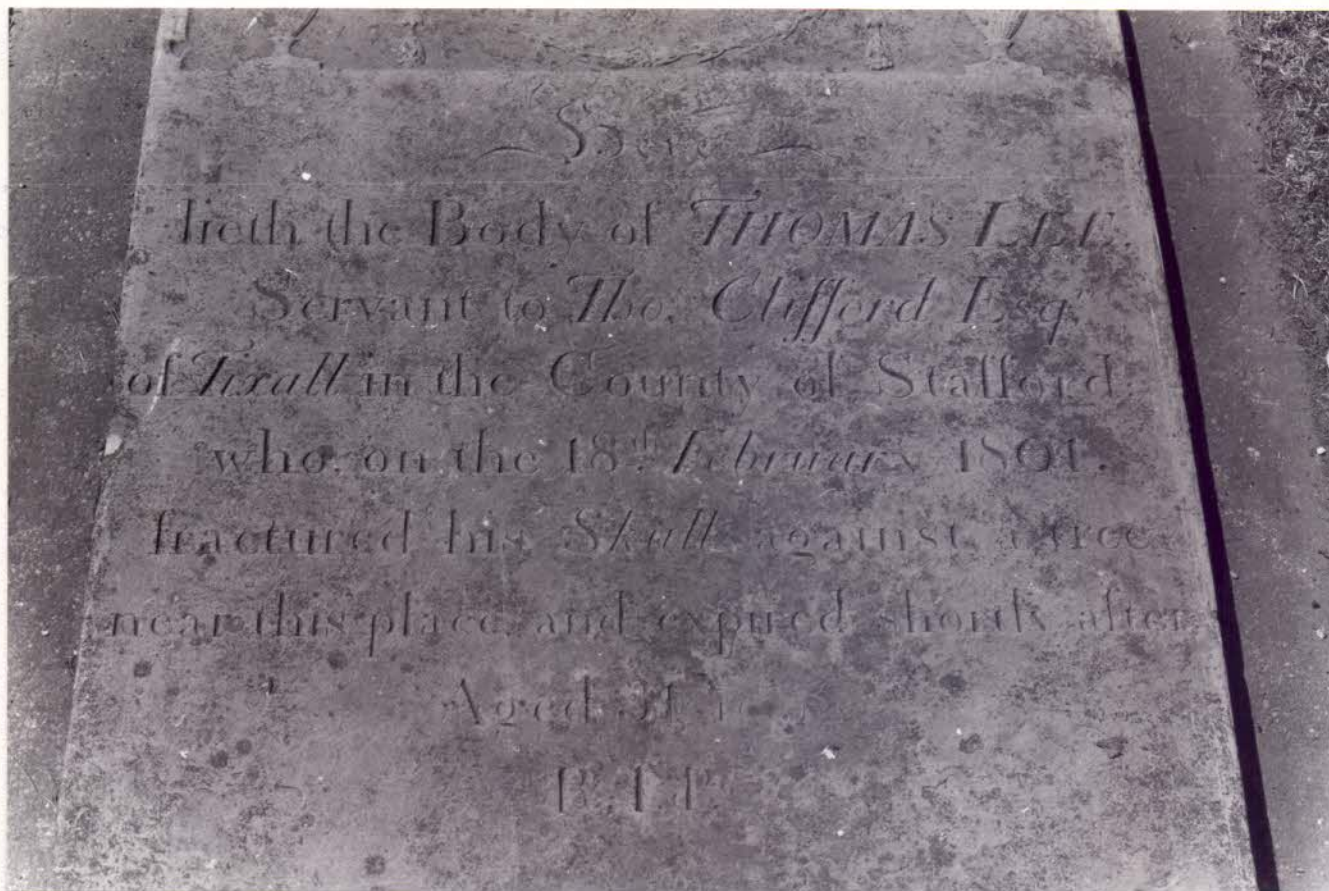
- No. 1. IN MEMORY OF / MARY / THE BELOVED WIFE OF
JAMES BRADBURY / WHO DIED DECEMBER 2nd, 1878 /
AGED 65 YEARS / ERECTED BY G.A. BEVAN /
- No. 2. IN MEMORY OF / JAMES BALL / LATE OF BANKTOP
IN THIS PARISH / WHO DIED MARCH 18th 1836 / AGED
76 YEARS / ALSO / TO THE MEMORY OF HANNAH
HIS WIFE / SHE DIED JULY 9th 1844 / AGED 85 YEARS.
- No. 3. SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF / MARY THE WIFE OF / HENRY
ROBERT HOWARD / OF LONDON WHO DIED SEPTEMBER
29th 1830 / AGED 35 YEARS /
FAREWELL FOND HUSBAND AND CHILDREN DEAR / WHOM
I HAVE LEFT BEHIND /
PREPARE YOURSELVES TO FOLLOW ME / AND KEEP ME
IN YOUR MIND /
ALSO OF / ANN, SISTER OF THE ABOVE / AND
DAUGHTER OF / ROBERT AND ELIZABETH MYATT /
WHO DIED SEPTEMBER 10th 1822 / AGED 20 YEARS /

S. Emery, Haywood
- No. 4. DOROTHY HAR-
VEY DIED MAR:
1729 AGED
23
e y o t i
- No. 5. SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF / JOSEPH H---CH WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JAN. 9th 1781, AGED -0 YEARS /
IN THE MEMORY OF /
- - - - -
WHO DIED JULY 7, 1812
AGED 78,
ALICE DAUGHTER OF / WILLIAM AND MARY
TANSLEY / DIED MAY 22 1810 AN INFANT.
- No. 6. SACRED.
TO THE MEMORY OF / HARRIETT / (Rest unreadable).



Tombstone 1812-1814

- No. 7. IN MEMORY OF / MARY ANN WIFE OF / JOHN HILL /
OF THE NEWLANDS / WHO DIED FEB 18th 1871 /
AGED 57YEARS.
- No. 8. SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF / JOSPEH SALT / WHO DIED
JANUARY 20th 1812 / AGED 82 YEARS / ALSO OF /
ELIZABETH HIS WIFE / WHO DIED JUNE 8th 1814 /
AGED 81 YEARS
- No. 9. TO THE MEMORY OF / JOHN OXFORD / OF BELLAMOUR IN
THIS PARISH/ WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / AGED
49 YEARS / THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY
HIS MASTER / IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF HIS
FAITHFUL / SERVICE OF NEARLY 20 YEARS/
AND AS IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE /
BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGEMENT / HEBRS
LX CHAP 27th VERSE.
- No.10. SACRED.
TO THE MEMOR OF / ROBERT MYATT / LATE OF HAMLEY
HEATH / WHO DIED JANUARY 14th 1848 / AGED 89
YEARS / ALSO / ELIZABETH HIS WIFE / WHO DIED
JANUARY 27th 1848 / AGED 86 YEARS / "FOR AS IN
ADAM ALL DIE EVEN SO IN / CHRIST SHALL ALL
BE MADE ALIVE"/
TO HONOUR THOSE WHO GAVE US BIRTH/ TO CHEER
THEIR AGE TO FEEL THEIR WORTH/ IS GOD'S
COMMAND TO HUMAN KIND - AND OWN A ----
EVERY BEAUTIFUL MIND/
- No. 11. IN/ MEMORY OF / EMMA DAUGHTER OF / JOHN AND
SARAH GREAVES / BORN DECEMBER 22nd 1828 / DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JUNE 22nd 1848 / ALSO SARAH /
DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE/ BORN NOV 17th 1824/
DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 9th 1859/



Descriptive Tombstone

1801

No. 12.

SACRED ----
MEMORY OF ---N DEAKIN / DEPARTED THIS LIFE /
- - -UARY 9th 1836 / AGED 60 YEARS.
- PAIN WAS SORE OPPRESSED / IT WORE MY
STRENGTH AWAY / I LONGED FOR THE ETERNAL REST /
THAT NEVER WILL DECAY /
ANN, THE WIFE OF / JOHN DEAKIN / WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE / MARCH 15th 1841 AGED 60 YEARS /
A VIRTUOUS WIFE A TENDER MOTHER DEAR / A
FAITHFUL FRIEND LIES SLEEPING HERE.

No. 13.

TO THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY, THE WIFE OF /
SAMUEL SALT WHO DIED OCTOBER 24th 1808 / AGED 66 YEARS /

No. 14.

IN MEMORY OF / THOMAS THARME / WHO DIED JANUARY 26th
18-- IN THE 20th YEAR OF HIS LIFE.
BLAME NO THE MONUMENTAL STONE WE RAISE / TIS TO THE
SAVIOURS NOT THE CREATURES PRAISE / SIN WAS THE
WHOLE THAT HE COULD CALL HIS OWN / HIS
GOODNESS ALL DERIVED FROM HIM ALONE /

No. 15.

IN / MEMORY OF / WILLIAM RUSHTON / AND JANE HIS
WIFE / HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE / DECEMBER 14th 1817 /
AGED 78 YEARS / SHE DIED MARCH 19th, 1813 /
AGED 62 YEARS.

BELOW ROW 6.

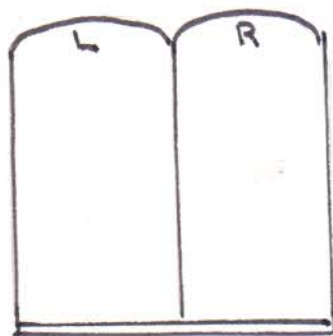
No. 1.

IN MEMORY OF / THOMAS BATES / LATE COACHMAN
TO HEYLINGER BURT ESQ HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE
ON 26th OCTOBER / 1804 / AGED 46 YEARS.

No. 2.

HERE / LIETH THE BODY OF THOMAS LEE / SERVANT
TO THO CLIFFORD, ESQ. OF TIXALL IN THE COUNTY
OF STAFFORD / WHO ON 18th FEBRUARY 1801 /
ERACTURED HIS SKULL AGAINST A TREE / NEAR THIS
PLACE AND EXPIRED SHORTLY AFTER / AGED 31 YEARS
R.I.P.

NO. 1. ROUND CHURCH - STARTING BY PORCH.



RIGHT HAND SIDE.

IN/ MEMORY OF / JOHN SMITH / OF
NEWLANDS / HE DEPARTED THIS / LIFE OCTOBER / 12th 1773
AGED / 78 /

LEFT HAND SIDE.

ELIZABETH / WIFE OF / JOHN SMITH /
DIED MARCH 16 / 1782
AGED 70 /



*An example of the craft
of incised lettering - 1839*

No. 2. HERE / LIETH THE REMAINS OF /
 GEORGE HAYWARD / WHO DEPARTED THIS
 LIFE ----- -- / IN THE YEAR OF OUR
 LORD 18-- / AGED --- /
 ----- OF MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE / GEORGE
 HAYWARD/ -----
 -----.

No. 3.
4 ALL
5 COMPLETELY
 UNREADABLE.
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No. 8. TO / THE MEMORY OF /
 FRANCIS SHERRATT / LATE OF LEE LANE / ----
 ----- AGED -----

No. 9. UNREADABLE.

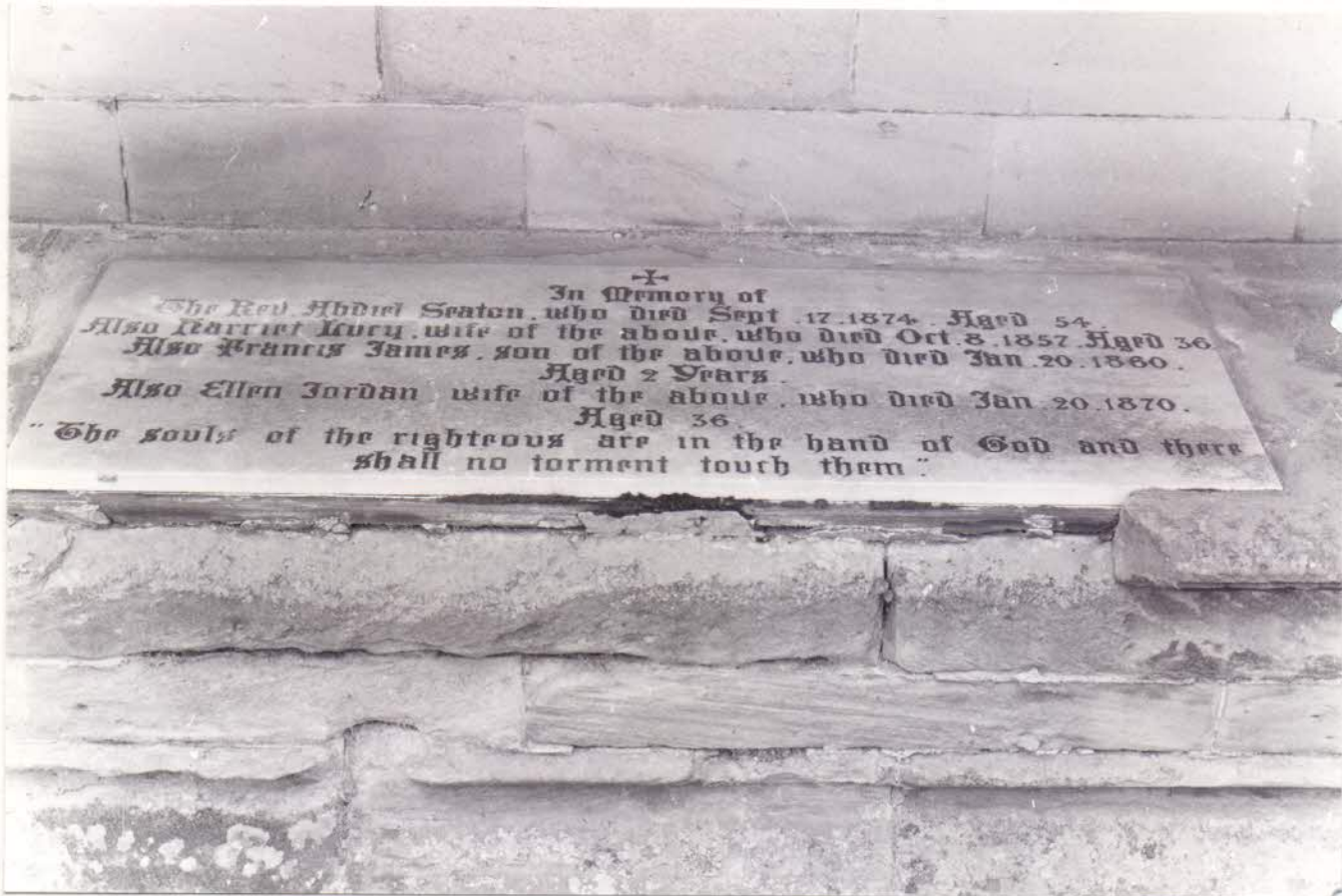
No.10. SACRED TO / THE MEMORY OF / JAMES
 YATES OF / NEULANDS / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 APRIL 3rd 1839 / AGED 59 YEARS / BLESSED ARE
 THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM / HENCE-
 FORTH YEA, SAVE THE SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY
 REST FROM / THEIR LABOURS; AND THEIR WORKS
 DO FOLLOW THEM /

I. COOKE.

LONDON.

No.11. IN MEMORY OF / JAMES BALL LATE OF CRAB/ TREE
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / AUG. 9th 1813 / IN THE
 84th YEAR OF HIS AGE / ALSO CHRISTOPHER BALL /
 HE DIED SEPTEMBER 16th 1783 / AGED 50 YEARS /

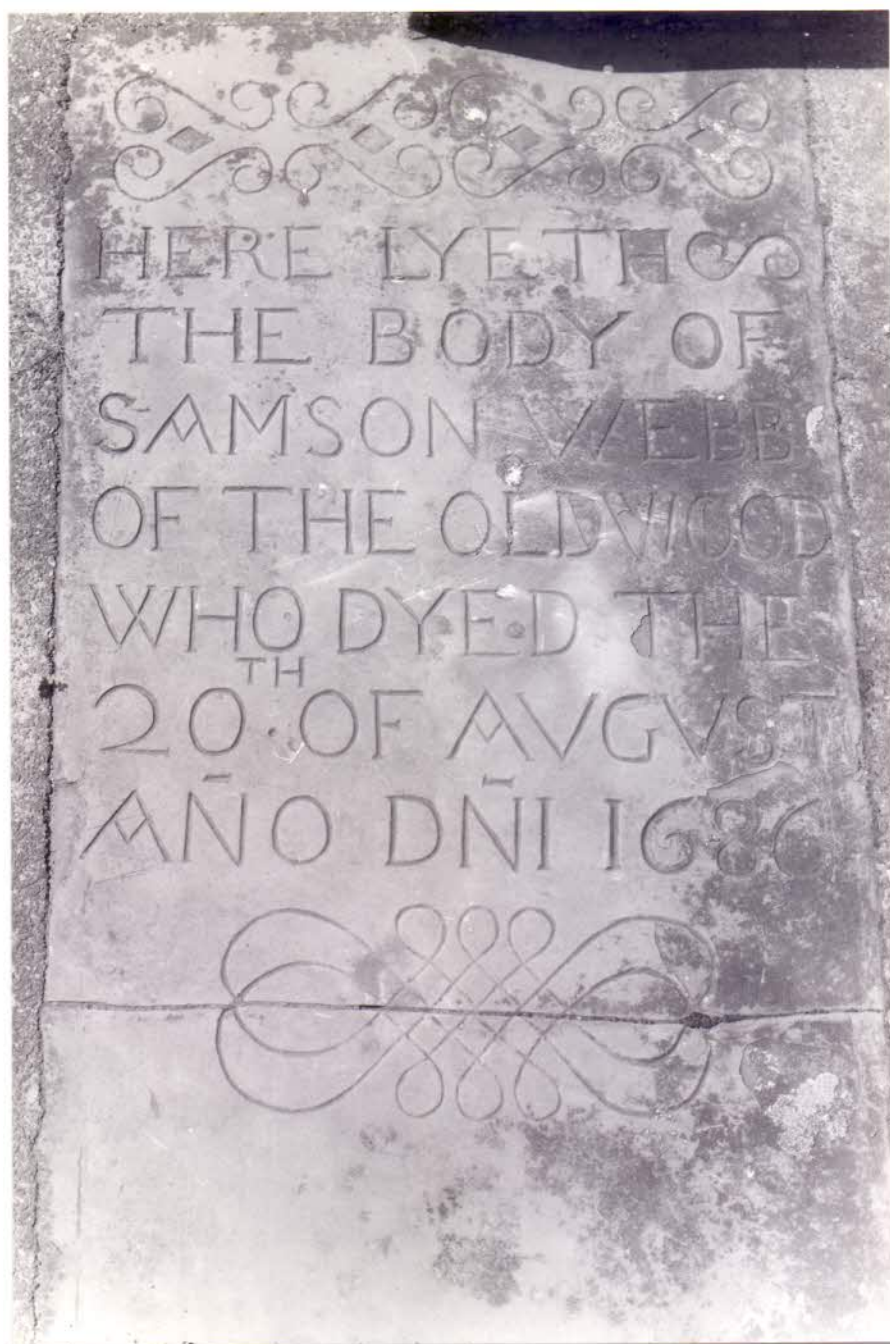
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*Memorial Tablet in
Church wall - 1874*

- No. 13. UNDERNEATH / ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF /
JOHN PEGG / LATE OF THE OLDWOOD /
BORN MAY 12th 1738 / DIED MAY 3rd 1806.
- No. 14. SACRED TO THE MEMORY / OF ELIZABETH WIFE OF /
ROBERT BAYLEY / WHO DEPT. THIS LIFE /
NOV. 16th 1809 / AGE 26 / A PALE
CONSUMPTION / GAVE THE FATAL BLOW / THE
STROKE WAS CERTAIN / BUT THE EFFECT WAS
SLOW / WITH LINGRING PAIN HEAVEN SAW /
ME SORE OPPREST / PITYD MY SIGHS AND
KINDLY BROUGHT ME REST /
- No. 15. JOHN - - - - / ON THE 10th DAY OJ JAN. 1788
EXCHANGED TIME FOR ETERNITY / IN THE 64th
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

O SINNER PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD FOR /
UNTO THIS SHALT THOU COME / THINK, BE READY /
- No. 16. IN MEMORY OF / WILLIAM WOLLISCROFT / WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE SEPT 13th 1806 / AGED 32 /
- No. 17. HERE / LIETH THE BODY OF - - - - -
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 23rd 1770 / IN THE
-- - YEAR OF HIS AGE.
- NO. 18. SLAB IN ALCOVE IN CHURCH WALL.
IM MEMORY OF THE REV: ABDIEL SEATON / WHO
DIED SEPT. 17th 1874 AGED 54 / ALSO HARRIET
LUCY WIFE OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED OCT. 8th 1857
AGED 36 / ALSO FRANCIS JAMES SON OF THE ABOVE /
WHO DIED JAN 20th 1860 AGE 2 YEARS.
ALSO ELLEN JORDAN WIFE OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED
JAN 20th 1870 AGED 36 /
THE ~~SOULS~~SOULS OF THE RIGHTEDS ARE IN THE HAND OF
GOD AND THERE / SHALL NO TORMENT TOUCH THEM.




*An old Tombstone
1686*

No. 19 HERE LYETH THE BODY OF / SAMSON WEBB /
OF THE OLD WOOD / WHO DYED THE / 20th AUGUST /
A ND. DNI 1686 /

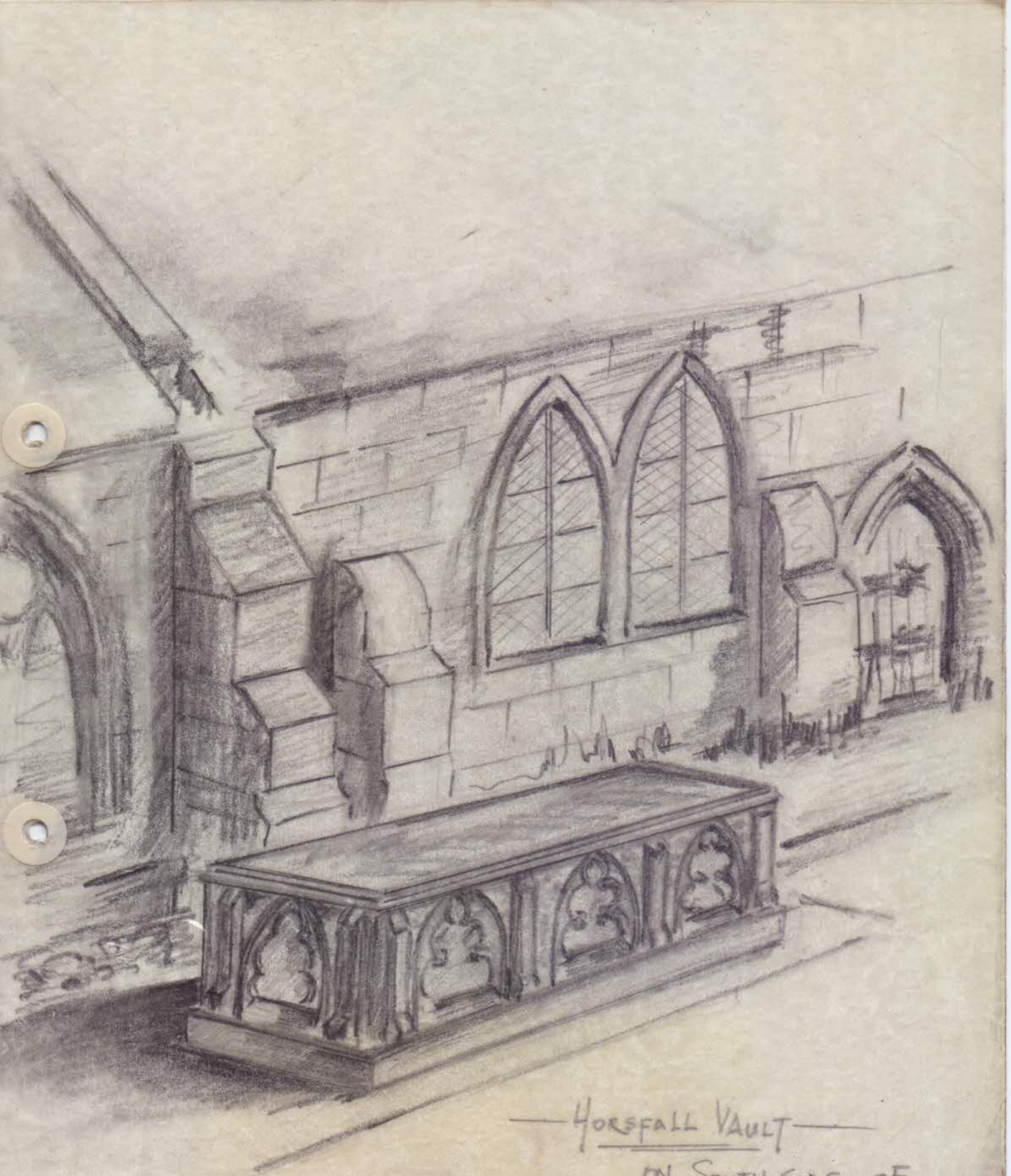
No. 20. IN MEMORY OF W ILLIAM CLARKE / LATE OF
HAMLEY HOUSE / WHO DIED MARCH 5th 1762
AGED 44 / ALSO OF SAMUEL SON OF / WM. AND
REBECCA CLARKE WHO DIED AN INFANT / OF THOMAS
SON OF / WM. AND REBECCA CLARKE APRIL 27th /
1803 AGED 43 / AND OF REBECCA RELICK OF
THE ABOVE WM. CLARKE / WHO DIED JAN 21 1810
AGED 78 /

No. 21. IN MEMORY OF / ANTHONY RUSHTON / AND OF
SARAH HIS WIFE / HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 18th
1816 AGED 78 / YEARS / SHE DIED OCT. 18th 1814 /
AGED 69 YEARS /.

No. 22. SACRED 
TO THE MEMORY OF / EMILY HOWE / OF GAINSBOROUGH
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST 6th 1810 AGED 15
YEARS / R.I.P.

No. 23. THE OLDHAM VAULT.

No. 24. BOX TOMB SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH.
PEACE / THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL / ENTERED INTO REST /
DECEMBER 22nd 1878 / AGED 73 YEARS / LET US
LABOUR THEREFORE TO ENTER INTO THAT REST.
IN MEMORY OF / MARY WIFE OF / T.B. HORSFALL ESQ.MP/
OF BELLAMOUR HALL / SHE DIED JULY 29th 1862 /
AGED 45 YEARS / HER ADORNING WAS THAT WHICH
IS / NOT CORRUPTIBLE EVEN THE ORNAMENT OF /
A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT WHICH IS / IN THE
SIGHT OF GOD OF GREAT PRICE /



— HORSFALL VAULT —
ON SOUTH SIDE OF
ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Thomas Berry Horsfall, who was an M.P. for Liverpool, lived at Colton House for some years before buying Bellamour Hall in 1857.

He was a great benefactor of the village. He gave the land whereon this monument stands for a Churchyard when the one round the church was full.

He built the village school in 1862, and the Reading Room (now the Village Hall) for the recreation of the villagers. A Library was housed there and later moved to the school, each villager being allowed two books, one with a red label, (a novel), and one with a white label, (a religious book). On Friday evenings there was a class for rifle shooting for young men taken by a villager, Joseph Henry Jones, my father, who had won four trophies as the "best shot in the Local Defence Volunteers".

When Mr. Horsfall died in 1878, he was buried in the family vault on the south side of the church.

His widow, Lucy Martha, carried on his work for the welfare of the villagers. Every summer she gave a Garden Party in the park, to which came the children for tea and to enjoy the swings. The parents came later for tea and to dance to the band of the Rugeley Volunteers. Each Mother received a gift personally from Mrs. Horsfall; one year it was an umbrella, then six dinner plates edged with blue and gold, then six steel dinner knives, a taffeta petticoat, some handkerchiefs, and so on.

Her four daughters were all presented at Court,
but never married. They are buried in a line with
their Mother in front of the memorial to their Father.

Dorothy M. Jones.



Box Tomb - 1877

No. 25.

BOX TOMB SOUTH SIDE.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF / ANN PARKER
RELICT OF / THE LATE WILLIAM PARKER ESQ
OF COLTON / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
MARCH 3rd 1877 / AGED 64 YEARS / TO DEPART
AND BE WITH CHRIST IS FAR BETTER.
SACRED TO THE BELOVED MEMORY OF / THE LATE
WILLIAM PARKER OF COLTON LATE OF / DARLASTON
WHO DIED JAN; 1869 AGED 56 /

YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH / I WILL FEAR NO EVIL FOR
THOU ART WITH ME THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME.



Burial Ground - Colton

BURIAL GROUND, BELLAMOUR WAY, OPPOSITE THE CHURCH.

ROW 1.

UPRIGHT STONE WITH SMALL CROSS.

No. 1. I/M. / SARAH ANN LOUNDES / DIED MAY 24th 1880 /
AGED 3 YEARS / HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH
HIS ARMS. IS-40-11.

2 - 5. MOUNDS.

6. STONE WITH CROSS IN CIRCLE AND FOOTSTONE.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE / OF WILLIAM
GRATTIDGE / WHO DEPT THIS LIFE / MAY 19 1880/
AGED 68 YEARS.

7. STONE WITH CROSS, WITH SMALL CIRCLE,
AND FOOTSTONE A MINIATURE REPLICA.

IN LOVING MEMORY / OF JANE GRATTIDGE / WIDOW
OF THE LATE WILLIAM / OF PARCHFIELDS / 1907

8. CROSS ON PLINTH AND FOOTSTONE TO MATCH IN
MINIATURE WITH B.Y. 1887 ON IT.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF BENJAMIN YATES
OF PARCHFIELDS / WHO DIED MARCH 27th, 1887 /
AGED 70 YEARS.

9 - 10 MOUNDS.

11. STONE WITH CARVED CROSS.

I.M. / JOHN ADEY / DIED AUG 29th 1911 A.D /
AGED 70 / ALSO EMMA, HIS WIFE / DIED
DEC. 15th, 1910 A.D. AGED 66 /

12 - 16 MOUNDS.



*A well preserved Headstone
1880*

- No. 17. PLAIN UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF JOHN NORMAN / LOONT FARM, COLTON /
DIED AUG. 11, 1930 / AGED 57.
- 18-19-20 MOUNDS.
21. VASE.
ELLEN ALLSOP / DIED OCT. 10, 1938 / AGED 84 YEARS.
- 22 MOUND.
23. PLAIN CROSS - NO LEGIBLE WRITING.
24. MOUND.
25. UPRIGHT STONE WITH DIAMOND SHAPED TOP.
SACRED TO THE / MEMORY OF / HENRY HARDING /
AUG - 1879 / AGED -4 / JESU MERCY /
- 26-27-28 MOUNDS.
29. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF / JAMES BRADBURY / WHO DIED APRIL
15, 1882, AGED 67 YEARS /
30. MOUND.
31. PLAIN UPRIGHT STONE WITH 1879 ON IT.
- 32-33-34 MOUNDS.

No. 35.

UPRIGHT CROSS WITH ROSE MADE FROM LEAD.

IN LOVING MEMORY / OF HANNAH / BELOVED WIFE
OF HENRY LAWRENCE / WHO DIED OCT. 13th, 1903 /
ALSO HENRY, THEIR SON, WHO DIED / OCT. 28th, 1879 /
AGED 2 YRS. 8 MONTHS /

36.

MOUND.

37.

FANCY UPRIGHT STONE, WITH CROSS IN DIAMOND.

IN MEMORY / JOHN CHAPMAN / WHO DIED NOVEMBER
4th 1880 / AGED 42 YEARS / ALSO ANNIE
HIS WIFE / WHO DIED MARCH 16th, 1887 /
AGED 57 YRS.

38.39.40

41-42-43

44-45-46

47

MOUNDS (APPROX).

ROW 2.

- No. 1. SMALL STONE.
I.M. / ANNIE TIMMIS / DIED JULY 22nd, 1929/
AGED 78 YEARS.
2. PLAIN UPRIGHT STONE.
I.M. / CHARLES WOOTTON / DIED Dec.3rd, 1928/
AGED 75 YEARS.
3. MOUNDS
4. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY/ (REMAINDER UNREADABLE)
- 5-6-7 MOUNDS.
8. UPRIGHT STONE.
EDWARD NICHOLS/ -- 1895/ AGED 84/
COME UNTO ME/
9. UPRIGHT STONE INSET WITH CARVED
PRIMROSES AND LILIES OF THE VALLEY.
? HAMLEY HOUSE/DIED OCT -- /
AGED 70 YEARS. (REMAINDER UNREADABLE).
9. UPRIGHT STONE AT FOOT OF PREVIOUS GRAVE FACING
STONE AT HEAD.

IN LOVING MEMORY/ OF ELIZA/ DAUGHTER OF THE
LATE/ EDWARD NICHOLS OF/ HAMLEY HOUSE/ DIED
DEC: 11th 1930/ IN HER 91st YEAR.
- 10-11 MOUNDS.
12. CROSS.
JOHN ROBERT NORMAN/DIED APRIL 19th 1913/
AGED 67 YEARS/ TILL THE DAY BREAK/ AND THE
SHADOWS FLEE AWAY.

13. UPRIGHT STONE.

I.M. THOMAS HANDLEY / DIED JAN 13th 1884.
MARY HANDLEY / MAY 29th 1884.

14 - 15 MOUNDS.

16 UPRIGHT STONE.

WILLIAM SAMPSON / PARCHEFIELDS / DEC: 6th 1911
ALSO/ MARY HIS WIFE / MAY 11th 1924 / AGED 85 /
HER CHILDREN ARISE UP/ AND CALL HER BLESSED.

17. SMALL STONE.

M - / 1882 /

18. UPRIGHT STONE.

(BEGINNING UNREADABLE) - ALSO WIFE MARY/
DIED APRIL 18th 1882.

19-20
21-22.

MOUNDS.

23. CURBED FAMILY PLOT WITH UPRIGHT STONE. ALL MARBLE.

SIMON MYATT / NEWLANDS OCT: 20th 1884 AGE 91/ ALSO
HIS WIFE HANNAH/ DIED SEPT.14th 1884 AGE 82/ ALSO
DAUGHTER ELIZABETH BORN 3rd APRIL 1843/DIED 28th JUNE
1880/ ALSO DAUGHTER HANNAH BORN 3rd FEB. 1834/
DIED 8th JAN. 1904/ ALSO ELI MYATT JAN: 18th 1919/
WHO FEEL ASLEEP IN HIS 84th YEAR / BLESSED ARE THE
DEAD/ WHICH DIE IN THE LORD.

24-25
26-27.

MOUNDS.

28: STONE CROSS.

FRANCES MABEL SEATON / DIED JAN 188- AGE 18 YEARS/
THINE EYES SHALL SEE THE KING IN/ HIS BEAUTY THEY
SHALL BEHOLD THE LAND.

29. STONE CROSS.

HELEN LUCY SEATON / DIED JUNE 28th 1908/ AGE 51/
I AM THE RESURECTION AND THE LIFE.

30-31

32-33


34-35

36

MOUNDS.

ROW 3

- No. 1. UPRIGHT STONE
SAMUEL TIMMIS / APRIL 13th 1989 /
AGED 80 / THY WILL BE DONE /
2. CROSS
I.M. / REBEXXA WOOTTON / JAN. 20th 1905 /
AGED 79 /.
3. CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / MATILDA HAIG / DIED MAY 2nd 1883 /
AGED 26 / IN THE LORD I MY TRUST.
4. CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / CATHERINE MATILDA HAIG / WIFE OF
THE LATE GEORGE /
ANDREW HAIG / BORN JUNE 6th 1814 DIED AUG. 1902 /
5. CROSS.
JOHN THOMAS HARLAND / DIED FEB. 19th 1881 /
AGED 68.
6. MOUND.
7. CROSS.
I.M. / ELIZABETH HARLAND / BORN MARCH 1st 1817 /
DIED JAN 5th 1905 /
8. FLAT SLAB.
CHARLES SKINNER DANSEY /OLDHAM OLDHAM / DIED JAN 9th
1930 / AGED 73
ALSO HIS BELOVED WIFE ELLEN MAUD HARLAND OLDHAM
DIED JUNE 28 1956 AGED 86 /
9. MARBLE CROSS.
I.M. ELLEN OLDHAM / BORN OCT 1803 / DIED
APRIL 27th 1883 /.
10. RINGED CROSS.
JANE LOWRY PARKER / DIED FEB. 18th, 1888, AGED 72 /
11. FLAT SLAB.
FREDERICK PERROT PARKER / FOR 46 YEARS / RECTOR
OF THIS PARISH / DIED JULY 21st 1921 /
12. RINGED CROSS.
HARRIET JANE PARKER / DIED DEC. 16th 1922 /
AGED 81.

13. SMALL CROSS.
SARAH DALE / AGED 71 / DIED 1886 /
14. UPRIGHT CROSS IN DIAMOND.
MARY SOUTHERN // DIED JULY 13th 1890 / AGED 74 YEARS /
ALSO OF / CHARLES SOUTHERN / DIED SEPT. 12th 1883/
AGED 43.
15. IDENTICAL TO LAST STONE.
THOMAS SOUTHERN / DIED JULY 28th 1882 / AGED 62 /
16. SMALL STONE WITH JUST G.S. ON IT.
17. 18. MOUNDS.
19. SMALL STONE  NO WRITING.
20. 21.
22. 23.
24. RINGED CROSS.
ANN / WIFE OF / SAMUEL NORMAN / JULY 14th 1884 /
25. RINGED CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / SAMUEL NORMAN / AUG. 3rd
1901 AGED 83.
26. PLAIN UPRIGHT.
IN MEMORY OF / JOSEPH NORMAN / LOUNT FARM / DIED
AUG. 11th 1887 AGED 38 / ELIZA, HIS WIFE AGED 84 /
DIED MAY 4th 1927.
27. BROKEN STONE - UNREADABLE.
- 28.29.30.
31.32.33 MOUNDS.
34. UPRIGHT SLAB.
T.L.M. / ELIZABETH WILLISCROFT / DIED FEB 5th 1958 /
AGED 75.
35. CROSS.
HANNAH ROYALLS / DIED SEPT. 29th 1882 / AGED 73
- 36.37.38.
39.40.41.

ROW 4.

1. 2. MOUNDS.
3. STONE SCROLL - FLOWER CONTAINER
USED AS FOOTSTONE I H S
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / CHARLES LEADBETTER / WHO DIED
JANY 13 1899/ AGED 44 YEARS / ALSO OF ELIZA / HIS
BELOVED WIFE / WHO DIED NOV. 8 1927 / AGED 73 YEARS /
PEACE PERFECT PEACE.
4. CROSS.
I.M. / ARTHUR EDWARDS / DIED DECEMBER 9th 1918 /
AGED 51 YEARS / GOD IS LOVE / ALSO / ALICE BEASLEY /
DIED 2nd SEP 1936 / AGED 68 YEARS.
5. MOUND.
6. CROSS.
I.M. / GEORGE COPE / BORN NOV 18th 1840 /
DIED JAN 29 1906.
7. CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / ANN DAUGHTER OF / ROBERT AND ELIZABETH
WILDAY OF LICHFIELD / DIED SEPT 27 1898 AGED 66.
8. CROSS
IM / MARY GARNER / DIED JULY 9th 1911 AGED 87.
9. CROSS.
I.M / MARGARET L SEATON / AGED 65 / I KNOW THAT MY
REDEEMER LIVITH.
10. CROSS.
I M / EMILY CARTER / DIED JUNE13 1911 AD/ AN EVER
FAITHFUL FRIEND.
11. CROSS.
ELEANER SUSANNA PARKER / AT REST FEBRUARY 10th 1941 /
AGED 92. THEN ARE THEY GLAD BECAUSE / THEY AR ATREST
AND SO / HE BRINGETH THEM INTO / THE HAVEN WHERE THEY /
WOULD BE. PSALM 107 VERSE 50.
12. 13. MOUNDS.
14. UPRIGHT S TONE.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / JOHN TOOTH / OF COLTON / WHO
DIED JUNE18 1931 / AGED 51 YEARS / ALSO OF HIS WIFE /
LILIAN ROSE / DIED 1st MAY 1971 / AGED 81 YEARS.

15. CROSS IN CIRCLE.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / ROBERT HORSFALL / DIED
AUGUST 8th 1885 / AGED 44 / AND / MARGARET HARVEY
HIS WIFE / AGED 46 YEARS / JESU MERCY.
16. MOUND.
17. UPRIGHT STONE.
IN MEMORY OF / JOHN ROBINSON / BORN OCT 5 1834 /
DIED JAN 8 1894 / FOR 27 YEARS STATION MASTER RUGELEY
JUNCTION / SUDDENLY CALLED HENCE WHILE / IN CHARGE
OF HIS DUTIES
- ON REVERSE SIDE - MARY ANN HIS WIFE / DIED JULY 18
1925 AGED 88
- THE PRESENT AND LATE STAFF / OF RUGELEY JUNCTION ERECTED
THIS STONE AS A TOKEN OF / RESPECT TO THEIR LATE
MASTER.**
18. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JAMES ROBINSON / RUGELEY -----
DIED ----- / AGED 80 YEARS.
19. STONE.
JANE MARTIN / DIED SEPT 10 1885 / AGED 20 YEARS /
THY WILL BE DONE.
- 20 - 28. MOUNDS.
29. HEADSTONE.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH WILLISCROFT
WHO DIED 5th FEB 1958 / AGED 75 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT
PEACE.



*Weathering affecting
softer stone - 1895*

ROW 5.

1. MOUND.
2. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / ALICE BLOOR / OF HAMLEY
HEATH / DIED JUNE 22 1875 / AGED 80 (?) YEARS /
ALSO / THOMAS BLOOR ----- 1908 (?) / IN HIS
---- YEAR.
3. 4. MOUNDS.
5. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CROSS ON TOP.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JAMES CRUTCHLEY / WHO DIED
NOVEMBER 13 18-- / THY WILL BE DONE / ALSO OF
HANNAH WIFE OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED FEBRUARY 25
1895 / AGED 79 YEARS.
6. MOUND.
7. SMALL TRIANGULAR HEADSTONE. CROSS MISSING FROM TOP.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / HANNAH WOOLLEY / OF BOUGHEY
HALL COLTON / WHO DIED AUGUST 1st (?) 1889 /
AGED 50 YEARS.
8. UPRIGHT STONE CROSS WITH WIDE BASE.
IN AFFECTIONATE / REMEMBRANCE OF / PAMELA ?
WIFE OF THE LATE / JOHN WOOLLEY OLD WOOD / WHO
DIED AT BOUGHEY HALL COLTON / APRIL 17th 1892 /
AGED 72 YEARS.
- 9 - 15 MOUNDS.
16. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CROSS.
4 UNREADABLE LINES.
--- WHO DIED DECEMBER 11 1837 / AGED 61 YEARS /
THY WILL BE DONE.
17. 18. MOUNDS.
19. HEADSTONE.
BEGINNING UNREADABLE.....
----ANN / WIFE OF ?
REST IN PEACE.
20. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ALFRED H BULL / DIED
NOVEMBER 25 1942 AGED 85.

21. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF (IN RING ROUND TOP OF
STONE) NELSON THORNS / OF COLTON / A VETERAN SOLDIER
OF THE GRENADIER / GUARDS DURING THE CRIMEAN CAMPAIGN /
WHO DIED MARCH 3rd 1911 / AGED 83 YEARS.
22. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF (IN RING AT TOP OF STONE)
MARTHA / THE BELOVED WIFE OF NELSON THORNS OF COLTON /
WHO DIED OCTOBER 28t 1886 / AGED 53 (?) YEARS / IN
THEE IS THE WELL OF LIFE / ALSO OF / THOMAS WILLIAM
THORNS / SON OF THE ABOVE / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE /
DECEMBER 22 1888 AGED 27 YEARS.
23. MOUND.
24. UPRIGHT CROSS.
JOHN HILL / -- COLTON / WHO DIED JUNE 12 1886
AGED 75 YEARS.
- 25.26.
27.28.
29 MOUNDS.
30. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CARVED MALTESE CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / WILLIAM SMYTHEMAN / WHO DIED
JANUARY 27th 1887 / AGED 77 YEARS / ALSO OF CLARA JANE
SMYTHEMAN / WIFE OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED MAY 24th
1893 / AGED 35 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT PEACE.
31. MOUND.
32. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JOHN LOWE JUN. / THE BELOVED
HUSBAND OF / REBECCA LOWE / OF WHITTINGTON HURST / WHO
DIED NOVEMBER 16 1892 / AGED 25 YEARS / THE LORD GAVE
AND THE LORD HATH TAKEN / AWAY. BLESSED IS THE NAME
OF THE LORD
- 33 - 47 approx - MOUNDS.

ROW 6.

1. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / DOROTHY MARTIN / WHO DIED 1895
AGED 82 YEARS / WASH ME AND I SHALL BE WHITER /
THAN SNOW. PSALM 45.
2. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE CROSS IN CIRCLE.
IN LOVING MEMORY / OF ELIZABETH EUPHEMIA / WIFE
OF WILLIAM WALLIS / DIED JANUARY 10th 1890 /
AGED 30 YEARS.
- 3/9 MOUNDS.
10. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / ANN MARTIN / WHO DIED OCTOBER 27th
1892 / AGED 79 YEARS / SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD.
- 11.12.
13. MOUNDS.
14. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF / GEORGE DANIEL SUTTON /
FOR 23 YEARS SCHOOLMASTER OF THIS PARISH / WHO DIED
FEBRUARY 28th 1892 / AGED 45 YEARS.
- 15-24 MOUNDS.
25. UPRIGHT CROSS
I.L.M / HANNAH RADFORD / WHO DIED MAY 20th 1889 /
AGED 86 YEARS / I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH.
- 26-41 MOUNDS.

THE HORSFALL MONUMENT.

THE LAND FOR THIS BURIAL GROUND WAS GIVEN BY THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL OF BELLAMOUR HALL COLTON. HE ALSO GAVE THE LAND ON WHICH THE SCHOOL AND VILLAGE HALL WERE BUILT.

HIS WIDOW PAID FOR THE HORSFALL MEMORIAL, WHICH WAS DESIGNED BY THE EMINENT VICTORIAN ARCHITECT G.E. STREET & IT WAS ERECTED UNDER HIS PERSONAL SUPERVISION.

THE MEMORIAL STANDS 15 FT HIGH AND IS OF WHITE MANSFIELD STONE - NOW BADLY DISCOLOURED. IT TAKES THE FORM OF A CROSS ON A $2\frac{1}{2}$ FT. SQ. BASE MOUNTED ON A THREE-TIERED CIRCULAR FOUNDATION.

AROUND THE TOP TIER ARE THE WORDS -
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING
MEMORY OF THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL
AD FIDEM FIDELIS REQUIESCAT IN
PACE † 1879 AD



ROW 7

- 1 - 2 MOUNDS.
3. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY / BELOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS SMITH / DIED NOV.6th 1922 / AGED 66 YEARS.
4. UPRIGHT CROSS IN RING.
IN MEMORY / JOHN WILLISCROFT / DIED DEC 1st 1913 /
AGED 75.
ALSO OF ELIZABETH JACKSON / HIS DAUGHTER / DIED
AUG: 2nd 1893 / AGED 28.
- 5-6. MOUNDS.
7. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CARVED ROSES.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GEORGE HENRY LOWNDES / OF
LOUNT FARM / WHO DIED DEC. 6th 1933 / AGED 52 YEARS /
AT REST ALSO SUSANNAH / HIS BELOVED WIFE / WHO DIED
SEPT: 13th 1939 / AGED 53 YEARS / REUNITED.
8. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / WILLIAM BRADBURY / WHO DIED
MARCH 4th 1895 / AGED 82 / GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
ALSO OF ELIZA / WIFE OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED
JULY 26th 1896 / AGED 73
9. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / LIZZIE / BELOVED DAUGHTER
OF / J & R DIX / DIED JAN: 5th 1893 / AGED 14 YEARS
- 10.11. MOUNDS.
12.
13. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / ELLEN SUTTON / DIED JULY 16th 1895/
(NO AGE GIVEN.)
- 14.15. MOUNDS.
16. UPRIGHT CROSS OBLONG CURB.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ANNIE GWENDOLINE NOLAN
HORSFALL / DAUGHTER OF THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL M.P. /
OF BELLAMOUR HALL / AND LUCY MARTHA HORSFALL /
ENTERED INTO REST DEC 5th 1949 / (NO AGE GIVEN.)
INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.
17. CURB.
IN LOVING MEMORY / OF LUCY BEATRICE NOLAN HORSFALL /
-

DAUGHTER OF THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL MP / OF BELLAMOUR
HALL / AND LUCY MARTHA HIS WIFE ENTERED INTO REST
SEPT 12th 1943 / (NO AGE GIVEN).
I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH / COME UNTO ME.

18. OBLONG CURB INSCRIPTION AROUND EDGE.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF / LUCY MARTHA WIDOW OF / THOMAS
BERRY HORSFALL / BORN OCT 26th 1846 / ENTERED INTO REST
JAN 8th 1920 / JESU MERCY.

19. UPRIGHT CROSS OBLONG CURB.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / EVA KATHLEEN NOLAN HORSFALL /
DAUGHTER OF THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL / OF BELLAMOUR HALL /
AND LUCY MARTHA HIS WIFE / ENTERED INTO REST AUG: 2nd
1932 / THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD /
UNTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

20. UPRIGHT CROSS OBLONG CURB.

IN MEMORY OF / GERTRUDE BERRY NOLAN (TRUDA) HORSFALL /
YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF / THOMAS BERRY HORSFALL MP / OF
BELLAMOUR HALL / AND LUCY MARTHA HIS WIFE / DEPARTED
THIS LIFE MARCH 26th 1957 /
INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

21-25 MOUNDS.

26. CROSS IN RING.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / THOMAS ARNOLD / DIED MAY 18th 1891/
AGED 70 YEARS.

27-32 MOUNDS.

33. CROSS IN RING.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES THOMAS ARBLASTER / DIED OCT: 27th
1892 / AGED 34 YEARS / IT IS THE LORD; LET HIM DO WHAT /
SEEMETH HIM GOOD.

24-37 MOUNDS.

38. UPRIGHT CROSS (BADLY WORN).

TOP WRITING - UNREADABLE
.....DIED AUG:..... 1895 / AGED 59 YEARS ALSO /
RICHARD PEACH / DIED JUNE 24th 1901 / AGED 68 YEARS.

39. UPRIGHT CROSS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / HENRY JAMES BLAKEMORE / WHO DIED
JUNE 4th 1896 / AGED 12.

40 - 52

MOUNDS.

53.

UPRIGHT CROSS.

JOHN..... (OTHER WRITING UNREADABLE).

54.

FOOTSTONE WITH WRITING.

ANN DEVALL / DIED MARCH 31st 1890 / AGED
79 YEARS.

55.

OBLONG CURB WRITING AROUND EDGE.

I.L.M. OF ELIZABETH ANN- BETTY / BELOVED DAUGHTER
OF STANLEY WILLIAM / AND ELEANOR REYNOLDS / WHO DIED
JUNE 9th 1945 / AGED 5 YEARS.



*Old Burial Ground
viewed from the New*

ROW 8.

1. UPRIGHT CROSS.
I M / JOHN LLOYD / BORN JUNE 5th 1826 / DIED FEB: 14th
1905
2. MOUND.
3. UPRIGHT CROSS.
I.M. / ELI HENRY DAY / DIED APRIL 7th 1905 / AGED 40 /
I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH.
4. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / DAVID BULL / WHO DIED OCT: 27th
1932 / AGED 61 YEARS / AT REST
ALSO OF / SARAH ANN BULL / DIED 20th MARCH 1963 /
AGED 87 YEARS.
- 5-12 MOUNDS.
13. CURB STONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / THOMAS ARNOLD / BELOVED HUSBAND
OF MARGARET FLORENCE NORMAN / OF STOCKWELL HEATH / WHO
DIED NOV: 14th 1951 / AGED 70 YEARS / THY WILL BE DONE /
ALSO OF MARGARET FLORENCE NORMAN / WHO DIED MARCH 14th
1958 / AGED 77 YEARS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JOHN KEITH / THEIR GRANDSON AND
DEARLY BELOVED SON OF HARRY AND FLORENCE BAKER / WHO
DIED 20th JUNE 1972 / AGED 31 YEARS / SAFE IN GOD'S
KEEPING.
- 14/15 MOUNDS.
16. UPRIGHT CROSS AND FOOTSTONE.
IN EVER LOVING MEMORY / OF HARRIET BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN UPTON / DIED JANUARY 15th 1919 / AGED 68 YEARS/
BLESSED ARE THEY THAT / DIE IN THE LORD.
17. UPRIGHT CROSS AND FOOTSTONE.
JOHN UPTON / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 30th 1922/
AGED 70 YEARS / "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN / HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT / HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE".
- 18-28 MOUNDS.

29. UPRIGHT CROSS.
R I P / IN LOVING MEMORY / OF GEORGE SYDNEY HEALEY /
DIED JUNE 4th 1931 / AGED 28 YEARS.
THY WILL BE DONE.

30-37 MOUNDS.

ROW 9.

- 1 - 6 MOUNDS.
7. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / SARAH YATES / BORN OCT: 22nd 1871 /
DIED APRIL 9th 1905.
8. MOUND.
9. UPRIGHT CROSS
I M / WALTER YATES / BORN FEB: 12th 1848 / DIED
DEC: 31st 1897.
10. FOOTSTONE ONLY READABLE - INITIALS T.H.
11. UNMARKED.
12. UPRIGHTCROSS AND FOOTSTONE G M 1918.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GEORGE MORRALL / DIED MAY 11th
1918 / AGED 81 / WE CANNOT LORD THY PURPOSE SEE /
BUT ALL IS WELL THATS DONE BY THEE.
13. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / RICHARD MORRALL / DIED MARCH 18th 1900 /
AGE 20 /
A FAITHFUL FRIEND AND SERVANT.
- 14-15 MOUNDS.
16. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY / CHARLES RADFORD / WHO DIED
MARCH 10th 1899 / AGED 72 YEARS.
17. UPRIGHT STONE.
I M ELIZABETH RADFORD / GLAN-CAMLAS, RUGELEY /
DIED MARCH 29th 1931 / AGED 74 YEARS / ALSO OF HER
HUSBAND / EDWARD DIED JAN 21 1946 / AGED 86 YEARS
HIS END WAS PEACE.
- 18-37 MOUNDS (Approx)

38. VASE WITH WRITING.
AUDREY LYCETT / DIED 15-9-35 / AGED 5 YEARS / JESUS CALLED
A LITTLE CHILD.
39. UPRIGHT CROSS.
I M OF / THOMAS GIBSON GODWIN / DIED FEB: 7th 1920 /
AGED 5 MONTHS.
40. MOUND.
41. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / HAROLD ELLIS / BELOVED SON OF
JOSEPH AND MILDRED M GRATTON OF COLTON / WHO DIED
FEB 20th 1918 / AGED 13 MONTHS / JESUS CALLED A LITTLE
CHILD.
42. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ALBERT F G HOARE / DIED
FEB 2nd 1912 / AGED 10 YEARS / SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN
TO COME UNTO ME / ALSO OF HIS MOTHER / LAURA EDITH
HOARE / DIED FEB 19th 1960 / AGED 88 YEARS.
- 43-45 MOUNDS.



ROW 10.

UPRIGHT CROSS.

1. IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH WAKELIN /
1829 - 1906 / ALSO OF JOHN WAKELIN.

- 2-6 MOUNDS.

- 7 UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / THOMAS WILLIAM BLORE /
OF COLTON HALL / WHO DIED JULY 25th 1901.

8. MOUND.

9. IN MEMORIAM OF / WILLIAM YATES / BORN DECEMBER
14th 1868 / DIED APRIL 16th 1902 / GRANT US THY
PEACE.

10. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS HIBBS / WHOSE LIFE
WAS TAKEN WHILE ON DUTY / AUGUST 10th 1901 /
AGED 23 YEARS / ALSO / GEORGE HIBBS / WHO FELL
ASLEEP OCTOBER 23rd 1918 / AGED 78 YRS /
SLEEP ON BELOVED AND KEEP THY REST.

11. MOUND.

12. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
I M / THOMAS DAVOLL / WHO DIED FEBRUARY 26th 1913/
AGED 91 YEARS / FOR 34 YEARS SEXTON OF COLTON /
ALSO / SARAH HIS WIFE / WHO DIED OCTOBER 13th 1904/
AGED 76 YEARS / ALSO FREDERICK THEIR SON /
WHO DIED MARCH 6th 1902 / AGED 37 YEARS.

13. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE (CROSS SHAPED AT TOP)
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / WILLIAM DAVOLL / 35 YEARS
SEXTON OF COLTON / WHO DIED MAY 24th 1938 /
AGED 71 YEARS / ALSO / MARIA / THE BELOVED
WIFE OF / WILLIAM DAVOLL / WHO DIED OCTOBER 20th
1926 / AGED 60 YEARS. IN HOPE EVERLASTING LIFE.

14. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN MEMORY OF / JANE ROWLEY / DIED NOVEMBER 1st 1917 /
AGED 80 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT PEACE.
- 15-16 MOUNDS.
17. MOUND WITH VERY SMALL STONE (1921) H.W.
18. OBLONG HEADSTONE AND FOOTSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / HARRIET WILLISCROFT / DIED
OCTOBER 16th 1921 / AGED 72 YEARS / ALSO /
JAMES WILLISCROFT HUSBAND OF ABOVE / WHO DIED
SEPTEMBER 7th 1926 / AGED 78 YEARS / ALSO / SAMUEL
WILLISCROFT / SON OF THE ABOVE / DIED JUNE 7th 1902 /
AGED 17 YEARS.
19. MOUND WITH FOOTSTONE 1926 J.W.
20. MOUND WITH URN.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF / SELINA WIFE OF JOHN MYATT / DIED
JANUARY 26th 1906 / ALSO / HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE /
JOHN MYATT / DIED JANUARY 18th 1938 / R.I.P.
21. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CURB AND URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / **JAMES LYONS** / DIED NOVEMBER 11th
1922 // AGED 74 YEARS / ALSO HIS WIFE SARAH JANE / DIED
SEPTEMBER 30th 1959 / AGED 80 YEARS / GOD TAKES OUR
LOVED ONES FROM OUR HOMES / BUT NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS.
- 22-33 MOUNDS.
34. OBLONG CURB WITH OPEN BOOK.
EMILY FRANCES DAUGHTER OF / JAMES HENRY AND SARAH PARR /
DIED FEB;15th 1953 / AGED 43 YEARS / IN HEAVENLY LOVE
ABIDING.
- 35-36 MOUNDS.

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37. OBLONG CURB WITH HEADSTONE.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / A DEAR HUSBAND AND FATHER /
VICTOR HAROLD PARR / WHO DIED 13th FEB 1958 /
AGED 43 YEARS / THY WILL BE DONE.

38. MOUND WITH STONE VASE.

GEORGE GOODALL / DIED NOV: 18th 1958 / AGED 64 YEARS.

39. MOUND WITH STONE VASE.

IN MEMORY OF / JENNIFER L PARR.

40. HEADSTONE- OPEN BOOK.

TO THE DEAR/MEMORY OF / OUR BELOVED MUM / ROSE MARY
SHERRATT / DIED 23rd/DEC: 1977 / AGED 62 YEARS/ ALSO
OF DAD / FRANCIS/NORMAN/ HER DEARLY / LOVED HUSBAND /
DIED 17th / JAN 1979/ AGED 67 YEARS / & GRANDAUGHTER /
ROSE MARY / DIED IN INFANCY / GONE FROM OUR HOMES /
BUT NEVER FROM OUR HEARTS.

ALSO STONE VASE WITH INSCRIPTION -

ROSE MARY / BELOVED DAUGHTER OF RUTH AND PETER JONES/
21.5.81.

ROW 11.

- 1 - 3 MOUNDS.
4. UPRIGHT CROSS.
FREDERICK WILLISCROFT / DIED APRIL 21st 1916 /
AGED 55 YEARS.
- 5 - 9 MOUNDS.
10. IN LOVING MEMORY / THOMAS ROWLEY /
DIED JAN: 21st 1905 / AGED 67.
11. MOUND.
12. UPRIGHT CROSS.
BEGINNING UNREADABLE BELOVED WIFE OF
WILLIAM BELLFIELD OF COLTON / WHO DIED
JUNE 8th 1905.
- 13 - 16 MOUNDS.
17. CROSS INSET HEADSTONE.
JOSEPH BRADBURY / WHO ENTERED INTO REST /
JULY 1st 1907 / AGED 76 / THY WILL BE DONE.
- 18 - 19 MOUNDS.
20. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / THOMAS WILLISCROFT /
WHO DIED APRIL 24th 1908 / AGED 77 YEARS.
21. MOUND.

22. UPRIGHT CROSS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH MARJORIE DAVIES /
DIED OCT: 10th 1917 AGED 29 YEARS.

23-27 MOUNDS.

28. IN LOVING MEMORY OF / WILLIAM BENTLEY OF HADLEY
GATE / DIED NOV: 27th 1910 / AGED 73 YEARS /
FOR WITH THEE IS LIFE / AND IN THY LIGHT / SHALL
WE SEE LIGHT. ALSO OF SARAH BENTLEY / WIFE OF
THE ABOVE / DIED MAY 30th 1923 // AGED 79 YEARS
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART / FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

29 - 40 MOUNDS.

ROW 12.

1. URN.
OUR MUM / LILIAM MAY ROBERTS / DIED NOV: 13th 1941 /
AND WILFRED ROBERTS AGED 74 / DIED 29th JAN: 1979.
- 2 - 5 MOUNDS.
6. IN LOVING MEMORY - VASE.
- 7 - 18 MOUNDS.
19. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH BADGE WEST YORKSHIRE.
TRS/88317 CORPORAL J. DEACON / WEST YORKSHIRE
REGIMENT / 9th NOV: 1918 / AGED 19.
- 20-21 MOUNDS.
- 22/23 CROSS BETWEEN GRAVES
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JOHN NORMAN / DIED MARCH 28th
1923 / AGED 66 YEARS /
ALSO OF EMMA SOPHIA WIFE / DIED APRIL 23rd 1931 /
AGED 76 YEARS.
- 24-27 MOUNDS.
28. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / AGNES / WIFE OF JOHN
SEDGELEY / DIED MAY 6th 1925 / AGED 51 YEARS /
REST IN THE LORD.
ALSO OF THE ABOVE JOHN SEDGELEY / DIED NOV: 23rd
1940 / AGED 68 YEARS.
- 29 - 35 MOUNDS. (Approx)
- 36 UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / FRANCIS MARTIN KEATING / DIED
MAY 4th 1952/ AGED 78 YEARS ALSO/ MARY ELIZABETH
KEATING / WIFE OF THE ABOVE / DIED JUNE 12th 1956 /
AGED 62 YEARS.

37. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CURB & CHIPPINGS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / FLORENCE EVELYN PYATT / OF
UPPER MORETON FARM / JAN: 8th 1953 / AGED 68 YEARS /
ALSO OF ERNEST DAVID / HER BELOVED HUSBAND / DIED
MAY 7th 1967 / AGED 79 YEARS. REUNITED.
38. MOUND.
39. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
WILLIAM RYDER / DIED 27th OCT: 1957 / AGED 54.
- 40 UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CURB AND URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND / JAMES HENRY
PARR / PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY MARCH 9th 1958 /
AGED 73 YEARS / R.I.P.
- 41-42. MOUNDS.
43. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / BEATRICE MARY / WIFE OF
FRANK SHARRATT KNIGHT /WHO PASSED AWAY 12th MARCH 1961/
AGED 66 YEARS / GOD CLOSED HER EYES THAT SHE MAY
REST AWHILE.
44. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GERTRUDE MAY THE BELOVED WIFE
OF / ERIC CLAUDE UPTON / WHO DIED 22nd JULY 1972 /
AGED 65 YEARS.
45. MOUND.
46. VASE INSCRIPTION
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GEORGE A WARING.
47. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / WALTER JOHN MYATT / BELOVED
HUSBAND OF MARY ANN / WHO DIED 11th JUNE 1977 /
AGED 88 YEARS.

48.

HEADSTONE.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FATHER / JOHN COLLINS/
WHO DIED 21st JULY 1978 / AGED 64 YEARS/
"SAFE IN GOD'S KEEPING" /

ROW 13.

1. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / HENRY SHELLEY 1861 - 1913 /
ANNIE MARIA SHELLEY 1863 - 1950 / DOROTHY MIFFLIN
1915 - 1917.

- 2 - 6 MOUNDS.

7. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
THOMAS ROTCHELL / 20th FEB: 1943 AGED 76 YEARS /
ALSO ALICE WIFE OF THOMAS ROTCHELL / JAN 17th 1947
AGED 81 YEARS.

8. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GEORGINA / THE BELOVED WIFE
OF / FREDERICK G UPTON / WHO DIED JUNE 7th 1933 /
AGED 64 YEARS / GOD WILL LINK THE BROKEN CHAIN /
CLOSER, WHEN WE MEET AGAIN / ALSO THE ABOVE /
FREDERICK GEORGE / WHO DIED JULY 5th 1954 /
AGED 80 YEARS.

9. MOUND.

10. SCROLL HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / SAMUEL YATES / PASSED
PEACEFULLY AWAY / MAY 27th 1933 / AGED 54 YEARS /
ALSO LUCY HIS WIFE / PASSED PEACEFULLY AWAY /
APRIL 22nd 1939 / AGED 55 YEARS / RE-UNITED.

11. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR PARENTS / MARY JANE
COOPER / WHO DIED MAY 29th 1911 / AGED 58 YEARS /
AND / EDWARD HICKLING COOPER / WHO DIED MARCH 13th
1944 / AGED 87 YEARS / WORTHY OF EVERLASTING
REMEMBRANCE.

- 12-15 MOUNDS.

16. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - DOVE DECORATION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / SARAH ANN SALTER / WHO DIED
APRIL 23rd 1938 / AGED 63 YEARS / DEATH DIVIDES
BUT MEMORY CLINGS / ALSO HENRY / HUSBAND OF THE
ABOVE / WHO DIED FEB; 11th 1953 / AGED 84 YEARS /
RE-UNITED.
17. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH DECORATED VASE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ANNIE / BELOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS ROWLEY / WHO DIED JAN; 1st 1934 / AGED
68 YEARS REST IN PEACE / THOMAS ROWLEY DIED
SEP: 27th 1951 / AGED 82 YEARS / RE-UNITED.
18. URN AND SMALL STONE.
SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF / HENRY JAMES BEASLEY /
DIED FEB: 9th 1942 / AGED 68 YEARS / R.I.P.
19. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - LILY DECORATION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH ANN / BELOVED WIFE
OF / WILLIAM PARR / DIED FEB: 2nd 1934 / AGED 69 YEARS /
GOD GIVES HIS WELL BELOVED REST / ALSO WILLIAM
PARR / BELOVED HUSBAND OF ELIZABETH ANN / WHO
PASSED PEACEFULLY AWAY / ON SEP: 25th 1948 / IN HIS
83rd YEAR / WORTHY OF EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE.
20. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - ROSE DECORATION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / LIZZIE / BELOVED WIFE OF /
JOSEPH HENRY JONES / WHO DIED JULY 27th 1934 /
AGED 61 YEARS
ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED / JOSEPH HENRY JONES / WHO
DIED MARCH 29th 1959 / AGED 88 YEARS / AT REST.
21. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - ROSE DECORATION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / MARY ANN / DEARLY BELOVED WIFE
OF AMOS THORNS / WHO DIED MAY 3rd 1935 / AGED
70 YEARS. LOVES LAST GIFT "REMEMBRANCE" /
ALSO OF THE ABOVE AMOS THORNS / DIED MARCH 14th 1943 /
AGED 79 YEARS / REST IN THE LORD.
22. UPRIGHT CROSS.
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF / ALICE ELIZABETH
TOMPKINS / DIED MAY 17th 1935

23. SCROLL HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / LUCY / BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN ROCK / WHO ENTERED INTO REST / JUNE 26th 1935/
AGED 59 YEARS / HER BODY RESTETH BUT HER SOUL
SHALL/ BE ONE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN /
ALSO THE ABOVE JOHN ROCK / WHO ENTERED INTO REST /
DECEMBER 29th 1948 / AGED 74 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT
PEACE.
24. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - CROSS DECORATION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ANNIE / WIFE OF JOHN
PARKER / WHO DIED FEB: 11th 1934 / AGED 51 YEARS /
AFTER LABOUR REST / PEACE PERFECT PEACE / ALSO OF
JOHN PARKER / WHO DIED OCT: 10th 1955 / AGED
66 YEARS / REST IN PEACE.
- 25-28 MOUNDS.
29. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
JOHN DEVALL / BELOVED HUSBAND OF LOTTIE / WHO
DIED 26th MAY 1951 / AGED 60 YEARS / SAFE IN
GOD'S KEEPING.
- 30-32 MOUNDS.
33. STONE VASE.
"LANCE" WHO FELL ASLEEP / JUNE 29th 1954.
34. IN LOVING MEMORY OF / MARGARET WARD / DIED
PEACEFULLY 24th DEC: 1956 / AGED 72 YEARS /
THY WILL BE DONE.

35. VASE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / SAMUEL AND SARAH EMILY JONES.
36. Mounds.
37. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / BENJAMIN WILLISCROFT / DIED
JAN: 13th 1961 / AGED 72 YEARS / EVER IN OUR
THOUGHTS. ALSO HIS DEAR WIFE / PHOEBE ELLEN
DIED MAY: 4th 1967 / AGED 76 YEARS / REUNITED.
- 38-39 MOUNDS.
40. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER /
GEORGE ERNEST ATKIN / DIED 8th OCT: 1972 /
AGED 55 YEARS / REST IN PEACE.
41. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELLEN ROTCHELL / DIED
9th MAY 1975 / AGED 78 YEARS. REST IN PEACE.
- 42-43 MOUNDS.
44. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / DAVID WILLIAM GARWOOD / DEARLY
LOVED HUSBAND OF JOAN AND FATHER OF MICHAEL / DIED
15th SEP: 1979 AGED 61 / TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

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1-2-3

Mounds.

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UPRIGHT HEADSTONE AND CURB.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JULIA HILDA / THE
BELOVED WIFE OF / ALFRED LEONARD COOPER /
(OF THE GREYHOUND, COLTON) WHO DIED
APRIL 23rd 1944 / AGED 52 YEARS / REST IN
PEACE / ALSO DORIS MARY / BELOVED WIFE OF
BERNARD HOLMES / WHO DIED JUNE 18th 1957 /
AGED 43 YEARS / HOW BLEST ARE THEY WHO FROM
THEIR LABOURS REST.

5.

CURB WITH URN.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM ARTHUR / BELOVED
HUSBAND OF / MARY KATHLEEN HAWKINS / WHO
DIED NOVEMBER 17th 1943 / AGED 27 YEARS.

6.

CURB SQUARE.

LOVING MEMORY OF / HARRIET MARY ANN
RAVENSROFT / DIED CHRISTMAS EVE 1935 /
AGED 57 YEARS / ALSO / TOM HER HUSBAND
WHO DEPARTED / THIS LIFE DEC: 14th 1942
AT THE AGE OF 71 YEARS.

7.

MOUND BELIEVED TO BE RAVENSROFT FAMILY.

8.

UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - CURB AND URN.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / HERBERT ARNOLD NORMAN /
(OF STOCKWELL HEATH) CALLED AWAY APRIL 12th
1945 / AGED 40 YEARS / IN THE MIDST OF LIFE
WE ARE IN DEATH.

9.10.11.

MOUNDS.

12.

UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF / WILLIAM BELFIELD /
WHO DIED JUNE 11th 1938 / AGED 80 YEARS.

13.

MOUND.

14. CURB SQUARE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / AGNES ANNIE / THE BELOVED
WIFE OF / SAMUEL FINNEMORE / WHO DIED FEB: 11th 1946 /
AGED 63 YEARS / ALSO OF / SAMUEL / THE BELOVED
HUSBAND OF AGNES ANNIE FINNEMORE / WHO DIED JUNE 3rd
1946 / AGED 77 YEARS.
- 15.16.
17.18. MOUNDS.
19.20.
21. CURB WITH URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ARTHUR / BELOVED HUSBAND OF
HARRIET LUCY HAWKINS / WHO DIED SEPT:1st 1948 /
AGED 63 YEARS / ALSO HARRIET LUCY HAWKINS / WHO DIED
JULY 18th 1961 / AGED 78 YEARS / THEY REST IN PEACE.
- 22.23. MOUNDS.
24. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE. CURB AND URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / MARY WRIGHT / WHO PASSED AWAY
MARCH 19th 1950 / AGED 84 YEARS / ALSO OF / WILLIAM
JOHN HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED JAN: 5th 1954 /
AGED 83 YEARS / IN GOD'S KEEPING RE-UNITED.
25. MOUND WITH URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ALICE JANE LOWE / WHO DIED
3rd MAY 1950 / ALSO HER HUSBAND THOMAS HENRY LOWE /
DIED 24th SEPT 1953.
26. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE AND URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MUM AND DAD / ALICE MAUD COOPER /
WHO DIED 2nd OCT: 1965 / AGED 74 YEARS / ALSO / CHARLES
WILLIAM COOPER / WHO DIED 16th NOV 1970 / AGED
85 YEARS RE-UNITED / ALSO / GRANDMA ALICE JOHNSON
/ WHO DIED 13th DEC: 1950 / AGED 85 YEARS.
27. CURB AND HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / CHARLES BELOVED HUSBAND OF/
MARY ELIZABETH YATES DIED MAY 11th 1951 / AGED
64 YEARS / AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN / AND IN
THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
- 28.29.
30.31. MOUNDS.

32. CURB AND URN WITH INSCRIPTION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELSIE WARNER GRIMLEY /
DIED 15th MAY 1956 / AGED 71 YEARS / ALSO /
HER BELOVED HUSBAND / JOHN WILLIAM GRATTIDGE
GRIMLEY / DIED 8th APRIL 1957 / AGED 70 YEARS.
33. MOUND WITH URN " IN LOVING MEMORY".
34. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE AND URN.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / ELIZABETH JANE ELLIS /
WHO DIED 3rd JAN: 1971 / AGED 82 YEARS / AND /
WILLIAM HER BELOVED HUSBAND / WHO DIED 14th NOV: 1959/
AGED 67 YEARS / IN GOD'S KEEPING.
- 35.36.
37. MOUNDS.

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ROW 15.

1. VASE WITH INSCRIPTION.
GEORGE M. DEACON / DIED 7 DEC 1976.

2. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING/MEMORY OF / SARAH ANN HEWITT /
DIED 2nd MAY 1977 / AGED 83 YEARS / ALSO
ERNEST / BELOVED HUSBAND / DIED 30th OCT: 1977 /
AGED 80 YEARS / R.I.P.

3. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE - OPEN BOOK.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / OUR DEAR PARENTS /
MABEL MYATT / DIED 14th DEC: 1962 / AGED
68 YEARS / WILLIAM MYATT / DIED 8th APRIL 1977 /
AGED 84 YEARS.

4. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / EMILY MARTHA DEVALLE /
AT REST FEB: 21 1963 / AGED 72 YEARS / AND
HER DEAR HUSBAND / EDWARD DEVALLE / PASSED
AWAY DEC: 24 1975 / AGED 85 YEARS.

5. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / GEORGE ERNEST ATKIN /
WHO DIED NOV: 9th 1963 / AGED 77 YEARS / AND
HIS DEAR WIFE / ESTHER ANN ATKIN / DIED
JULY 13th 1967 / AGED 76 YEARS.

6. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / FRANK STEPHEN KNIGHT
THE DEARLY LOVED HUSBAND OF WINIFRED ENID //
WHO DIED 29th FEB. 1964 / AGED 42 YEARS / ALSO
OF DELIA ENID THEIR BELOVED DAUGHTER / WHO
DIED 28th JUNE 1967 / AGED 12 YEARS / R.I.P.

7. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / MARY ANN EVANS / DIED
4th OCT: 1964 / AGED 85 YEARS / ALSO HER
DAUGHTER MARY ANN WATTS / BELOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS HENRY / WHO DIED 30th OCT: 1970 /
AGED 65 YEARS.

8. MOUND WITH UNMARKED URN.
9. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE WITH CURB.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / OUR FATHER AND MOTHER /
HAROLD YATES / WHO DIED 24th NOV: 1964 / AGED
72 YEARS / ALSO HIS WIFE EMILY JANE / DIED
21st JULY 1977 / AGED 80 YEARS / REUNITED.
10. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / NORA MARGERY / DEARLY LOVED
WIFE OF / JOHN JAMES WHO PASSED AWAY 11th JAN: 1966/
AGED 57 YEARS.
11. MOUND.
12. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JAMES HENRY SHIPLEY / DEARLY
LOVED HUSBAND OF ALICE / AND DEVOTED FATHER OF
MAUREEN AND TOM / WHO DIED 10th JAN: 1967 / AGED
54 YEARS / FOREVER WITH THE LORD /
VASE INSCRIBED - STEVEN THOMAS DALE AGED 5 MONTHS.
13. VASE INSCRIPTION.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / DAVID GOODALL / DIED JUNE 20th
1969 / AGED 60 YEARS.
14. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN / LOVING MEMORY OR / IVY FRANCES MORRALL /
1910 - 1974 / AND RICHARD MORRALL / 1905-1978.
15. SMALL FLAT STONE WITH VASE.
FRANCES MAY PARR / DIED 3rd NOV: 1974/
AGED 79 YEARS.
16. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF / JOHN THOMAS GRIFFITHS /
DIED DECEMBER 22nd 1974 / AGED 68 YEARS / REST
IN PEACE.
17. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
DOROTHY C. BATHER / SEPT 14th 1901- JULY 14th 1976.
THEY SHALL BE MINE SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS / IN THAT
DAY WHEN I MAKE UP MY JEWELS.

18. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
MARY HELEN BUDGEN / AUG:23rd 1899-FEB:18th 1978.
HER CHILDREN ARISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED
PROVERBS 31 V 28.

19. MOUND.

20. UPRIGHT HEADSTONE.
WILLIAM CLEMENT SARGEANT / DIED 3rd APRIL 1979/
AGED 82 YEARS.

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*New Burial Ground
Entrance Gate*



New Burial Ground

NEW BURIAL GROUND.

(Near Wall).

1. WOODEN CROSS - B. RAVENSCROFT.
2. UNOCCUPIED.
3. MOUND.
4. UNOCCUPIED.
5. IN / LOVING / MEMORY / ALICE MAY MORGAN
PASSED AWAY / SEPTEMBER 16th 1981 / AGED 81
YEARS / REST IN PEACE.
6. MOUND.
7. UNOCCUPIED.
8. "
9. MOUND.
10. UNOCCUPIED.
11. "
12. "
13. "

OTHER SIDE OF PATH (CREMATIONS).

RUTH ALISON / PEARSON / 2nd MARCH - 30th April 1979/

TWO UN-NAMED - WITH FLOWER VASE.

Blanche Mary Ravenscroft, the Village Postwoman, was for many years a staunch member of Colton Women's Institute, Press Correspondent for the W.I. and for the Village itself. She faithfully reported every news item to the local newspaper for 20 years.

She was a member of the Village Produce Guild and its Treasurer for 19 years, The Flower Club, Village Hall Committee, and was Secretary to the V.P.G. and W.I. Show Committee. A regular Churchgoer all her life she was constantly involved in Church affairs, and was a member of the Mothers' Union.

Blanche was also actively engaged as a Parish Councillor, and while serving as Chairman of that Body she was featured on Esther Rantzen's T.V. Programme "That's Life". An article in a National Magazine described her as "the Heart of Colton, as well as its eyes and ears."

On April 1st 1980, Blanche was tragically killed in a road accident while on her Post round. Hers was the first burial to take place in the recently consecrated New Burial Ground administered by Colton Parish Council.

Ivy Preston.

A BRIEF LOOK AT A FAMILY'S CONNECTION WITH COLTON CHURCH.

My grandparents and their small son arrived in Colton in August 1906.

They immediately joined the congregation at the Parish Church and soon began to serve it in many ways.

My father became a member of the choir, and when in 1921 the first Parochial Church Council was formed, my grandfather became a founder member. In 1930 he took office as Parish Clerk. This involved attending all services held in church and generally preparing the church for services, and in particular caring for the Altar.

He continued as a member of the Parochial Church Council and as Parish Clerk until his death in 1944.

My father became a member of the Parochial Church Council the night before I was born and then in 1949 he too took office as Parish Clerk. He undertook the duties of Parish Clerk until his death in 1961.

What a host of memories I have of assisting my father in his duties. We dismantled the small brass candlesticks twice a year for cleaning, and once I found a dead bat in a candle cup.

We collected evergreens from the Bellamour Estate for Christmas and Easter decorations.

I had mud above my wellingtons more than once. We collected sheaves of corn for our unique corn plaiting from the ever generous farmers in the Parish, but the deepest and clearest memory is of the levelling of the Churchyard. Each stone was numbered and marked on a plan, and some were unearthed from beneath layers of grass. Can you imagine the grass there as tall as me? Well it was until the men got to work in the summer of 1958. Long Saturdays were worked by electric lights until midnight on many occasions; those men worked fortified by food and drink from the Rectory. Gradually the churchyard developed into the pleasing sight we have today.

By now I was an adult and I became a member of the Parochial Church Council, and for some years I was its Secretary. In 1966 I became only the third lady Churchwarden in Colton's long history. I even made history in 1971 when our son was born. The then Bishop of Lichfield had never known a lady Churchwarden produce a child whilst holding office. Last year I ceased to be a Churchwarden, but together with my husband and my sister I am still a member of the Parochial Church Council. Three generations of members of my family form an unbroken chain from 1921 to 1982

in their membership of this body.

Of the future we know not, but our son is to be confirmed here at Colton in the Autumn, and so the years roll on. Perhaps one day he too will serve his church as his family have done in the past.

Dorothy A. Bradbury.

Elegy written in a country churchyard.

The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds;

Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tow'r
The mopeing owl does to the moon complain
Of such, as wand'ring near her secret bow'r,
Molest her ancient solitary reign.

Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade,
Where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude Forefathers of the hamlet sleep.

The breezy call of incense-breathing Morn,
The swallow twitt'ring from the straw built shed,
The cock's shrill clarion, or the echoing horn
No more shall rouse them from their lowly bed.

For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn,
Or busy housewife ply her evening care;
No children run to lisp their sire's return,
Or climb his knees the envied kiss to share.

Oft did the harvest to their sickle yield,
Their furrow oft the stubborn glebe has broke;
How jocund did they drive their team afield!
How bow'd the woods beneath their sturdy stoke!

THOMAS GRAY (1716 - 1771).