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THE
MONUMENTAL
INSCRIPTIONS

IN THE
Parish Church of S. Michael, Coventry,

TOGETHER WITH
DRAWINGS OF ALL THE ARMS FOUND THEREIN.

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“The memory of the just is blessed.”

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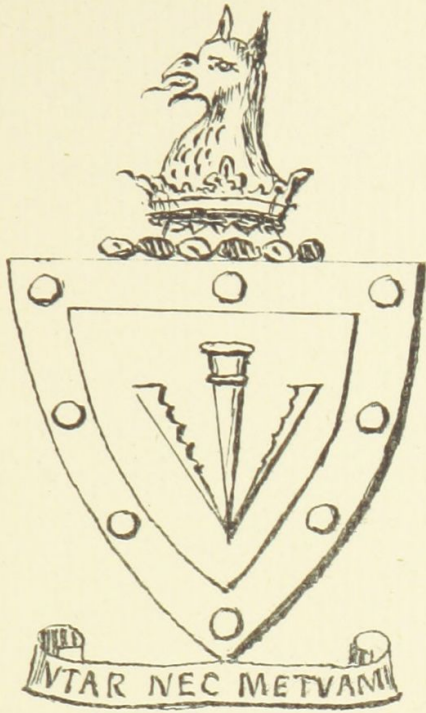
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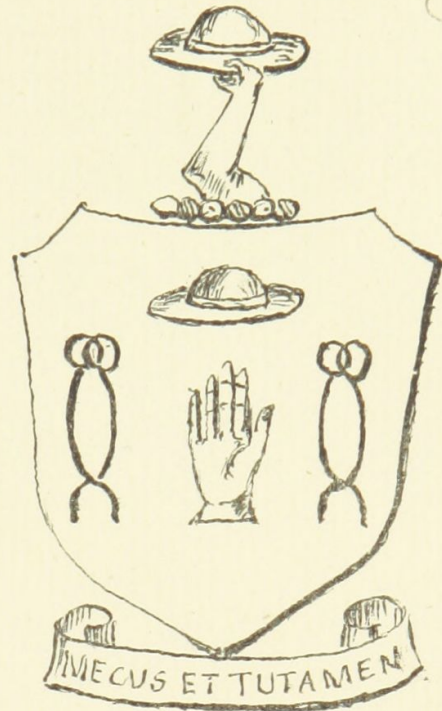
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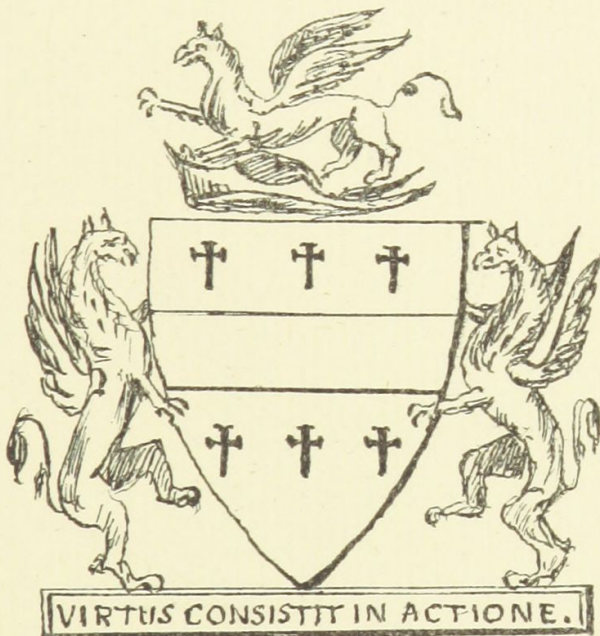
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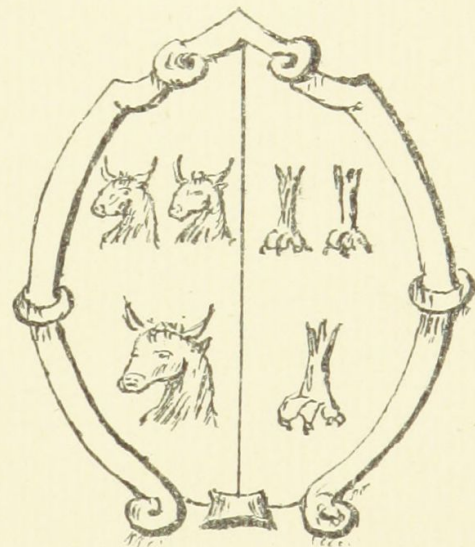
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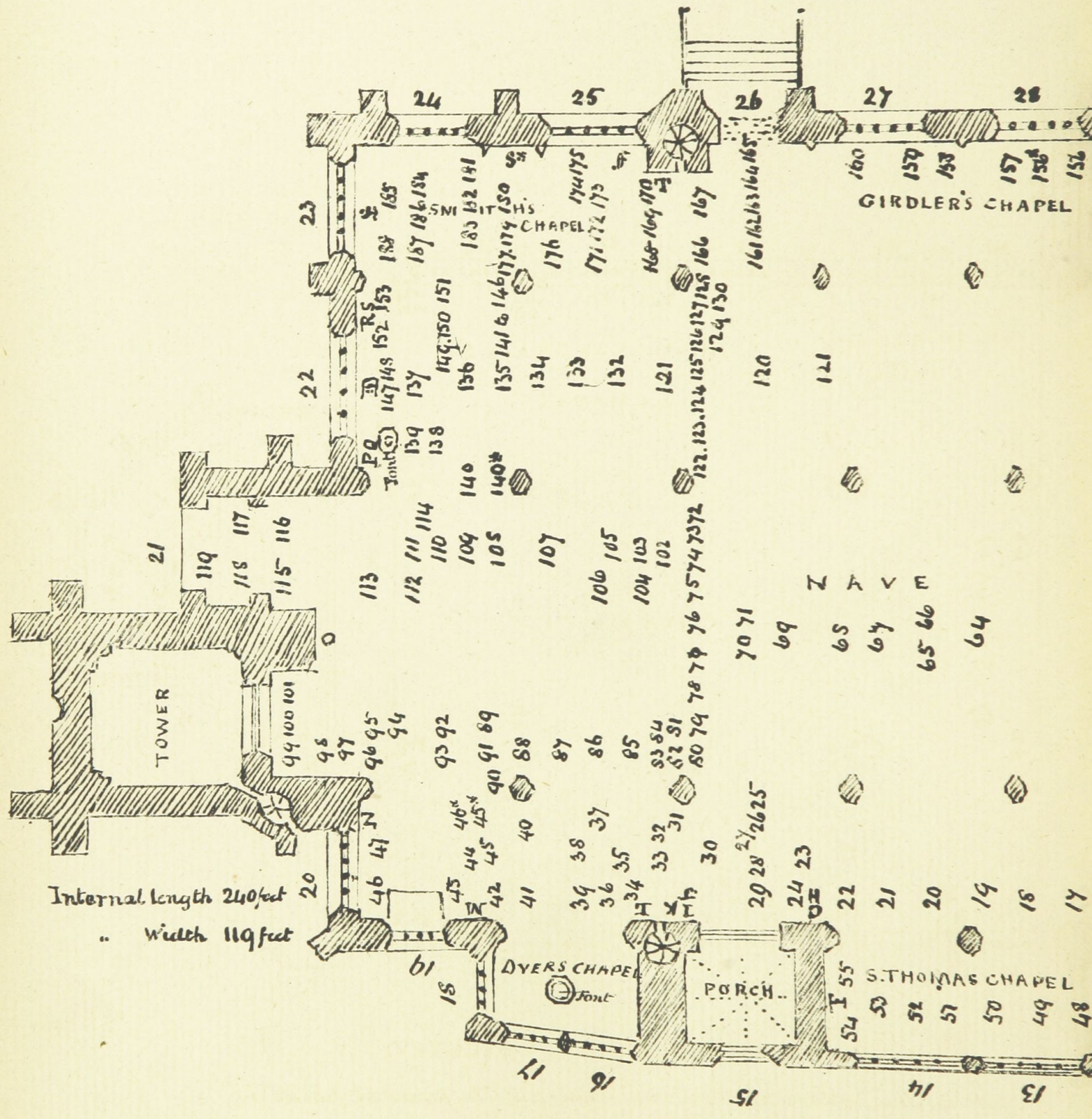
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GIRDLER'S CHAPEL

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DYERS CHAPEL

S. THOMAS CHAPEL

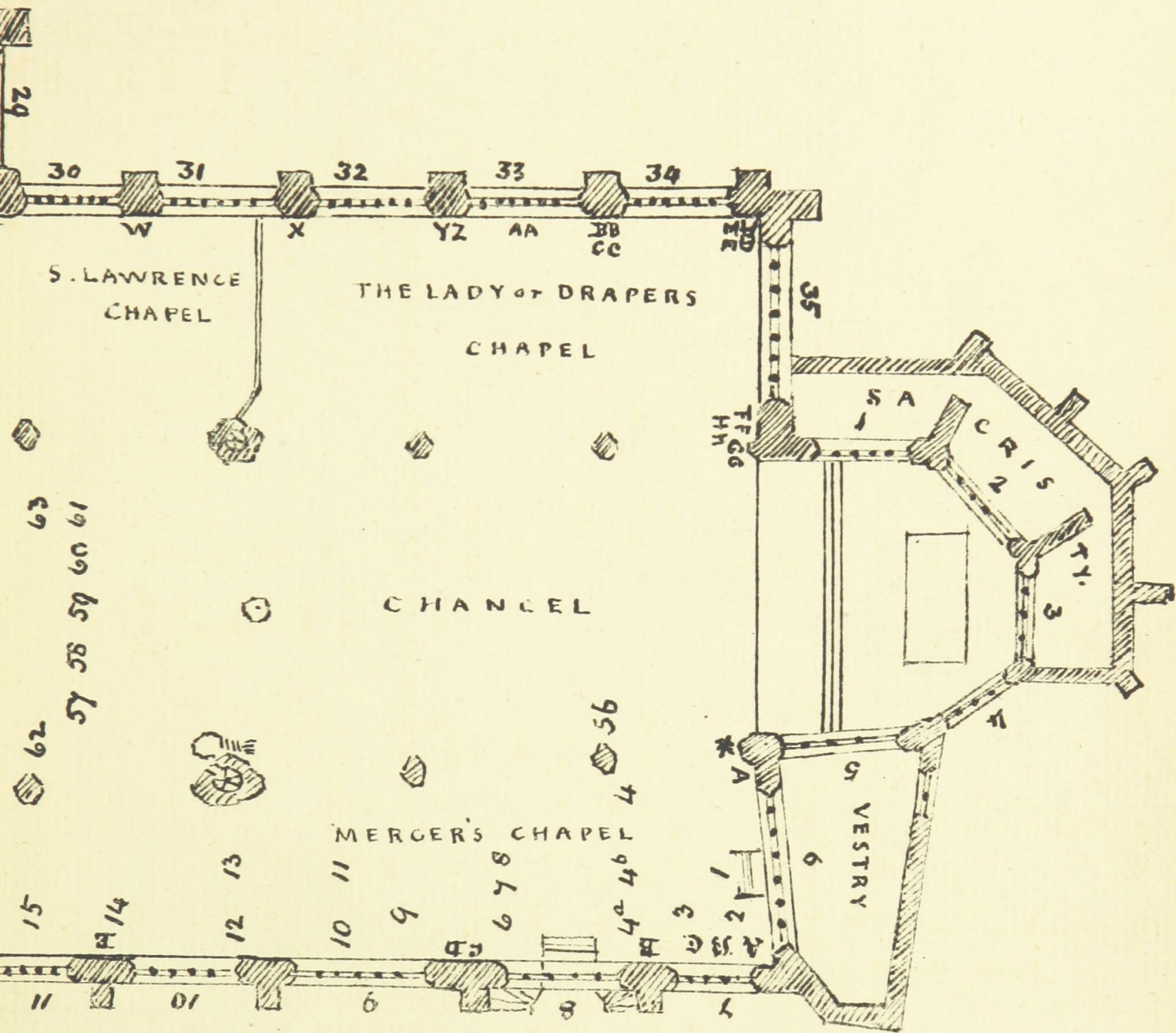
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S. MICHAEL'S CHURCH. COVENTRY.

N.B. The Letters and Figures indicate the present position of all the various Memorials.



Memorials of the Dead

IN S. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, COVENTRY.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.

THE five windows forming an apse in the East are large and of noble proportions; they have three tiers of four compartments each, the rich tracery occupying more than one third of the whole area. The North and South windows, No. I. and V.,* are filled with the old stained glass taken from the others (the two lower tiers of which were formerly blocked up with brick) and from some of the clerestory windows, but as they are not monumental windows, I refrain from further description of them.

They are not the less worthy of careful inspection, as there will be found many fragments of armorial shields, merchant marks, inscriptions and portions of figures which indicate the scriptural character of the whole design.

* The number placed before the description of each window refers the reader to its position. On the plan of the church it is placed outside, opposite to the window.

II. (NORTH EAST.)

Our Lord in Majesty, the Four Evangelists, Cherubin, Seraphin, and angels.

The Annunciation.—S. Luke, 1st chap., v. 26 to 38.

The Nativity.—S. Luke, 2nd chap., v. 7 to 14.

The Presentation in the Temple, S. Luke, 2nd chap. v. 22.

The Baptism of our Lord by John.—S. Matt., 3rd chap., v. 16 and 17.

The Miracle in Cana of Galilee.—S. John, 2nd chap., v. 7 to 10.

Choosing the Twelve.—S. Mark, 3rd chap., v. 13 and 14

Stilling the Tempest.—S. Mark, 4th chap., v. 39.

Raising Jairus' Daughter.—S. Mark, 5th chap., v. 41 and 42.

Feeding the Multitude.—S. Matt. 14th chap., v. 19 and 20.

The Good Samaritan.—S. Luke, 10th chap., v. 33 and 34.

Raising of Lazarus.—S. John, xi. chap., v. 43 and 44.

The Prodigal Son.—S. Luke, 15th chap., v. 21.

III. (EAST.)

Angel bearing the Symbol of the Trinity, Angels, Archangels, Cherubin, and Seraphin.

Entry into Jerusalem.—S. Matt., 21st chap., v. 6 to 11.

Our Lord with Simon the Leper in Bethany.—S. Mark, 14th chap. v. 3.

Our Lord Washing the Disciples' Feet.—S. John, 13th chap., v. 4 and 5.

Institution of the Lord's Supper.—S. Luke, 22nd chap., v. 19 and 20.

The Agony in the Garden.—S. Luke, 22nd chap., v. 41 to 44.

The Betrayal.—S. Luke, 22nd chap., v. 47 and 48.

The Mocking.—S. Mark, 15th chap., v. 17, 18, 19.

Ecce Homo.—S. John, 19th chap., v. 5 and 6.

Our Lord on His way to Calvary.—S. John, 19th chap. v. 17.

The Crucifixion.—S. John, 19th chap., v. 18.

The Descent from the Cross.—S. John, 19th chap., v. 38.

The Entombment.—S. John, 19th chap., v. 39 and 40.

IV. (SOUTH EAST.)

Angels, Cherubin and Seraphin, and four great Doctors of the Church—
Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory.

Watching at the Tomb.—S. Matt., 27th chap., v. 65 and 66.

Women at the Sepulchre.—S. Luke 23rd chap., v. 55.

The Resurrection.—S. Luke, 24th chap., v. 6.

Our Lord Appearing to Mary.—S. John, 20th chap., v. 16.

Our Lord Appearing to Simon.—S. Luke, 24th chap., v. 34.

Journey to Emmaus.—S. Luke, 24th chap., v. 13 to 15.

Our Lord Appearing to the Disciples.—S. John, 20th chap., v 19.

Our Lord Appearing to S. Thomas and the Disciples.—S. John, 20th,
chap., v. 27.

Our Lord at the Sea of Tiberias.—S. John, 21st chap., v. 6.

Our Lord Appearing to S. Peter and other Disciples.—S. John, 21st
chap., v. 2.

Our Lord Appearing to the Sons of Zebedee.—S. John, 21st chap. v. 2.

The Ascension.—S. Luke, 24th chap., v. 51.

On the wall close to the Vestry door is a brass having the following
inscription:—

“The three easternmost windows of this apse have been filled with stained glass
to the glory of Almighty God, and in memory of Adelaide, Queen Dowager,
widow of his Majesty, King William IV. The centre window was the gift of
the Right Honourable E. Ellice, M.P., as a memorial of his long connection
with the City of Coventry as one of its representatives in Parliament.”

The cost of 2, 3, and 4, was raised by public subscription, and were
erected in 1853. Messrs. O’Conner were the artistes.

The Right Honourable Edward Ellice represented the **City of Coventry**,
in twelve Parliaments, from the year 1818 to the date of his death,
September 17, 1863. In 1826 he was defeated by the Conservatives.
Under Lord Grey’s Administration, 1833, he was made Secretary at War.
A life-size portrait of him is to be seen at the School of Art.

VI.

The window over the Vestry door at the east end of the Mercers' Chapel has seven compartments; in each two figures. The centre, Almighty God and S. Michael; on the one hand, SS. John, Philip, James the less, Simon, Matthias, and Thaddeus; on the other hand, SS. Peter, Andrew, James the greater, Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, the tracery being filled with sacred emblems. Below the window is a brass, 7 feet by 7 inches, with this inscription:—

“To the honour and glory of Almighty God and to the memory of Major-General Adams, C.B., of Anstey Hall, who died at Scutari, the 19th of December, 1854, aged 49, of wounds received at the battle of Inkerman. He commanded the 18th Royal Irish during the war in China, in 1840, and the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, at Alma, and the siege of Sebastopol. This window is erected by the inhabitants of this City and neighbourhood.”

Artists: Heaton & Butler.

He was the Son of H. Cadwallader Adams, first Mayor of the reformed Corporation, 1835; for his gallantry he was Knighted, but the patent of his creation not arriving in the Crimea until after his death, Lady Adams was permitted the title during her life.

VII. (NORTH SIDE OF MERCERS' CHAPEL.)

In the upper quatrefoil is the pelican. The subject is the Birth, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord. The figures in the first compartment are the Holy Child Jesus, S. Joseph, and the Virgin Mother, with angels and doves. Inscription—

“Unto us a child is born.”

2nd Compartment: Taking the Body from the Cross—

“Then they took the body of Jesus.”

3rd Compartment: Our Saviour rising from the tomb, and soldiers—

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

4th Compartment: The Ascension, with Apostles—

“I go to prepare a place for you.”

The four panels at the foot of the figures contain the Ark on the Waters, and Rising Sun; Palm Branches and Crown; the Eagle or Phoenix rising from its own ashes; and Dove upon the waters. Inscription at foot—

“To the glory of God, and in memory of William Lowe, of this parish, who entered into rest, March 6, 1868. This window is erected by his widow, Ellen Ralphs Lowe.”

VIII.

In the tracery are two quatrefoils—Angels with lamps burning; in the upper one, the Lamb and Flag. The subjects of this window are from the Parables of our Lord. In the first compartment: The Parable of the Talents; the Master and his good Servants; and the One with the One Talent only. Inscription—

“ Well done good and faithful Servant.”

2nd Compartment: The Good Samaritan; the Wounded Man, with Priest and Levite passed on—

“ When He said he that had compassion on him.”

3rd Compartment: The Publican and Pharisee in the Temple—

“ This man went down to his house justified rather than the other.”

4th Compartment: The Pearl of Great Price; the seller holding the pearl between his fingers, and the purchaser with a bag of money; two others looking on—

“ When he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

At the foot of 1, 2, and 3 compartments, the panels are coloured geometrical forms. The fourth contains the arms of Thomas Sharp.

(plate 1.) On a shield azure, within a bordure or, charged with eight roundlets a pheon argent. Crest, an Eagle's head erased, ducally gorged, or, holding in the mouth a pheon arg. Motto “ Vtar nec metvam.”

“ To the glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Sharp, who entered into rest, 12th August, 1841, aged 71 years.”

Artists: Heaton and Butler. Erected at the cost of the late John Wyley, of this City.

This industrious antiquary, born Nov. 7, 1770, was educated at the Free Grammar School; at the death of his father, 1784, he continued the business of a hatter at the house in Smithford Street, known as Peeping Tom house (now at the corner of Hertford Street and part of the King's

Head Hotel), he was Churchwarden from 1810 to 1817. He died at Leamington, and was buried in the new burial ground of S. Michael's Church, Coventry—his monument there bears the following inscription, written by his friend Mr. Geo. Eld.

“Underneath rest the remains of | Thomas Sharp | in grateful record for the memory of whom | this tomb is erected by his family. | He was distinguished for his literary attainments, | and particularly for the zeal and ability | with which he devoted himself | to elucidate the antiquities of this (his native) city | Beloved by his friends, and respected by his fellow citizens, | he departed this life in his 71st year | 12th August, 1841.

(The Arms in the window are wrongly tinctured.)

IX.

In the upper quatrefoil is the Paschal Lamb. The subject is carried through the four compartments of this window, viz. “The Parable of the Ten Virgins,” there are the figures of the five wise and five foolish Virgins, the form of the eleventh figure “is like unto the Son of God.”

The inscription at base runs—

“Then shall the Kingdom of heaven—be likened unto ten virgins who took their lamps—and went with them to meet the Bridegroom—and five of them were wise and five were foolish.”

It was designed and executed by Messrs. Hardman, of Birmingham, May, 1869.

Placed on the wall below the window is a brass tablet



“To the Glory of God this window was erected in this Church, by Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah Lea of this parish. A.D. MDCCCLXXI.”

Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah Lea were sisters of H. LEA, Esqre., whose death is recorded by the next window.

Miss Sarah Lea died 17th Feb., 1873, Miss Mary, 17th Aug., 1876, and Miss Elizabeth, 30th July, 1882; they were buried in the family vault, situated in the pathway through the churchyard, near to the North door of the Church.

X.

In the upper space in the tracery is an Angel bearing a scroll—

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

In the four compartments are SS. Stephen, Mark, Luke and Paul, at the foot of each respectively are square panels, the stoning of S. Stephen—

“Lord lay not this sin to their charge.”

S. Mark preaching—

“At Salamis they preached the word of God.”

S. Luke with other disciples—

“These are the servants of the most high God.”

S. Paul preaching—

“Is not this he that destroyed them.”

On a brass beneath—

“This window was erected by the Churchwardens and vestrymen of this parish to the memory of the late H. Lea esqre who bequeathed 1,000 pounds to the church for ever.”

The window was executed by J. Bell, Bristol, 1859.

H. Lea, Esqre., was a member of the firm of Troughton and Lea, practising as solicitors in this City. He died Dec. 31, 1854, aged 69, as recorded on a mural tablet in the Lady Chapel of this Church; he was buried in the family vault in the churchyard near to the North door.

XI.

In the tracery are the heads of the three Mary's, the four compartments contain figures as explained by the inscriptions at the foot of each—viz.

“I was hungry and ye gave me bread.”

“I was naked and ye clothed me.”

“I was a stranger and ye took me in.”

“I was sick and ye visited me.”

beneath the panel is the inscription—

“Erected 1862 by Thomas Soden, Mayor,—and his six children to the honour and glory—of Almighty God and in memory of—Elizabeth a beloved wife and mother died 1861.

This window was designed by Jas. Murray, of Coventry, and executed by Heaton and Butler, of London.

The late Thomas Soden was an Alderman of this City, and Mayor in the years 1861 and 1862, he was a staunch Churchman and Conservative. He died Feb. 8, 1868, and was buried in the Cemetery.

S. THOMAS' CHAPEL.

XII.—(EAST.)

Two uppermost panels in the tracery, "The raising of Lazarus from the tomb, and the Evangelists in the four lower ones. The four larger divisions of the window each contain two subjects, viz., the type and antitype. 1st, Moses with the tables of stone—

"These are the words which the Lord hath commanded that ye should observe them."

Virgin and Child with Joseph and adoring angels kneeling—

"For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

2nd, Moses striking the rock—

"And thou shalt strike the rock and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink."

Christ at the well with the Samaritan woman—

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

3rd, Passage of the Red Sea—

"Our fathers were under a cloud and all passed through the sea and were all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

Baptism of our Lord—

"For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ."

4th, Gathering of the Manna—

"Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness and are dead."

Christ sitting at supper with two of the disciples—

"I am the true bread which came down from heaven."

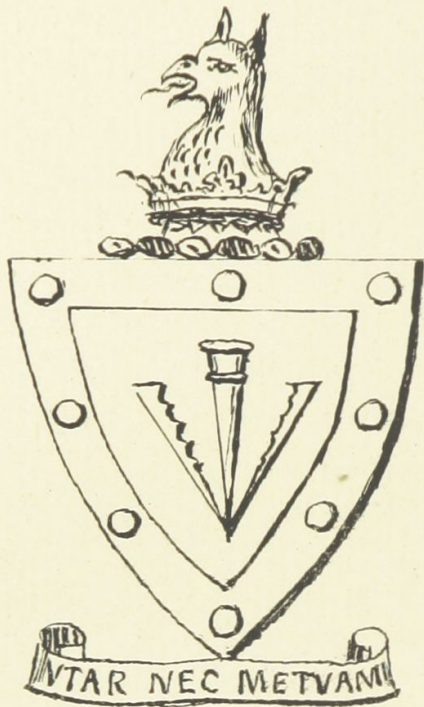
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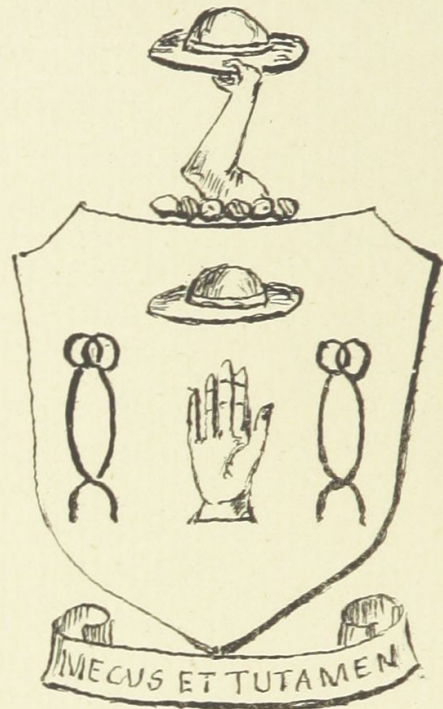
"To the glory of God and in memory of William Spooner A.M. late Archdeacon of Coventry this memorial is raised by the Vicar, and Churchwardens of this parish, and private friends to perpetuate the memory of his many public and private virtues and to record the zeal he displayed in the restoration of this Church. He entered into eternal rest 1857."

This window was erected towards the end of 1860.

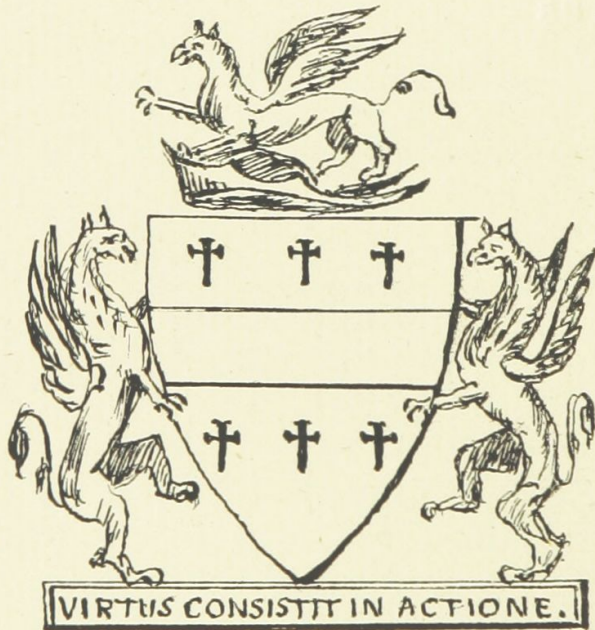




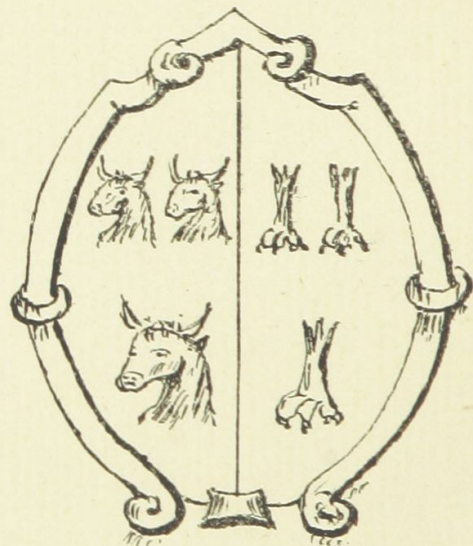
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“He was born 1778, the sixth child of Isaac Spooner, of Elmdon Hall, Warwick, and brother to Richard Spooner, M.P., and Banker of Birmingham. Mr. Wm. Spooner was educated at Rugby School, and proceeded to S. John’s College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1803. He was made Archdeacon by Dr. Ryder, the last Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry. The Archdeacon was buried in Elmdon Church, where there is a monument to his memory.

XIII.

Only the centre panel of this window has stained glass, the subject of which is the three Maries at the Tomb. Upon the panel at the foot is written—

“To the glory of God and in loving memory of John Royle of this city who departed this life Nov. 9 1866 aged 60 years this window was erected by his widow Mary Ann Royle. I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord.”

The design and execution is by Hardman, Birmingham.

Mr. Royle practised as a solicitor in this City for many years; he left a sum of money to the church, which is recorded on the basement of the handsome brass lectern.

XIV. & XV. (Blank)

(A window in the Capper’s room, over the South porch, in which are the arms of the Company, (plate 1) is not commemorative.)

XVI. XVII. XVIII.

(DYER’S OR MOURNER’S CHAPEL.)

In windows 16 and 17 (South side) are the figures of SS. Jerome, Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory, Alban, Lawrence, Margaret, and Catherine; in 18 (West) the four baptisms by SS. John, Philip, Peter and Paul. The inscription commences at the third panel of 16—

“In thankfulness to God | and in remembrance of | Richard Caldicott J.P. | of this City and of | Hannah his wife, their | grateful children have | erected these windows | of this baptistery | 1871.”

The glass is by Messrs. Heaton and Butler.

Richard Caldicott was an Alderman and Magistrate of the City, and also Mayor in 1847. Mrs. Caldicott died April 17, 1864, aged 69, and he died Feb. 25, 1871, aged 74; both were buried in the Coventry Cemetery.

XIX.

Over the South Western door is a small window of twelve compartments, containing the figures of our Saviour, the blessed Virgin, and four Evangelists: the lower six are SS. Anna, Peter, Joseph, John Baptist, Paul, and Mary Magdalene. The label reads—

“ In memory of Thomas Frederick Banbury, | of Elizabeth Banbury his mother,
and | Charlotte Sarah his wife, also of | Caroline Haslock his sister in law 1874.”

Alderman Banbury died Nov. 9, 1862, aged 77, and Mr. Banbury, Dec. 17, 1879, aged 84, and were buried in the Cemetery; he was an Alderman and Magistrate of the City, and held the office of Mayor three times, in 1836, 1845, and 1846. He was Churchwarden in 1828.

XX. (WEST WINDOW OF SOUTH AISLE.)

In the upper compartments are the figures of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The four lower compartments of the window have for their subjects :—1st. The Good Samaritan :

“ Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.”

2nd. The Parable of the Vineyard :

“ He saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?”

3rd. The Good Steward :

“ His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

4th. Parable of the Talents :

“ Unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one.”

The inscription at the foot of the window is as follows :—

“ To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eusebius Holmes and Mary Crutchlow, this window was placed in this church by their only children, Mary Ellen Edwards and Elizabeth Holmes Crutchlow, MDCCCLXXIV.
In Pace et in Christo.”

This window is by Messrs. Hardman, Birmingham, and was erected February, 1875.

Mr. Crutchlow died Oct. 10, 1873, Mrs. Crutchlow, March 17, 1860, and were buried in the Cemetery.

Mr. Crutchlow was a member of the City Council for some years, and Churchwarden 1857-8-9.

XXI.

Over western door—coloured Geometric glass.

XXII.

The five compartments are occupied by subjects from the Old and New Testaments, illustrative of the women of the Bible, viz., the death of Abraham's wife, Sarah, Elkanah visiting Samuel in the Temple, Naomi and Ruth, Elizabeth and S. John Baptist, and the presentation of Christ in the Temple by His mother. The tracery is filled with conventual foliage and figures of the prophets Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Malachi, Amos, Ezekiel, Micah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, surmounted by the head of our Saviour. On a brass beneath is recorded—

“This window is erected to the glory of God, and in memory of the late Mrs. Ann Tatlock of this city who died on the 19th of May 1876 in the hundredth year of her age.”

The window is the work of Messrs. Hardman, of Birmingham, and was erected October, 1877.

She was buried in the church near to the South Chancel door, as recorded on a flat stone. At the present this is the last interment in the church.

XXIII. XXIV. XXV.

XXVI.

Two small windows over the North porch, the subject taken from the “Te Deum,” is four angels bearing scrolls—

“We praise Thee, O God,
We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee,
The Father everlasting.”

On a marble tablet between the windows is inscribed—

“To the honour and glory of Almighty God and in memory of Elizabeth wife of Henry Masters of this City who died Nov. 22 1859.”

Mr. Henry Masters, a draper of this City, was Churchwarden 1860.

XXVII. XXVIII.

XXIX.

(EAST END OF GIRDLERS' CHAPEL.)

A window of five compartments, the three centre ones the Resurrection of Christ, the two outer ones the unbelief of S. Thomas, and the Virgin Mary at the tomb, in the tracery are Apostles and Martyrs with sacred monogram.

Mr. John Ward contributed largely to the erection of this window.

Mr. Ward was churchwarden of the parish during the years 1855 to 1866, a period of eleven years, during which much important and lasting work was done to the Church.

XXX.

S. LAWRENCE CHAPEL.

The fourteen compartments of this window represent the Fall of Man, from his expulsion from the Garden of Eden to the curse of Canaan. Beneath each subject is a text. The tracery has Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. At the foot of the window the label reads—

“Erected to the honour and glory of | Almighty God and in memory of |
William Wilmot | of this City died | January 8 1860 aged 51.”

W. Wilmot, esqre, was the last member of an old Coventry family, he practised as a Solicitor, and was Mayor 1858. Clerk to the County Magistrates for many years, and agent to the Marquis of Hertford. He was buried in Allesley Churchyard.

XXXI.

In fourteen compartments are represented incidents from the lives of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, from the separation of Abraham from Lot to Jacob's sleep at Bethel, there are texts at the foot of each panel. In the tracery there is the tower of Babel, the destroying angel, and diffusion of tongues. The label at the foot of window has—

“Erected to the honour and glory of | Almighty God and in memory of | Charles
Dresser of this city, a | zealous churchwarden who | was mainly instrumental in
| establishing a third service in | this church. Died April 30 1862 aged 45.”

On a brass plate beneath the window is engraved—

“The above window was placed here | to the memory of Charles Dresser |
who died April 30 1862 Aged 45.”

Mr. Charles Dresser was a silk merchant, and Mayor of the City, 1857, he was also Churchwarden 1851-2.

XXXII.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY, OR DRAPERS' CHAPEL.

In the tracery of this window is a genealogical tree of the house of David. In the upper panel are the arms of the Earl of Craven (plate 1). Arg, a fesse between six cross crosslets, fitchee, gu. Crest—on a chapeau purple, turned up erm, a griffin, statant, wings elevated, and endorsed of the last, beaked, or. Supporters—Two griffins, erm. Motto, "Virtus in actione consistit." Entwining the shield is a ribbon, "William Craven, second Earl Craven." The fourteen panels are illustrations of the life of King David, with appropriate texts. The inscription band reads thus—

"To the glory of God | and in memory of William | second Earl of Craven | and eighth baron Craven | who departed this life | Aug. 25, 1866 | aged 57 years. | This window was given by his son, the present Earl."

William, Earl of Craven, was descended from Sir Wm. Craven, Knt., Lord Mayor of London, 1611, he married Lady E. M. Grimston, second daughter of the first Earl of Verulam—residence Combe Abbey, Coventry, and Ashdown Park, Berks.

XXXIII.

The glass of this window was exhibited as a work of Art in glass staining at the Great Exhibition in London, 1851, and was placed here by the parishioners in memory of the late Prince Consort. In the upper part are the arms of Prince Albert quartering the English Royal Arms. The fourteen large compartments represent incidents in the life of Moses from birth to death. The dedication label has—

"In memory of the | great and good | Albert | Emanuel | Prince Consort | who entered into | immortality | Dec. 14th 1861."

XXXIV.

The subject of this window is taken from the life of Solomon, the texts will indicate the character of the representation in each of the fourteen panels—

"Solomon is | proclaimed King. | Solomon buildeth the | temple. | King Solomon's Judgment. | The Queen of Sheba | heareth Solomon's wisdom. | Solomon dedicateth the Temple. | Solomon falleth into idolatry."

In the tracery is the Ark, Kings Solomon and Hiram, and Hiram Abiif.

The label at foot of this window reads—

“The gift of | Henry William | Eaton esqre | Member | of Parliament to the |
City of Coventry | MDCCLXIX.”

To the initiated this window will be of special interest, the donor being a Past Warden of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England.

H. W. Eaton, Esqre., was first elected, in the Conservative interest, as Member of Parliament for this City, in June, 1865, upon the death of Sir Joseph Paxton; in July, same year, upon a dissolution, he was returned with Mr. Morgan Treherne; upon the dissolution in 1868, he was again elected with Mr. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C.; in 1874 (Feb. 5) with Mr. H. M. Jackson. In 1880, Sir H. Jackson and Mr. Wills, both liberals, were returned, but on the retirement of Sir H. Jackson, and his immediate death, Mr. Eaton was again elected. Long may he continue his honourable post. In July, 1871, Mr. Eaton purchased Cheylesmore park, he gave a plot of land for the Vicarage of S. Michael's parish, and also the land for the new road to the railway station.

The windows numbered XXX., XXXI., XXXII., XXXIII., XXXIV., are the work of Messrs. Heaton and Butler, of London.

XXXV.

The Eastern window of this Lady (or Drapers') Chapel, is composed of seven panels, four of which contain two figures each, viz. : Zachariah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Hosea, and Obadiah. The three centre compartments represent the Ascension of our Lord, two attendant angels, with the eleven Apostles and Holy Mother, surmounted by a scroll—

“I ascend to My Father and your Father, My God and your God.”

In the tracery are eight panels with Angels bearing shields and sacred emblems, ten other panels, scrolls, and monograms, the uppermost panel our Saviour seated in glory. A brass plate, 7 feet by 7 inches, immediately under the window records—

“To the honour and Glory of Almighty God, and in memory of Col the Hon. Francis Grosvenor Hood, who commanded the Grenadier Guards at the battle of Alma Sept 20 1854 and fell in the trenches before Sevastapcl Oct 15 1854 aged 45.”

“This window was erected by the inhabitants of this City and neighbourhood.”

Col. Francis-Grosvenor Hood, born 4th March, 1809, was the son of Lieut.-Col. Francis Wheeler Hood, who was killed on the heights of Aire, in France, 2 March, 1814, during the life time of his Father, Henry the second Viscount, his brother Samuel, succeeded to the title—the Honble. Caroline Gregory, of Stivichall, is sister to the deceased Colonel. He married Elizabeth Jane, second daughter of the late Admiral Sir Graham-Eden Hamond, Bart.

Several of the families of Wheeler and Hood are buried in a vault beneath the Girdler's Chapel, over which is a flat stone recording their names.

MONUMENTS IN STONE & BRASS ON THE WALLS.

(The position of these Monuments is shown by Roman Letters within the Plan of the Church.)

MERCER'S CHAPEL.

A.

On the Eastern wall a bas-relievo in Bath Stone, executed by Boulton, Worcester, representing Elizabeth and John Baptist. On a brass inserted in the base, is engraved—

“Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Sarah, the beloved wife of Joseph Cash, jun., died January 24th, 1863, aged 33 years.”

Mrs. Cash was the eldest daughter of the late Charles Iliffe, of this City. Mr. Cash died October 14th, 1880, aged 53 years. Both were buried in the Cemetery.

B.

A painted stone Tablet bears the following, in gilt capital letters—

“An Elegicall epitaph, made upon the death of that mirror | of women Ann Newdigate, Lady Skeffington, wife to that | true moaneing turtle Sir Richard Skeffington, Kt., & consecrat | ed to her eternall memorie by the unfeigned lover | of her vertues, Willm. Bulstrode, Knight. |

“Vertue humble, beautie chaste, pious wit,
 Husband’s honour, women’s glorye, sweetlye knit,
 And all comprised fairelye in this one,
 Sad fate hath here enshrined with this stone.
 Vertue triumph, for thou hast woon the prize ;
 Beautie teach women to be chaste & wise ;
 Make her your patterne of a vertuous life,
 Who lived & died a faire unspotted wife.
 She was the mirror of her age and dayes,
 And now the subject of transcendent prayse.
 O what a harmonye man’s life would be,
 Were women all but neare so good as she !
 Here life was such as feared no sting of death,
 But dared him by so strong undoubting faith ;
 As that he did but mildlye steale unto her,
 And gentlye whispered, as he meant to wooe her ;
 And she as gentlye yeilded straight to goe,
 Before ’twas knowne if she were dead or no ;
 Nor is she dead : her soul to heaven stept,
 The rest staves here till it awhile hath slept ;
 And her fame here still lives, & still shall wake,
 Till all good memorie shall earth forsake.
 Thrice blessed soule, wee’le not our grieffe belye,
 Wee wayle not thee, but our own destinye.
 Yet, in our loss of thee, this is our glorye,
 That ’tis thy happiness that makes us sorye.”

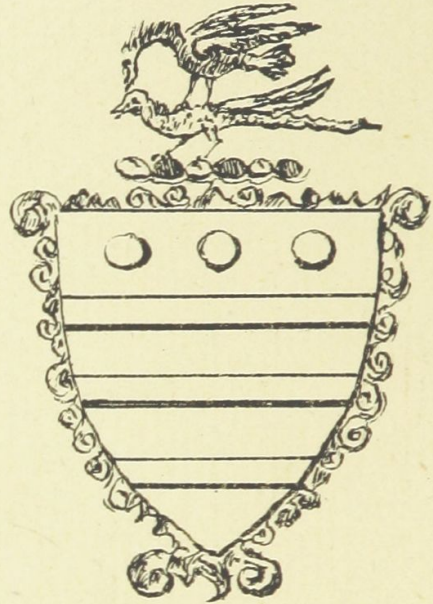
W. B.

“Obiit Maii 21. { ætatis suæ 29.
 anno Dni. 1637.”

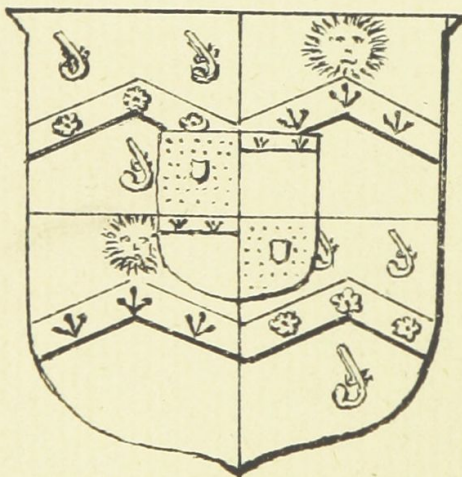
Above are the arms of Skeffington, (plate 1) Arg. three bulls heads erased sable, impaling ;—Gules, three bears paws arg. for Newdigate.



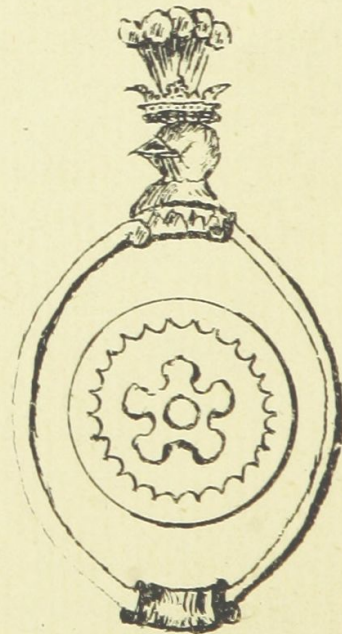
STAUNTON.



ATKINS.



HOPKINS.



ASTLEY.

C.

A white marble tablet on grey stone—

“As a token of respect | gratitude and veneration | for departed excellence | this tablet is inscribed to the memory of | Sarah widow of Charles Belcher | by her surviving children | She died at Warwick 29th day of February 1816 | in the 83rd year of her age | and was buried in the family vault of | this Church.”

There was also a flat stone in the Mercer's Chapel before the restoration of the Church, a copy of which is given hereafter.

D.

Immediately beneath the foregoing is a quaint monument with the following inscription, in old capitals, surmounted by a shield of arms, (plate ii.) :—

“Forbid not | little ones to come | unto Christ, for of such | is the kingdom of heaven. | Out of these stones shall God rayse | a childe of William Staunton, of | Staunton, in the com. of Nott., Esq, and | Anne, his wife, who hear offer | up, as holy to ye Lord, ye first fruit | of ye wombe, their eldest daughter | Fraunces, who performed hir vow | to forsake the world, anno ætatis 7 | anno Salutis 1638. This is no monument | of their grieffe, but a memorial of | that blessing, ye guift whearof | they so loved that they held even | the loss deare.—

“Deare losse, who this remaynes alone,
That we, bad parents, give a stone ;
Since destiny, as it appeares,
By method kills not, nor by years ;
And thou, who tookest our shape & breath,
Are made our auncient now in death,
Be thou our pledge to Heaven, whylst we
Haste to the grave to follow thee.”

And on a panel at the bottom of the monument—

“To live, nor know life did advance
Thy life to extasy and traunce,
And what was dreame before, past on,
Comsumated in vision :
The Tree of Knowledge, scap'd untasted, is,
Thy plea to innocence and paradise.”

This child was buried in the chancel.

E.

A large monument of blue and white marble, surmounted by a bust, beneath which are the arms (plate ii.); lower are two figures in bas relief, pointing to a scroll on which is written—

“ The prayers and blessings of little children follow him by whose benevolence they were cheered, and whose bounty yet furnishes their comforts.”

On the panel is inscribed—

“ Sacred to the memory of EDWARD ATKINS, Esq., of | LONDON, who departed this life | the XII. day of March, MDCCXCIII., Aged LX. years. | His LOSS is sincerely felt by all those | who had the HAPPINESS of his Acquaintance. | He was a kind FRIEND | and a generous BENEFACTOR | He endured a long and painful ILLNESS | with great FORTITUDE and RESIGNATION | in the firm hope of a JOYFUL | Immortality.”

He left a legacy of £500, invested in consols, to Fairfax's Charity School. This monument was formerly on the North wall of the Chancel, and also a flat stone there recording the date of his death.

F.

On the West side of S. Thomas or Capper's Chapel is a large monument in coloured marble, surmounted by a bust and two others at the top of the side panels, altogether about 15 feet high. Arms (plate ii.)

On the tomb is inscribed—

“ Near this Place lye the Remains | of RICHARD HOPKINS, Esq., and of MARY, his beloved Wife, | to the Pious Memory of Whom this Monument is erected | By the Order of their only Son, EDWARD HOPKINS; | With design to transmit to Posterity the Character of Both, | Justly allowed to them in the Age they lived in. | RICHARD was a Tender Husband, an Indulgent Father, a Sincere Friend. | A Devout Protestant, and a true Loyal Patriot; | Of the Latter He gave Proofs in the several Parliaments | In which, for many years, He Represented this City. | MARY no less possessed all the Virtues of her sex: She was Charitable, | Chaste, and Pious, a dutiful Wife, and an Affectionate Mother. | He departed this Life February 1st, 1707, in the 68th year of his age | She, October 13th, 1711, in the 63rd year of her age. |

On the centre panel of the base—

“ Here lyes also | their dutifull Son, the above-named | EDWARD HOPKINS, Esq. | A Person Eminently Distinguished | For Parts, Politeness, and all other

Amiable Qualitys ; | Who after having discharged, with Honour | The Offices |
 First, of one of the Commissioners of the Treasury, | then Secretary in Ireland, |
 And Master of the Revels there, | And having Represented the City of
 Coventry | and the Borough of Eye | In Parliament, of Great Britain, | For
 the space of two-and-twenty Years, | Pursuing the same true Interest with his
 Father, | And Imitating the Virtues of both his Parents, | Dyed January 17th,
 1735-6, in the 62nd year of his Age. |

And on the side panels —

“ Also | Anna Maria, | daughter of | Hugh Chamberlen, M.D., | of St Paul’s,
 (C. G.) Westminster, | and of Alderton Hall, in the county of Suffolk, | And
 relict of the | Rt. Hon. Edward Hopkins, | whom she survived | thirty-two
 years, | and died February the 9th, 1768, | aged 67. |

“ Also | Richard, | the eldest son of | Edwd. & Anna Maria Hopkins, | who
 served in seven | successive Parliaments of Great Britain | during thirty-eight
 years, | and filled, with honour and ability, | the post of | a Lord Commissioner
 of the Admiralty | And other Public Offices. | He died March the 18th, 1799, |
 aged 71 years.” |

Richard Hopkins represented Coventry in the reigns of Charles II. and
 William and Mary, and his son Edward in the reign of Queen Anne.

This monument was removed here from the North side of the chancel,
 and there were flat stones in the middle aisle and chancel, marking the
 place of burial of these and other members of the family.

G.

On the Eastern side of the North porch is a monument in Bath stone—

Near this spot
 are deposited the remains of
 William Perkins,
 late of Warwick,
 Who died June 6, 1821,
 Aged 47 years.
 And of
 his wife, Letitia,
 Who died October 27, 1851,
 Aged 77 years.
 Also of
 Mary Ann and Letitia,
 daughters of the above.

There was also a flat stone at the West end, recording the death of
 Thomas, William, and Letitia.

H.

Below on a stone let into the wall is a brass, 2 feet by 18 inches, formerly in the chancel, on which is the figure of a woman, in the attitude of prayer, and inscribed in capital letters—

“ Her zealous care to serve her God,
Her constant love to husband deare
Her harmeles harte to everie one
Doth live although her corps lye here,
God graunte us all while glass doth run,
To live in Christ as she hath done.

Ann Sewell, ye wife of Willm Sewell, of this Cytty vint | ner, departed this life ye 20th of Decemr. 1609, of the age of | 46 years; an humble follower of her Saviour Christ, | and a worthy stirror up of others to all Holy vertues.”

This was formerly on the North wall of the chancel.

I.

Over the door leading to the chamber above the south porch, commonly called the Capper's Chapel, is an alabaster monument recently restored by the compiler of these pages. On the top are the arms of the family (plate ii.)

Ὁ βίος βραχύς, ἡ δὲ τέχνη μακρά

“ASTLEIVS, medici proles succumbit in urna
Gentis, at *ισόθειον* non tulit ante virum
Patria, vita, genus, dot_esq. Minerva parentum
Pervaluêre dice livida fata dolent.
Cur lachrymæ sulcarent imbribus oras,
Dum petit æthereas sacrior ille domas?
Cælicolis celebs cur non celebraret Olympum!
Astrææ generi consociare licet.
Jam Mesue sileat, Myrepsus, Præpositusq. ;
Præripiat palmum pauperibusq. Pater.
Vivat & Abrahamo, sed Nomen marmore dignum
Auratum superest. aureus ABRAHAMUS.

Obiit Coventriæ, Jan. 22, Anno Domini 1662, annóq. ætatis 41.”

The following translation is as literal as the florid Latin of that period will admit :

Life is short, but art is long.

Here lieth Astley, a Physician's Son,
Under the tombstone of his ancestry ;
But never yet that ancestry produced
A man so like to the divinity.
Life, country, family, and nature's gifts,
With the renowned profession of his sire,
Have long endured and mourn his darksome death.
Wherefore should tears then furrow with their rain ;
Our eyes moist fringes : while with holier heart
He seeks the heavenly mansions of the blest ?
Why should he not with angels habit heaven,
A celibate ? For with Astroëa's race
We well may join him ? Now may Messue
Keep silence, and Myrepsus haste to snatch
The palm ; for first preferred, and 'mongst the poor
Held as a father ; still let Abraham's praise
Live ever, though to day his name doth live,
Worthy in marble, to stand characterized
A golden name, a golden Abraham.

He died in Coventry, Jan. 22, A.D. 1662, aged 41.

J.

Near to the last is a brass, 26 by 22 inches, taken from a plain stone in the floor at the West End of the Church ; it bears the following quaint inscription and arms, (plate 3) :—

“ Here lies the body of Captn. Gervase Scrope, of the family | of Scropes, of
Bolton, in the county of York, who | departed this life the 26 of August, anno
Dni. 1705, | aged 66.”

“ An Epitaph, written by himself, in the agony and dolorous paines of the gout,
and | dyed soon after.

“ Here lyes an old toss'd *Tennis Ball* :
Was racketted, from spring to fall,
With so much heat and so much hast,
Time's arm for shame grew tyred at last.

Four kings in camps he truly serued,
 And from his loyalty ne'er sweru'd,
 Father ruin'd and son slighted,
 And from the Crown ne'er requited.
 Loss of estate, relations blood,
 Was too well known, but did no good ;
 With long campaigns and paines oth' govt
 He cou'd no longer hold it out.
 Always a restless life he led,
 Never at quiet till quite dead.
 He marry'd, in his later days,
 One who exceeds the comon praise ;
 But wanting breath still to make known
 Her true affection and his own,
 Death kindly came all wants supplied
 By giving rest—which life deny'd."

K.

Above the doorway leading to the chamber, over the porch, is a brass, 18in. by 9½in., taken from a flat stone in the North aisle, engraved in capital letters:—

" Here resteth the body of Lisle Cave, | late of Horsepool, in the County of Leicester, Esq., | the 5th sonne of Francis Cave, of Baggrave, in the | same County, Doctor of Lawes, and borne at | Stanford, in the County of Northampton, wch | Lisle Cave first married Mary, ye daughter of Rob. | Sampson of Carsey, in ye County of Suff. Esq., who | died at Horsepoole, leaving him issue 4 daughters ; | and after he married Judeth, the daughter of Willm. | Porter, of Estcott, in ye County of Warwick, Esq., | by whom he had issue 2 sonnes and 4 daughters. | He dyed the 10th of Feb. 1622—1623. |

Dugdale says this brass had a coat of arms in his day, viz :—Quarterly, 1 and 4 a fret, 2 and 3 erm on a bend, three ——— erased with a greyhound in chief collared.

L.

In St. Thomas' or Dyer's Chapel, now used as a Baptistery, on the East wall is a large monument, having two bas relievo busts of females, and two lozenges of arms, (plate iii.,) and inscriptions on two panels:—

" Sacred to the memory of DAME MARY BRIDGEMAN, | Sole Daughter of Sir Thos. CAVE, | of STANFORT, in ye County of LEICESTER, Bart. |

and Relict of Sir ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN, | of Ridley, in ye County of CHESTER, Bart., | (he Deceased the 20th of April, 1701, | [aged 51,] and was buried here). She died the 8th of June, 1701, | in the 50th Year of | her age.

“ Mrs. ELIZA SAMWELL, third daughter of RICHD. SAMWELL, of GEATON, | in NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, Esq., and FRANCES his wife, | Eldest Daughter of Viscount Ld. WENMAN, of | TAME PARK, OXFORDSHIRE, and sister to Lady CAVE. | She dyed June 5, 1724, and Ordered this Monument to be Erected | as a Remembrance of their | Great and Long | Friendship.”

Sir Orlando Bridgeman, 1st Baronet, died at Teddington, 1624. His grandson, Sir Orlando Bridgeman, 3rd Baronet, lived at the ancient house in Little Park Street, which was taken down about 70 years since. He represented Coventry in the 4th, 7th, and 12th Parliaments of Queen Anne together with Edward Hopkins. Several donations to the Church are recorded from Lady Bridgeman. Sir Orlando and his wife, Lady Mary Bridgeman, Mr. Samwell, and another person probably Lisle Cave, were buried in a vault under the North side of the Church.

This monument was taken from the South wall of the Chancel.

M.

To the West of the Dyer's Chapel, a marble slab, with Bath stone surroundings, by Morgan, Birmingham, is inscribed :—

“ Sacred | to the memory of | Captain Robert Bunney, | who departed this life | October 26th, 1837, aged 49 years. | This monument was erected by his affectionate widow.”

Also
to the memory of
his widow,
Jane Bunney,
Who departed this life
Dec. 19, 1864,
Aged 67 years.

Captain Robert Bunney was Church-warden, 1828—1829.

On the West wall, near to South West door, a plain white marble slab, which reads thus:—

“Sacred to the memory of | Joseph Massey O’Keeffe, | of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, | who died in Coventry, June 1st, 1861, | aged 36 years. | The deceased served in the Regiment for upwards | of 18 years, and was with it in the Crimean War of 1854 and 1855, | including the battles of Balaclava, Inkerman, the | Tchernaya, and the siege and taking of Sebastopol | This tablet is erected by the Officers, Non-com. | Officers, and Men of his (F.) troop, to the memory of | a true comrade, and a good soldier.”

O.

On a tablet, immediately behind the organ, is the following English and Latin inscription, now nearly effaced by age. This and many others are gilt letters on a blue stone, and any attempt to clean them results in the whole being entirely rubbed off; the arms, (plate iii.) are not now there, but evidently these have been as Dugdale records them:—

“Here lieth the body of Mrs. FRANCES BROOKE, mother of Mr. JOHN BROOKE, who departed this life the 3rd day of November, 1692, being aged 74 years.”

Memento mori, & in æternum non peccabis.

“Hic jacet | JOHANNES BROOKE, Civis Coventriensis, | illustri familia ortus, divini numinis cultor, | castissimus Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ filius, | obsequentissimus amicus, veterum nulli | postponendus, ingens Civitatis suæ | ornamentum; quem, ingemiscentibus | bonis Omnibus, ætatis flore Mors | inexorabilis abripuit, 4to die Sextilis, | Anno Dom. 1679. | Jam satura es certe, mors invida, victima namque | ingenium, pietas, hictibi sacra jacet.” |

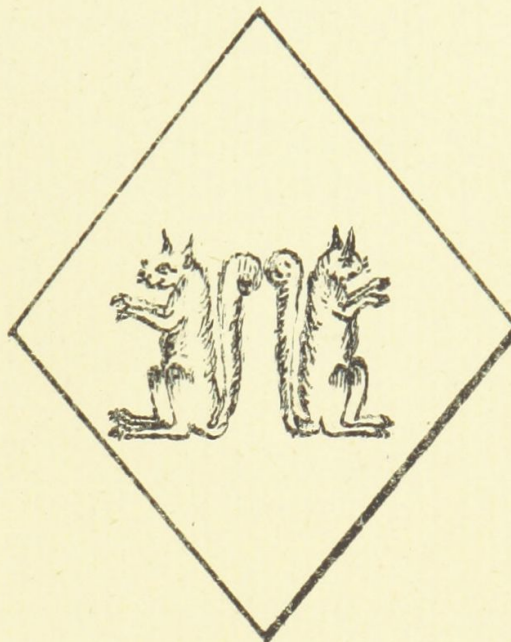
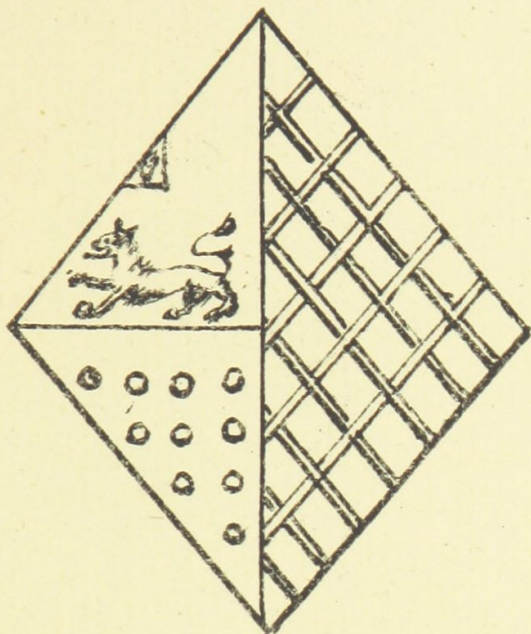
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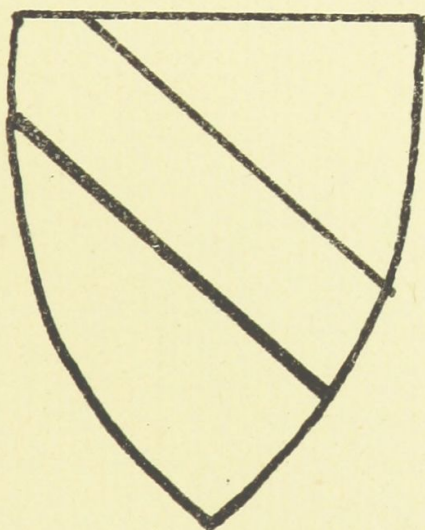
“Remember thou must die, and in eternity thou shall not sin.”

“Here lies John Brooke, a citizen of Coventry, born of a noble family, a worshipper of the Holy Deity, a most devout son of the Anglican Church, a most obliging friend, inferior to none of the ancients, a great ornament to his City, whom inexorable death carried off in the flower of his age, amid the lamentations of all good men, on the 4th day of August, A.D. 1679.”

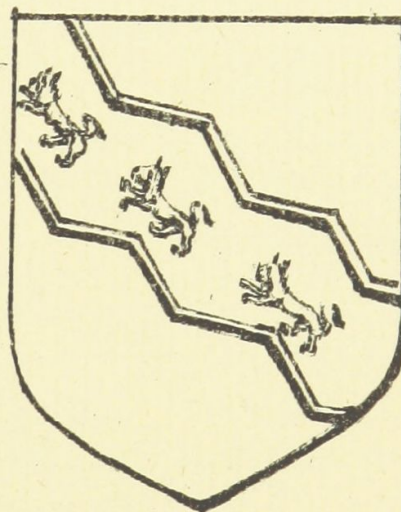
“Surely now thou art satiated, O envious death, for intellect and piety lies here a victim consecrated to thee.”



BRIDGEMAN



SCROOPE.



BROOKE

High up on South side of West door is a discoloured stone slab with arms, (plate iv.), and Latin inscription :

“Mem. sacr. | JOHANNIS WOOLRICH viri multum | sane desiderati, pietatis erga
Deum, | charitatis in proximum, in amicos | fidelitatis, munificentiae in
pauperes, | exemplum erat singulare; inclytæ de | mum hujus urbis Prætor
fidelissimus | ut maximé decuit civem : optimam | uxorem habuit Mariam
Rogerson | foeminam veré pientissimam quæ | cælo matura, ad | cælitas
migravit. | Obiit Dec. 30, anno | Dom. 1684, ætat 69. | Sic optimis parentibus
libenter merito justa persolvit. | J. W. |

“Hic etiam jacet Sarah Norton | filia ejus maxima natu ; | et Johanni Norton,
Londinensi nupta.” |

Translated—

“Sacred to the memory of John Woolrich, a man very much regretted ; he was a remarkable pattern of love to God, charity to his neighbour, fidelity to his friends, and munificence to the poor ; at last, as Mayor of this renowned City, he was most faithful as it was most becoming for a citizen to be ; he had the best of wives in Maria Rogerson, a woman of a most truly pious character, who being ripe for heaven, departed to join the heavenly throng. He died Dec. 30, in the year of our Lord, 1684, aged 69. Thus gladly to the best of parents has J. W. paid a just recompense as they have deserved.

“Here also lies Sarah Norton, his eldest daughter, and married to John Norton, of London.” John Norton was a great benefactor to Coventry.

Q.

Below the last is a brass 20in. by 13½in., placed on the wall, engraved :—

“In obitvm Johannis Wightwick optime spei invenis Collegij Pembrochiensis socij, filij natv minoris Johannis Wightwick, armigeri hvivs civitatis senescalli qui obiit 19^o Mart : 1637, 17, annos natvs.

“Ne cives sint vrbe vnivs nominis vna
Tres, vnvm mortis svstvlit atra manvs
Et ne tres vno cognomine nvtriat vnvm
Cœnobium socios, vnvs ademptvs erat
Atqz domo patris ne sint vnivs in vna
Tresnati, natis e tribvs vnvs obit

Hi tres vnvs erant, qvodqz est mirabile dicti
 Vnvs erat major, jvnior et minimus
 Maior erat civis virtvte, minor tamen ortv
 Filivs, et minimvs tempore erat socivs
 Hœc vrbs maiorem lvget, genitorqz minorem
 Gymnasium ob minimvm Pembrochiense gemit
 Cvr non vita trivm valvere ut viveret illum
 Trinvni credo perplacvisse Deo.

Translation—

“ On the death of John Wightwick, a youth of the greatest promise, fellow of Pembroke College, younger son of John Wightwick, Esqr. : Sheriff of this City, who died on the 19th March, 1637, aged 17 years.

“ Lest there should be three citizens of one name in one city, the gloomy hand of death snatched one away : and lest one College should rear three fellows of one surname, one of them was removed from life, and lest there should be three sons and one Father in one family, one of the three sons died. These three were one, and wonderful to say one was greater than the rest, the younger and the least. In moral worth he was the greater citizen ; though he was the younger son and junior fellow. This city bewails the greater one, the father the younger one, while Pembroke College mourns for the youngest. Why did not the prayers of these three prevail that this tri-unity should live ? I believe that God willed it so.”

This brass has been taken from an altar tomb, which with another unknown, (probably Lady Bridgeman's) formerly stood on the North side of the Church, within rails.

R.

This is a small Bath stone monument :—

“ Sacred | to the memory of | Thomas Henry Goodwin, | a native of this city, | who after many years residence | in Birmingham, died there, | highly esteemed | by all who knew him, | on the 18th of November, 1823, | in the 33rd year of | his age.” |

S.

This is a curious brass, about 20 by 17 inches, a woman in the attitude of prayer, with 4 children lying in front of her, with following inscription :—

MARIÆ HINTON, FÆMINÆ LECTISSIMÆ
 VXORI DILECTÆ, PROBÆ, ET PIÆ MARITVS,
 AMORIS HOC SVI MONUMENTVM POSVIT.

Quæ pietatis eras, quæ religionis amore
 Et matronali cunctis gravitate probatæ
 Vivens et moriens constans exemplar amicis
 Vivendi in vita, moriendi in morte relinquis
 Sic tibi, sic vivat vitæ bona famæ peractæ
 Sic tibi, sic vitæ constat spes vita perennis.

OBIIT ANNUM AGENS TRICESIMUM,
 APRILIS 27, 1594.

Thus translated—

To Mary Hinton, a most elegant woman, a beloved virtuous, and pious wife, her husband has erected this tribute of his affection.

Thou who wast well approved for thy love of piety and religion, and for thy motherly influence in all things. Alive or dead thou leavest to thy friends an abiding example of life in life, and death in death.

Thus, thus to thee lives the good report of the life which is finished,
 Thus, thus to thee is made sure, the hope of life, which is life eternal.

Mary Hinton was the first wife of the Rev. Wm. Hinton, he was Vicar of S. Michael's for 40 years, being appointed 1583 and Archdeacon, 1584. He resigned the Vicarage in 1623, but retained the Archdeaconry until his death, 1631, he was interred during the night, but where is not known, probably beneath the chancel.

This brass was affixed to a marble slab on the North wall of the Chancel.

S.*

Between the windows of the Smiths' Chapel is a brass, 16 inches square, taken from a flatstone in this same Chapel and placed here for protection since these pages were compiled :—

“ Here lyeth bvried the
 body of Mrs. Mary
 Vavasor eldest daughter
 to Sr. Thos. Vavasor Knight
 and Baronet, late Knight
 Marshall of the Kings
 hovshovld whoe de
 ceased this life the 24
 of December 1631.”

Upon this stone was a figure in brass, and arms, ‘ or a fess dancette sable. Crest a cock gules, crested or.’

T.

Near to the North door, immediately over the door in the wall, is a plain oval marble tablet—

“Near this place lie the remains of BRADFORD WILMER, M.D., who died November 27, 1813, aged 67 years.—This tablet is erected as a tribute of sincere regard, by an affectionate wife and family.”

See also flat stone near to this monument.

U.

On the Eastern pillar of the Girdler's Chapel is a monument with lozengy shield of arms, (plate iv.), and inscribed—

“Nere this place lieth ye body of | Mrs. BATHONA FRODSHAM, relict | of
Humphrey Frodsham, Esq., | and daughter of John Hales, of | New House,
Esq., together with | Mary her daughter.”

She died 1661, and her daughter Mary, 1656. Mrs. Frodsham was buried in her father's tomb under the Church, near to the North door. The monument on the outer wall was removed many years since.

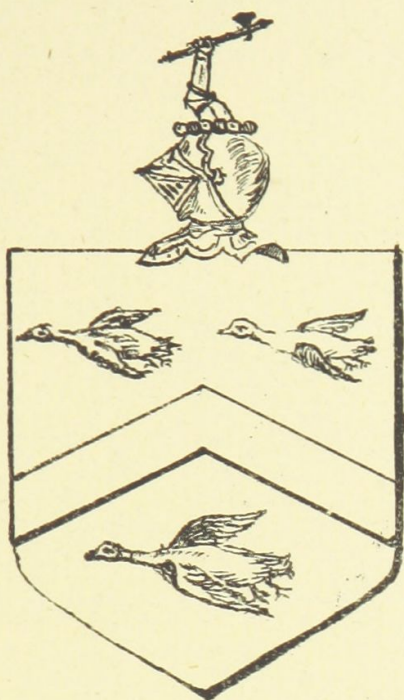
V.

On the same pillar, but on the North side of S. Lawrence Chapel, is a monument with the following curious epitaph and coat of arms of 30 quarterings, (plate v.)

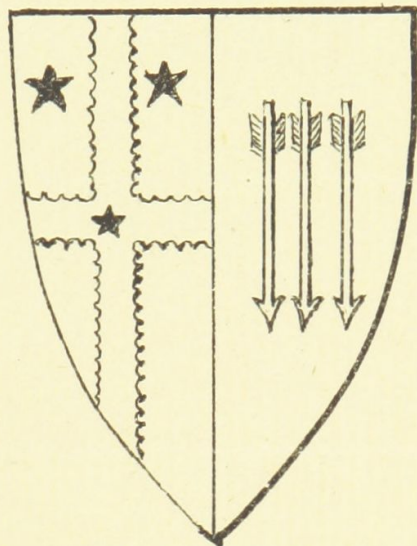
“M.S. | Siste Viator, | Tuumq. dum nostrum legis, cogita Epitaphium, | ix
annorum juvenis, diem obiens | Die 25 novembris, anno 1648, | Felicem
resurrectionem & æternitatem hic expecto; | THOMAS PUREFOY, | Georgii
Purefoy de Wadley, arm. & Annæ F. | Th. Glover, militis, filius natu quartus. |
Parce lachrymis: | non immaturo fato cessit, qui maturus cœlo fuit; |
felicitatem defunctis invidet, qui mortem luget; | Sat diu vixi, si sat innocens, |
Disce a me cum mortuus sim, quam certa mors; | cum juvenis, quam incerta
vita. | Paterna pietas hoc dolori suo, nomini | meo monumentum. | M.P. |
1657, | Vale Viator, & | ut mortuus vivas, vivus morere. |

Translated—

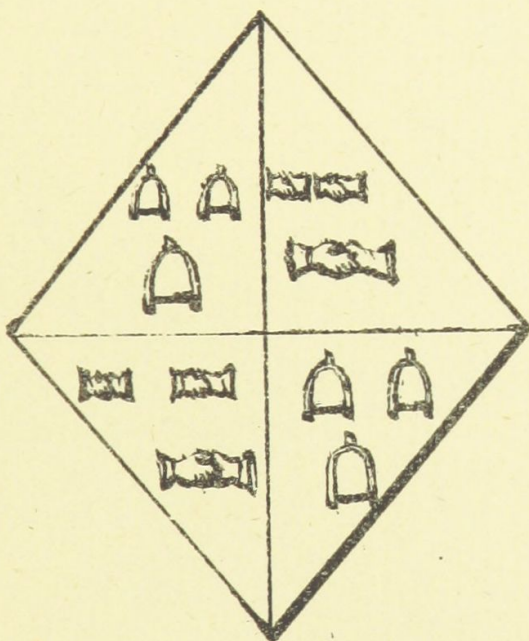
“Sacred to his memory. Stay thou passer by, and whilst thou readest our epitaph, think thee of thine own. A youth nine years of age, who died on the



WOOLRICH



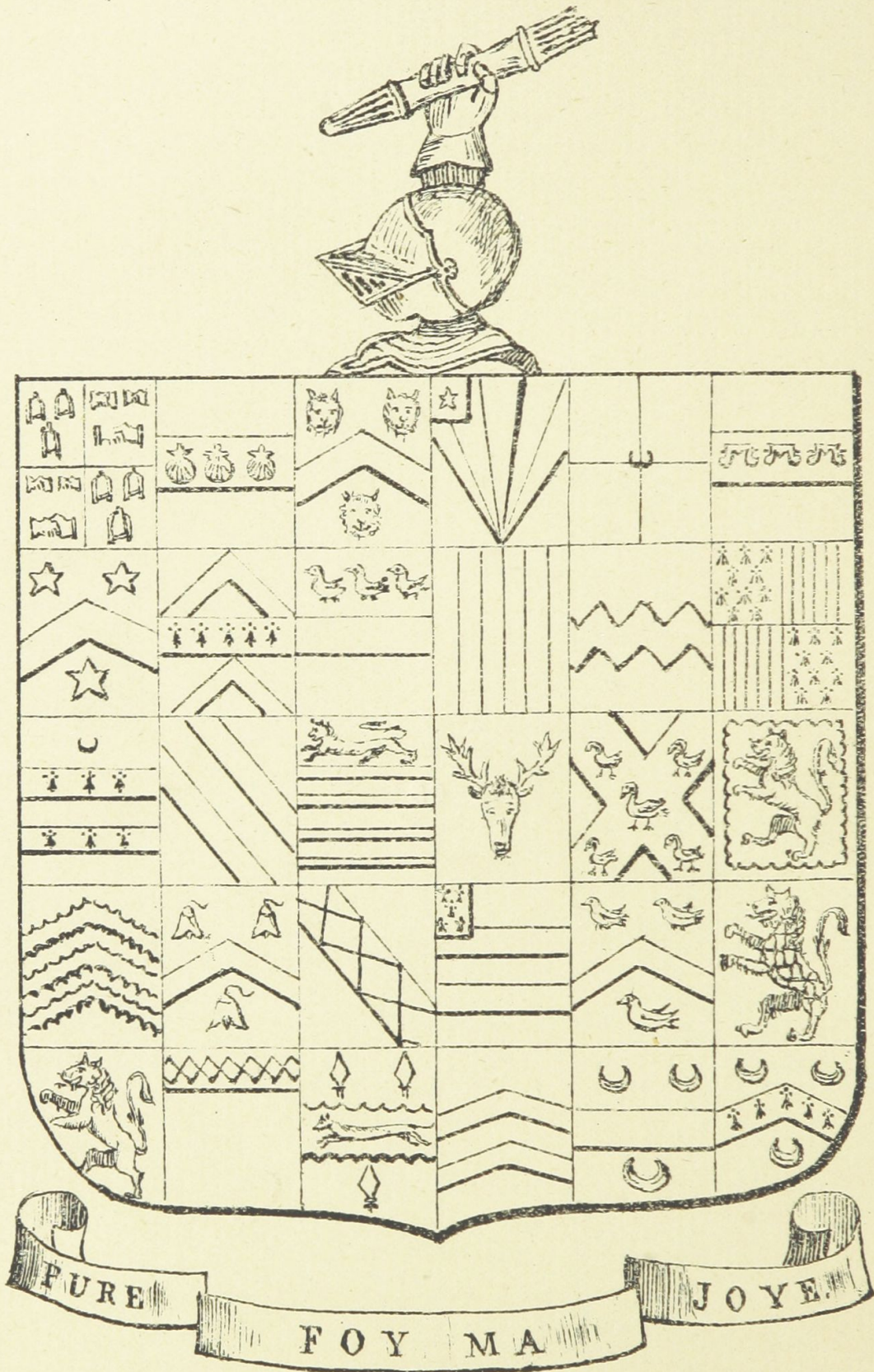
FRODSHAM.



PUREFOY.



LONG.



PUREFOY.

25th day of November, in the year 1648. I here await a happy resurrection and eternal life, Thomas Purefoy, fourth son of George Purefoy, of Wadley, Esquire, and of Anna, daughter of Thomas Glover, of the army. Dry thy tears: it was no untimely fate to which he succumbed who was so ripe for heaven. The man who grieves over a death begrudges the dead their happiness. I have lived long enough, if only innocently enough. Learn from me in that I died, how certain death is; and in that I was young, how uncertain is life. A father's love placed this monument to record his own grief and my name. M.P. 1657.

Farewell, thou passer-by, and that thou mayst live when dead, die whilst thou livest.

A portion of the Purefoy family held large possessions in Warwickshire, they built the manor house at Caldecott, their defence of which is an interesting episode in the civil war.

W.

Between the windows in S. Lawrence Chapel is an alabaster tablet, with armorial bearings, (plate iv.)

“ In this Chapell lyeth ye bodys of ANNE | PUREFOY, who dyed ye 6th of August, 1697, | JANE PUREFOY, who dyed ye 21st of Decembr. 1702, | and MARY FULWOOD, sometime ye wife of George | Fulwood, of Little Alne, in ye County of Warwick, | Esq., who dyed ye 26th March, 1695, all three | daughters of William Purefoy, late of | Caldecoate, Esq., and of | Dorothy his wife, daughter of George Purefoy, of | Wadley, in Berkshire, Esq., | which said William dyed ye | 22nd of June, 1674, at his | manor then at Caldecoate : | and Dorothy his wife, surviving | her husband and three daughters | erected this monument to their | memory, Anno Dni. 1703.

X.

In the Lady Chapel, near to the screen, a Bath stone tablet—

“ In a vault | near the North door | are deposited the remains of | Edward Lea, who died in 1827 ; | and Catherine, his wife, | who died in 1825 ; and of their daughter | Susanna Lea, | who died in 1849 ; | also, of Henry Lea, Esq. | their son, who died December the 31st, 1854, | aged 69 years.” |

Y.

Between windows Nos. 32 and 33, is a marble tablet with armorial bearings, (plate iv.)

“ Sacred to the memory of | Sarah, daughter of | Bryan Troughton | formerly of this city, and of Lombard Street, | London, Esq., banker, | and one of the Receivers-General of the | County of Warwick, | and for 47 years the beloved, affectionate, & | faithful wife of Robert Long, Esq., | of the Manor House, Dawlish, in the County | of Devon, and of the Crescent, Cheltenham, | who died on the 22nd day of May, 1837. Her remains | repose in a vault in the churchyard | of Swindon, near the last-named place. | This tribute of tender recollection | is erected by her afflicted husband.” |

“ O carissima ! valde deflenda, cælo convenire speramus.”

Translated—

“ O dearest ! greatly weeping, we hope to meet again in heaven.”

Z.

Immediately beneath the last is a marble scroll on a grey stone slab, to the husband of Sarah Long—

“ This tablet is erected | to the memory of | Robert Long, Esq. | of the Manor House, Dawlish, | who died on the | 13th day of December, 1842, | and was buried at Swindon, | in the County of Gloucester. |

AA.

A brass 28in. by 3½in. has been recently placed here, taken from a stone on the floor of this Chapel (but now replaced by a small square incised slab,) to preserve it from harm—

“ Here lyeth Mr. Thomas Bond, draper, sometime maior of this cittie, and fovnder of the | Hospitall of Bablake, who gave divers lands and tenements for the maintenance of ten | poore men so long as the world shall endvre, and a woman to look to them, with many other | good guifts ; and died the xviii. day of March, in the yeare of our Lord God, MDVI.”

To record the bountiful gifts of this good man, would occupy too much space. Here in this Church twenty poor men assemble every Sunday, and

by their presence testify to the goodness of Thomas Bond ; and twenty-five others receive a weekly pension by his liberality. He was Mayor of Coventry, 1497.

Dugdale states that the stone had a coat of arms above the brass, viz.: a chevron between three roundells, and three roundells in chief.

BB.

On Bath stone is recorded the death of the Rev. Robert Simpson, a Vicar of this parish—

“ Sacred | to the memory of the | Rev. Robert Simson, LL.B., | 53 years vicar of
this parish. | He departed this life May 16th, 1846, | aged 83 years. | ‘The
memory of the just is blessed.’ | Jane Simson, | relict of the said Robert
Simson, | died October 20th, 1855, | in the 75th year of her age. | ‘Even so
is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him. | For He knoweth whereof we
are made : | He remembereth that we are but dust.’ ” |

He succeeded to the Vicarage of this Parish upon the decease of the late Rev. Benjamin Toms, in 1723. He was the grandson of the Rev. Patrick Simson, minister of Vicar Lane Chapel, who was elected 1725, and continued their pastor for 48 years; he died January 7th, 1773, and was buried in Trinity Church. The Rev. Robert Simson appears to have had some connection with nonconformity, and he was instructed in its doctrines at Vicar Lane Chapel. His father, Robert, was admitted a member of that congregation, 1756, when 15 years of age. The style of preaching at the Great Meeting House becoming less orthodox may account for his secession from them. He was buried in the Chancel near to Dr. Mellor, a place being left for Mrs. Simson, but then the law would not allow burials in the Church.

CC.

Beneath the former a brass has been lately placed there—

“ To the glory of God,
And in grateful remembrance
of the founders of the Warwickshire
Scripture Reader’s Society,
The floor of this lady chapel was
restored by D. Steane, S.R., 1881.”

Mr. Steane was appointed Scripture Reader, March, 1865.

DD.

On the North of the Eastern window of this Chapel is a white marble monument executed by Chantry, representing a soldier dying on the battle field; upon the tablet is inscribed—

“Sacred to the memory of | the Honourable Francis Wheler Hood, | Lieutenant-Colonel in the 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards, | Assistant-Adjutant-General to the 2nd Division of the Forces | under the Marquis of Wellington, | who was killed in action with the enemy, at Aire, in Gascony, | in the 33rd year of his age, on the 2nd of March, 1814, | and was interred in the cemetery of that place with military honours. | This simple monument is erected by Caroline, his widow, | in affectionate remembrance of his public and private worth.” |

See note to window 35.

EE.

Immediately beneath is the following inscription on a brass 36in. by 14in.

“In memory of the Honbl. Caroline Hood, | widow of Lieutenant-Colonel, the Honbl. | Francis Wheler Hood, only daughter of | Sir Andrew Snape Hamond, Baronet, of | Norton Lodge, Isle of Wight. | Born 7th | March, 1781. Departed 11th March, 1858, in | the 78th year of her age.”

FF.

On the South of the East window is the following inscription on a grey marble monument, having a lozenge of arms—Freeman and two other shields, Bearcroft, and—(plate vi.)

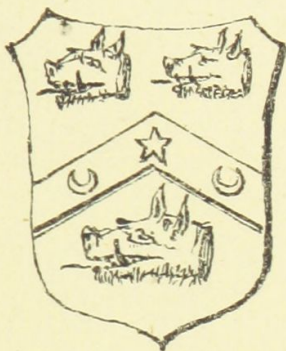
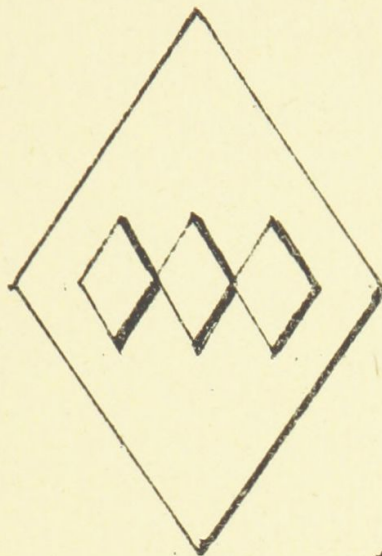
“Near this | place is interred | Mrs. Mary Freeman, | who died at Northampton, | January 20th, 1750. | Also, her father and mother, | Edward and Mary Freeman, | a brother and sister, | who died young, | and Thomas Bearcroft, | her father- | in-law. By her will she ordered | her executors to erect this | monument to their | memory.”

GG.

Beneath the foregoing is a small marble tablet, with arms (plate vi.) and inscribed—

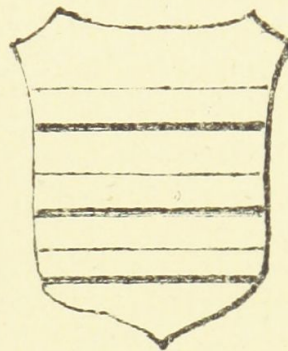
“Sacred | to the memory of | George Henry Mellor, M.D., | many years | an eminent physician | in this city, | who departed this life | on the 16th of September, | 1843, | aged fifty-three years.” |

Dr. Mellor lived at the house in Little Park Street now called Banner House. He was buried in the Chancel of the Church near to the Rev. R. Simson.



BEARCROFT.

FREEMAN

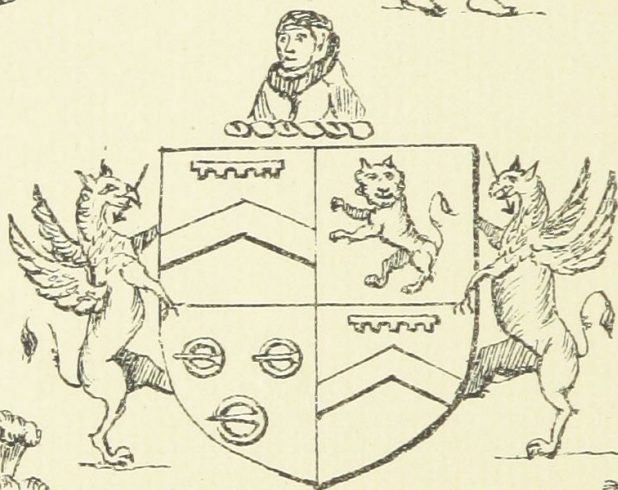
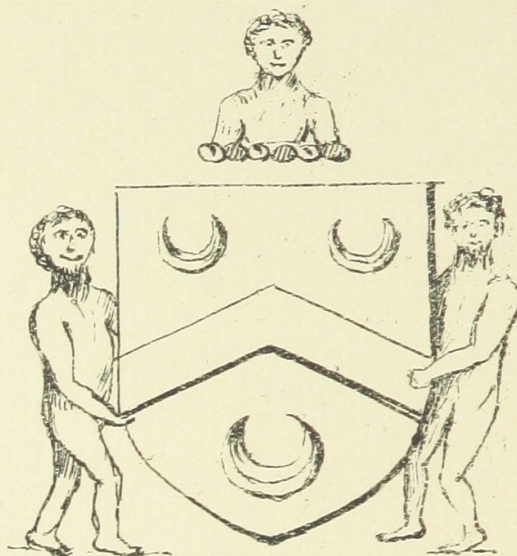
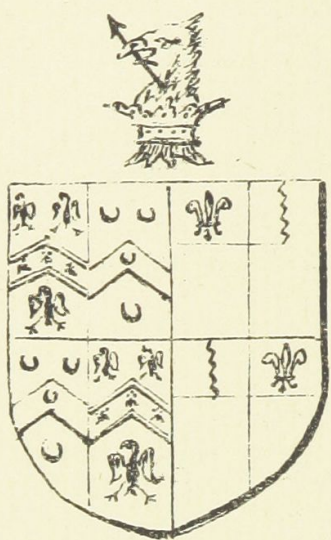


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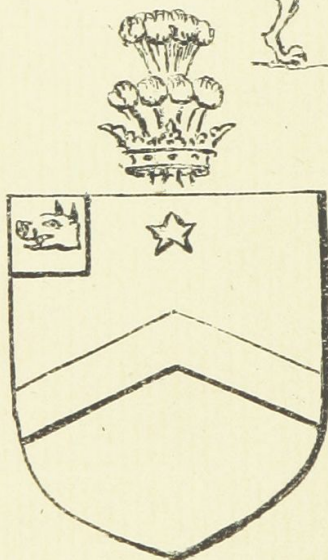


MELLOR.

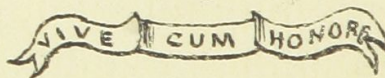
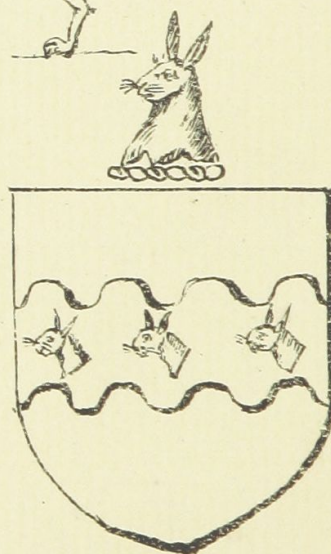




SWILLINGTON



MOORE



HAREWELL.

Below the last is a brass 18in. by 10in., lately placed there, and inscribed—

To the Glory of God.

In loving memory of Ann Frances his wife
William Slingsby
caused the apse to be lighted,
Easter, 1881.

ALTAR TOMBS.

A.

On the South side of the Mercers' Chapel within a light iron railing are three Altar Tombs, the first is the Swillington Tomb. On the top are three recumbent figures, viz.: Elizabeth Swillington, and on either side, her two husbands, Ralph Swillington and Thomas Essex. Essex is represented as clad in armour, and Swillington in his scarlet gown. Upon the uppermost edge of three sides, is the following inscription, in old English characters :

“Orate p' a' ia Elizabeth Swillyngton, vidue, nup. uxoris Radulph Swillyngton, Attornati Gen'alis D'ni Regis Henrici Octavi, Recordatoris Civitatis Cove'trie, quond'm uxoris Thome Essex, armigeri; que quidem Elizabeth obiit dn anno d'ni Mill'mo CCCCC—.”

Translated—

“Pray for the soul of Elizabeth Swillington, widow, the wife of Ralph Swillington, Attorney General of the Lord King Henry VIII., recorder of the City of Coventry, formerly the wife of Thomas Essex, esqre., which same Elizabeth died in the year of our Lord 15 . .”

Below, on three panels, are the family arms, (plate vii.); on a fourth shield is the sacred monogram, and on each end three other shields, on which are depicted the sacred wounds, &c.

This Elizabeth Swillington lived at Stivichall, and in 1552 gave to the Mayor of Coventry, Henry Over, £140 to invest in land, the proceeds to be

applied to the repair of the road to Stivichall and Warwick, and any surplus to the poor. The intention of the gift is still carried out. Dugdale, in his Memorials, gives the date of Ralph Swillington's Patent as Attorney General Ap. 1, 15 Henry 8 (1524).

B.

This is a marble tomb with flat top, to the memory of the wife and children of Doctor Moore, two shields of arms, (plate vii.), Moore and Harewell.

"Sacrum memoriæ suavissimæ et charissimæ | Conjugis ELIZABETHÆ, ornatissimæ
Matris | IUDAETHÆ et trium Infantolorum, posuit | amantissimus mætissimus
Maritus | Filius Pater, IOSEPHUS MOORE, | Med. Dr. Oxon, Anno |
Domini 1640.

"Qui jam orbus donec cognati jungantur | pulveres meliorari non ambit, non
obnixè | rogat quam similiter Vivere, Mori | Esse.

"Sleepe, Saints, & when your Easter's come about,
A Trumpe will call, the world will light you out."

"ELIZABETHA filia Henrici | Harewell, de civitat. Covent. | in comitat civit
Coventr. | Armig. obiit puerperi, 15 | Maii, (eodem quo et nata est.) | Anno
Domini 1640, | ætatis suæ 23. |

"IUDAEETHA filia Thomæ Edmonds | de comitat. Devon, Armig. Uxor Johannis
Moore, Dorcest. Gene | rosi. Obiit xi die Septembr. | anno Domini 1636, |
ætatis suæ 72. | "

"Memento Mori."

Thus translated—

"Sacred to the memory of my sweetest and dearest Wife, Elizabeth, of my most distinguished mother Juditha, and three infant children; erected by the most affectionate and sorrowful Husband, Son and Father, Joseph Moore, Doctor of Medicine at Oxford, A.D. 1640."

"Till the union of our kindred dust, he who is now a widower, strives not, asks not importunately for any better lot than to live and die and be like them."

"Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Harewell, of the City of Coventry, in the County of the City of Coventry, esquire, died in childbirth 15th May, (also the one born) A.D. 1640. Her age was 23."

"Judith daughter of Thomas Edmonds, of the County of Devon, esquire, wife of John Moore, of Dorchester, gentleman, Died the 11th day of September, A.D. 1636. Her age was 72."

"Remember Death."

C.

This tomb is commonly called Wade's tomb. On the front are six figures, three each, male and female; on the end three figures, two males, one female. The top shews that there has been two figures, canopy and inscription plates in brass, also a brass band round the edge.

It is upon Dugdale's authority that this is called Wade's tomb, and he thus describes it:—

“On a raised tomb there are on the side seven shields of coats of arms defaced, among the rest *a chevron frette, a chevron between three*,—motto, ‘Ryen Savnce Travayle,’ with nine images in basso relievo; at the head *azure, on a bend two striped carnatures, empaling 1 and 4 a chevron frette, 2 and 3 on a chevron, two mullets and a crescent between three roundlets.*”

n 1536 Christopher Wade was Mayor.

1557 a John Wayd, mercer, lived in Coventry.

1630 Mr. Wade paid 10 shillings to the vestry for liberty to repair the vault in the Church where his ancesters are buried. In Bubbenhall Church was a stone with same arms and motto, to Katherine, daughter of Edward Draper, of Bubbenhall, and wife of Samuel Wade, of Whoberley, Dec. 18, 166—.

D.

This tomb formerly stood in the Drapers' Chapel. On the front in basso relievo are the figures of Nethmyl and his wife and ten children, in the attitude of prayer; between them a shield of arms impaling those of the Drapers' Company, (plate viii.), above is a scroll, having the following inscription, springing from the shield and dividing the scroll is a representation of our Saviour on the Cross—

“Hic jacet Julianus Nethermyl, pan'ari', q'nda' Maior huj Civitas, qui obiit xi die me'sis Aprilis, an'o d'ni mvxxxix, et Johan'a uxor eju', quoru' a' i'abus propitietur Deus. Amen.”

Translated—

“Here lies Julius Nethermyl, draper, sometime Mayor of this City, who died 11th day of April, Ann. Dom. 1539; and Joan his wife, on whose souls may God be gracious. Amen.”

Julius Nethermyl was Mayor in 1522. As a draper, there is a record in a book in the Augmentation Office to this effect—

1536, April 24. "It'm owyng to Julyne Nethermyll of Coventrey, drap' for lyve'y clothe that the late Abbot (of Stoneley) bought of hym, as apperithe by a byll of reconyng thereof made the 17th day of June, in the 26th yere of the reign of o'r Sove'ing Lord Kyng Henrye the Eyhth. 12*l* 15*s* 5*d*."

In 1534 the Manor of Exhall was passed to him by Sir Thomas Butler, of Warrington, co-Lancaster; it was afterwards sold by his great grandchild, John Nethermyl, to Sir John Garratt, Alderman of London.

E.

This Tomb, which formerly stood at the East end of the Lady Chapel, is of fine alabaster, richly carved. On one end are the family arms, (plate viii.) and on the front is a large panel, with following inscription—

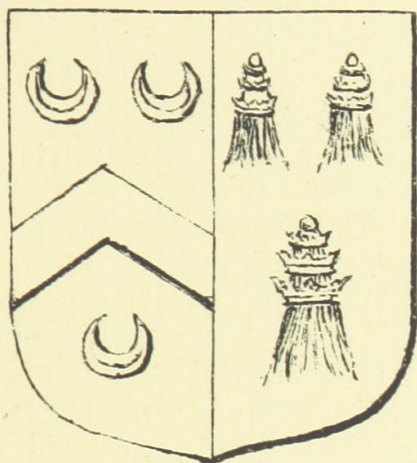
"Unto the memorie of William Stanley, late Citizen and Maister of the Worshipfull Companie of Marchant Taylors London and one of the Maisters of St. Bartholomewes Hospitall, in Smithfield in the said Citie; Borne in the Citie of Coventrie & late Maister of the Worshipfull Companie of Drapers here.

"He gave sundrie Legacies to the good of the aforesaid Hospitall and of this Citie and departed this life the XVII of December 1640 Ætatis Suæ LXXXI 11 monethes

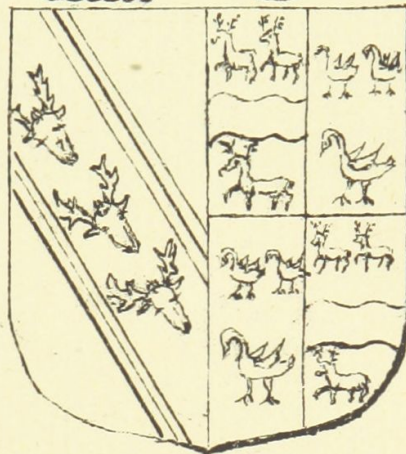
"Ioane his mournful
widowe hath erected
this Monument."

William Stanley gave to the Mayor and Corporation, and also to the Drapers' Company, £100 each, to be lent out to young freemen without interest, also £100 to the Mayor to be given to 10 young freemen in Coventry

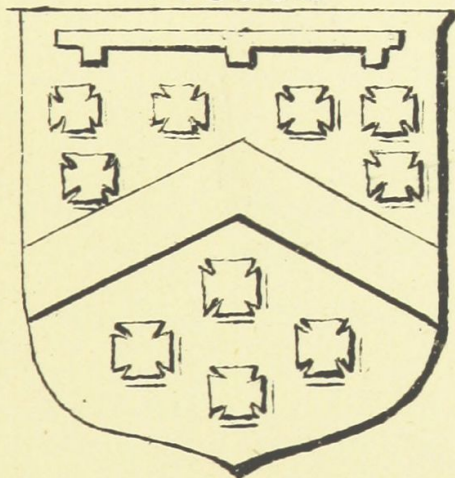
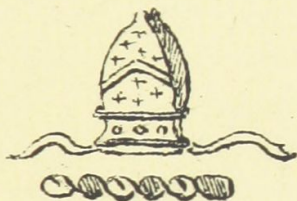
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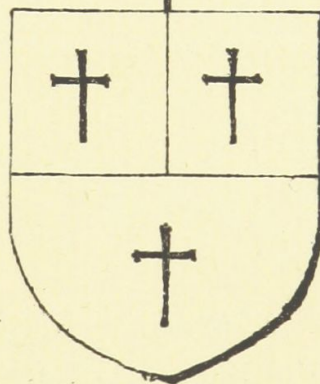
NETHERMILL.



STANLEY.



BERKELEY.



ON FANT.

or London, and £100 to the Drapers' Company, to employ and set on work poor children when the Drapery should be made a workhouse. There were also other gifts, including £20 for the repairs of the Church.

F.

This large tomb of black marble and veined pillars formerly stood within rails, together with another to Lady Kath Berkeley, (now gone,) on the North side of the Drapers' Chapel. On the end are the family arms, (plate viii.), on the front two panels, one has the crest of the Berkeleys, and the other the following inscription—

“ Here lyeth expectinge a joyful resurrec-
tion the body of Sr Thomas Berkeley, Knight
onely sonne of the Right Hon^{ble} Henry Lo
Berkeley and of the Lady Katherine his wife
Sister of Thomas Howard late Dyke of Nor-
folke, who by Elizabeth his wife (sole Dav-
ghter and heire of the right Honorable
George Lo: Hvingdon Lord Chamberlayne to
our late Sovereaigne Lady Queen
Elizabeth,) left issue George and Theophila
the onely children of 6 whom death had
spared to attend their fathers funerall,
and to bee the comfort of their mother; for
to whose perpetval memory shee hath erected
this her husbands monument.
In which also lyeth the body of Henry
the youngest of their children.
The said Thomas Berkeley deceased
the XXII day of November 1611
Ætatis suæ 37
and the said Henry his sonne deceased
the 4th day of March following.”

This great house of Berkeley (originally of Gloucestershire,) on the death of Edw. VI., Henry 12th Lord Berkeley by descent from the Mowbrays and Segraves became possessed of Caludon, where he died, 1613, and was buried in the Chapel of Berkeley Castle. He married the daughter of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, she died at Caludon, 1596, and was buried with

great pomp in S. Michael's Church, her tomb near to Sir Thomas Berkeley's has now passed away, but Dugdale gives a drawing of it. At her funeral the preacher summed up her virtues by saying 'that she was never heard to swear.'

Sir Thos. Berkeley, their only son, was born at Caludon, 1515, where he died, Nov. 22, 1611. Three years before his father's decease, the same year he had been elected Alderman for Gosford Street Ward; an infant son born after his death, March 4, 1612, was also buried in the same place. His heir, Lord George, was educated at the Coventry Grammar School, 1612, by the celebrated Dr. Holland; he afterwards removed with his family to London, and so ended the connection of this family with Coventry, which had existed for nearly 100 years.

FONTS.

The old font which now stands at the West end of the Church has no inscription, only a small brass with a sacred emblem, (plate viii.) A new font has been placed in the Dyers' or Mourners' Chapel, it is beautifully carved in Bath stone, and bears the following inscription on brass—

“To the glory of God and in memory of John Walter Pridmore, who entered into rest on the Monday in Holyweek MDCCCLXIX.

“This font has been placed in this Church by his brother George Alexander Pridmore Feast of Nativity MDCCCLXX.”

It was set up March 11, 1871.

PULPIT.

A fine example of metal work, the upper part being entirely of brass, supported by open iron work; it was designed and manufactured by Mr. F. A. Skidmore. It is placed against the South pillar of the chancel; upon a band at the base of the pulpit is engraved—

“To the glory of God and in | loving memory of Ernest Edward | their only son
this pulpit was | erected in this Church by | Robert Arnold and Sarah Dalton
| Easter day 1869.” |

The steps are of oak, with brass rail, and bears a brass plate engraved—

“ | To you is the word of this Salvation sent. | ”

Mr. Dalton has served the office of Churchwarden ; is an Alderman of the City, and was Mayor in 1873. He presented to the Corporation the massive gold chain of office now worn by the Mayor.

LECTERN.

This handsome brass lectern was manufactured by Mr. F. A. Skidmore. Round the globe on which rests the feet of the Eagle are these words—

“ Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

On the base is inscribed—

“ To the glory of God and for | the use of S. Michael’s Church | Coventry this lectern has been | placed in this chancel from a | legacy by the late John Royle | Solicitor of this City MDCCCLXVII.”

(See also window xiii., page 9.)

FLAT STONES IN THE PAVEMENT OF THE CHURCH.

MERCER’S CHAPEL.

I.

Here

lie the remains of
Little, Lowke, & Co.
who under that firm in

1762

commenced the Banking
business in this City

John Lowke

ob^t 23 Jan. 1776, Æ^t 82.

Thomas Little

Ob^t 14 Oct. 1790 Æ^t 57.

Thos. Little was Churchwarden 1763. This business was carried on for many years under the style of Little and Woodcock (John Woodcock having taken the name of Little), in High Street, and was transferred in 1865 to the Birmingham Banking Company, which suspended payment in less than 12 months after.

2.

“Here | lieth the body of—Mrs. Ann Oldham, wife of | Thomas Oldham senior | who departed this life Sepr^r | 17 1750 aged 61 years |

“In memory of Thomas Oldham | senior late Alderman of this | City who departed this life | the 12th day of June 1756 | aged 69 years |

“Also in memory of Thos. Oldham | junior late Alderman of this City, who | departed this life October ye 30 | 1767 aged 52 years. |

“Also of Samuell Oldham who | departed this life May ye 21st 1771 | aged 55 years.

“Kath^e Oldham died the 25th July | 1782 aged 66 | Also Samuel Oldham who died | April 17 1815 aged 61 | Also Stephen Oldham | who departed this life | Sept. 8, 1841, aged 63 years | whose remains were interred at Corley | .

Thomas Oldham, senior, was Mayor 1713, and his son 1754.

3.

“In memory of | Stephen Smith Sen^r | who died May 6 1751 | aged 59 | and | Stephen Smith, jun^r | who died June 20 1758 | aged 27 | Also | Martha Smith relict | of the above Stephen Smith | sen^r who died Nov. 20 1775 | aged 82 | likewise | Thomas Lander Smith esqr | late Alderman of this City | and eldest son of the above named | Stephen and Martha who died | Oct 28 1785 aged 59 | . Martha Smith | who died March 22 1846 | aged 80 years | .

Thos Lander Smith was a silkman and Mayor in 1775.

4.

“Here | lieth the body of | Thomas Grundy Esq. | who was an apprentice to a | Mercer and followed that trade | for many years in this City | having acquired a plentiful | fortune he retired to his | native place at Thornton | in Leicestershire where he | resided for almost 30 years | and departed this life | October the 4th, 1752 | in the 83rd year of his age | .

4 a.

“Here lieth the body of | Mary wife of | Benjamin Conigrave | who departed this life | August 26 1754 | aged 52 |

“here lyeth the body of | Benjamin Conigrave | who departed this life | October 10 1770 aged 70 | Ann late wife of the above | died the 21st day of January, 1787 | and 81. |

This stone is partly covered by Wade's Tomb.

41

4 b.

“In memory of | Thomas Dawson | who departed this life | the 4th April 1780,
aged 50 years. | Mary Dawson | wife of the above | who departed this life |
the 26th July 1804 aged 68 years. | ”

5

FAMILY VAULT.

Elizabeth Lilly | 1764 |

George Lilly gent | 1798 |

Charles Lilly junr. | 1805 |

Charles Lilly esq | 1834 |

Mary Lilly | 1840 |

Ann Tatlock

daughter of Charles Lilly esqre.

died May 19 1876

in her 100th year.

A window (xxii.) is placed at the west end of the church to her memory.
This was the last interment in the Church.

6.

“Here | lieth interred the body of | Mary the wife of | John Hodgetts | of
Whitley | who departed this life | the 1st day of September 1763 | aged 55
years.

Here lieth the body of John | Hodgetts who departed this | life September 20
1771 aged 54 |

Also Ann Hodgetts wife of | John Hodgetts who departed this life | July 22
1801 aged 73. | ”

7.

“Here lyeth ye body of Mr. Thos | Ward of London ob. 24 May | 1720 ÆT 79” |

8.

“Here lies the body of | John Worcester | who died April ye 13th 1763 | aged
49 | also Mary his wife | who died May ye 12 1763 | aged 49. | ”

9.

“In memory of | Mary Lucas | wife of Mr. John Lucas | of this city
Apothecary | who died 26 October 1785 | aged 60 years | also of | Mr. John
Lucas who died | the 30 of April 1790 | aged 77. | ”

10.

“Sacred | to the memory of | Wm. and Mary Belcher | he died February 15
1776 | she September 30 1762 | William their son | died May 10 1749 |
Charles Belcher | son of the above | William and Mary Belcher | died March
6, 1776 | aged 46 years.” | Sarah Belcher his wife | died February 29 1816 |
aged 82 years | Lucy Seymour | daughter of the above | Charles and Sarah
Belcher | died January 11, 1809 | aged 45 years. | ”

See a Monument (c.) on the wall near to Vestry door recording the death of Sarah Belcher.

11 (Arms plate ix.)

“ Here lyeth the body of William Snell | Alderman of this City he departed |
this life ye 24th of October 1711 aged 84 | also Abigail his wife who departed |
this life ye 10th of September, 1709, aged 66—also Ann the wife of Abraham |
Owen esqre. & Alderman of this | City their only daughter who died | March
the 23rd, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{9}{10}$ aged 70. | ”

Wm. Snell was a Mercer, and Mayor in 1688, Sheriff, 1675, and Church-
Warden 1666—he was removed as an Alderman by Charles II., but restored
by James II. He issued a token, having on the obverse, William Snell,
Mercer, centre W. A. S.: reverse, in Coventry, 1665, centre, the Virgin
Mary.

SOUTH AISLE.

12.

“To the memory of | Mrs. Mary Newcomb wife | of William Newcomb | and
widow of the late | Mr. John Harrold who | departed this life | November
14th, 1821 | aged 60 years.

(Here are four lines of poetry too indistinct to be read.)

“ William Newcomb | died 21 July, 1844, aged 74. |

“ Lucy Newcomb | sister of the above | died 31st January 1855 | aged 70 years.”

This was the last interment in the Church previous to the passing of the Cemetery Act.

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13.

“In memory of | Ann wife of Edward Harrold who | died January ye 24th,
1778 aged 47 years. |

“In memory of Ann daughter of | Edward & Ann Harrold who died | June ye
7 1779 aged 17 years. |

“And also of the said Edward | Harrold who died Feb. 23 1797 | aged 78
years. |

“Likewise of | John Harrold son of the said | Edw^d & Ann Harrold who died |
18th of December 1798 aged 49 years. | ”

14.

“Sacred | to the memory of James | & Katherine Hardway | he died May 3
1764 aged 63. | She died April 5 1785 aged 75. | ”

15.

“Under this stone lyes the body of | James Smith Surgeon | he dyed in 1721
full of days well spent, | on one side of him lyes Rachel his first | on the other
Martha his second wife | near the foot of this stone lyes all that | is mortal of
Eliza the wife of | John Smith, Surgeon | and near the head of it five of her |
children | she dyed in 1741 aged 35 ; | also of the above-named | John Smith
Surgeon | who died Aug. 6 1782 aged 88. | ”

16.

“ Sacred | to the memory of | Mary Hall spinster | who was born May 21 1709 |
and | died May 26 1790 | who in youth anticipated that prudence | which is the
crown of grey hairs | and retained in old age | the generous affections which
adorn youth,”

17.

“Here | lie interred the remains of | William Hall | who died May 28 1737 |
aged 45, | of Deborah the wife | of Richard Hall | who died Aug. 19 1743 |
aged 66 | and of Richard Hall | brother to the above | William Hall | who died
Nov. 22nd 1769 | aged 72 | also in memory of Deborah Milbourne | who
departed this life April ye 5th | 1773 aged 27 | ”

“ Here lyeth ye body of | Mr. Samuel Buggs D.D. | and Vicar of both Parishes |
who died in 1633. | ”

A stone which once bore a large brass, as evidenced by the remaining brass studs, has been utilised for this Memorial.

Samuel Buggs, Fellow of Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, and M.A. of Oxford, was appointed to the Vicarage of this church upon the resignation of Archdeacon Winter, in 1623, and in 1626 was also made Vicar of Holy Trinity Church. In 1621 he preached a sermon at S. Paul's Cross, entitled, “ David's Strait,” which he dedicated to the “ Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of Coventry,” for which the Corporation presented him with £3, 6s. 8d. In the same year, he printed the speech of Dr. Philemon Holland, made to King James when he visited the City, “ together with a sermon preached in the audience, and published at the request of the worthy companion of the practisers of the military garden of the said well garrisoned Citie of Coventree.”

It appears that his ministry was not acceptable to the puritanical temper of his time, as the Annalists seem to have rejoiced at his death.

19.

“ Here lyeth the body of | William Porter Alder | man of this City who departed
| this life January the 10th 1768 | aged 92 years | And also George Porter
the | son of William Porter who | departed this life December | the 4th 1768
aged 54 years | .”

Wm. Porter, flaxman, was mayor 1752.

20.

“ To the memory of | Jane Clarke 2nd wife of | John Clarke Alderman of this
City | who departed this life | 26 June 1791 | in the 65th year of her age. |
John Clarke | one of the Aldermen of this City | departed this life 19th of
December | 1801 aged 81. |
Francis Clarke | his eldest son died | 2nd of September 1802 aged 58. | ”

21.

“Here lyes Elizabeth the wife | of Mr. Thomas Gilbert who | died July 18 1743
aged 23 | also his son John | Taylor Gilbert who | died Nov. 21 1748 aged 3
| also near this place his daughter | Susannah Singleton who died | Feb. 8
1778 aged 20 years | and on the 30 May 1778 | died Mr. Thomas Gilbert aged
63 years | also Susannah his wife | who died 18th of July, 1802 | aged 74
years. | ”

22.

“In memory of | Edgar aged 15 years | son of John Carter of Pinley | died 15
Oct., 1835 | Also of Henry | another son aged 33 years | died 21 March
1843 | also of John Carter | father of the above named | Edgar and Henry |
died November 28 1848 | aged 78 years. | ”

23.

“Here lieth the body of | James Jopson | son of Joseph and Elizabeth Jopson |
he died the 15th day of May 1773 | aged 22. | ”

24.

“In | memory of Mr. | James Jopson who | departed this life | March the 6th
1759 | aged 40 | also four of his children | who died in their infancy | , also |
to the memory of Eliz^h Jopson | wife of the above James Jopson | who
departed this life Jan. 1 1768 | aged 52 | ”

James Jopson was the originator of the first Coventry newspaper, viz., “Jopson’s Coventry Mercury.” The first number was issued Monday, July 20, 1741. It was subsequently changed to “Jopson’s Coventry and Northampton Mercury,” and printed in Northampton. After a short time, the name Northampton was omitted, and it was printed in Coventry. In 1836 it became the property of a company, was printed by Mr. C. A. N. Rollason, and the name changed to the “Coventry Standard” which it still bears. It has always been a Conservative Paper.

25.

“In memory of | Edward Harper | late Alderman of this City | who departed
this life | the 19th May 1786 | aged 59. | Also to the memory of | Ellys
Harper | wife of the above | Edward Harper | who departed this life | the 21st
of December 1801 | aged 73 years. | ”

Ed. Harper was an Apothecary, and Mayor 1778.

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26.

“Sacred | lyeth the body of | Mr. Thomas Dullison | who died September the
22 1747 | aged 57 | also Elizabeth his wife | who died Jan 11 | 1758,
aged 67. | ”

27.

“Here | lyeth the body of Arthur | Dullison son of Thomas | and Elizabeth
Dullison he dyed | Sept. ye 30 aged 20 1742 | also the body of | Cleophas
Dullison | son of the above Tho^s and Eliz^h | who departed this life Dec^r ye
10th | 1775, aged 46. | ”

28.

“In memory | of Margaret | relict of | Henry Woodhouse | of Scorton | in the
county of York | who died Nov. 1839 | aged 72 years | also of | Christopher
Woodhouse | a magistrate of this City | and eldest son of the above named |
Henry and Margaret, | who died August 6 1845 | aged 55 years. | ”

29.

“Here | lyes interred Mr. Joseph | Ebourne Alderman | of this City who died
May | 14 1754 aged 60. |

Mayor in the year 1734.

30.

“Sacred to the memory | of Harriet | daughter of the aforesaid | Joseph Hughes
Rann | and Anna Maria his wife | who died Feb. 14, 1854 | aged 61 years. | ”
(This is part of the following stone.)

31.

“Sacred | to the memory of | Mr.s Sarah Walton | late of Peckham Rye, |
Surrey, | who died Oct. 24 1817 | aged 80 years, | also | of Joseph Hughes
Rann M.D. | late of this City | who died June 11 1842 | aged 79 years |
Maria Rann | eldest daughter of the above named | Joseph Hughes Rann |
died Jan. 13 1853 aged 62 years. | Also of | Anna Maria Rann | relict
of the above Joseph Hughes Rann | died March 23 1853 | aged 83 years. |

32

“Here lyeth interred the | remains of the Rev^a | Mr. Packwood M A. | and
Vicar of Fakenham | in the county and diocese | of Worcester who departed |
this life y^e 10th day of | November in the year | of our Lord 1751 | in y^e 68
year of his | age | also Mrs. Cathⁿ Bailey wife | of Mr. S. Bailey who dyed
| April 22 1772 | likewise Mrs. Sarah Baileye | his second wife who dyed |
July 12 1796. | Also Mr. Sam^l Baileye | Stationer of this City who dyed |
July 18, 1797 aged 71.” |

33.

“Here lyeth the body of Arthur | Manley late Quartermaster of | the Queen’s
royal regiment of | Horse who served y^e Crown of | Great Britain upwards of
56 years | from y^e 15th of July 1685 to y^e 24th of | August 1741 He died
June y^e 7th | 1746 aged 78 |

The Israelites in desert wandred but two score,
But I have wandred two score six^teen & more
In dusty campains, restless days & nights
And in bloody battles, sometimes did I fight
In Ireland, Flanders, France and Spain
And now at last here lies my mortal remain.

I served in y^e foot ten years and in y^e above |
regiment of Horse upwards of 46 yeares.”

34

“Here lieth the body of | Mrs. Kathⁿ Lowe the wife | of Humphrey Lowe
esqre | in the county of Worcestar | she departed this life on the | 8th day of
October 1695 | aged 74 yeare. | ”

The inscription on this stone is nearly effaced.

35.

“Edward Atkins Esqre | departed this life March 12th 1793 | aged 60 yeares. | ”
(see monument E.)

36.

(defaced.)

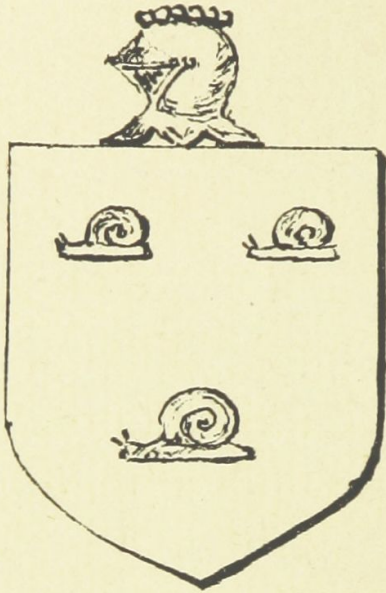
37.

“Mary wife of | George Lant Esqre. | Banker of this city | died March 19 1823
| Also the above | George Lant | who departed this life | April 13 1833 | in
the 72nd year | of his age | ”

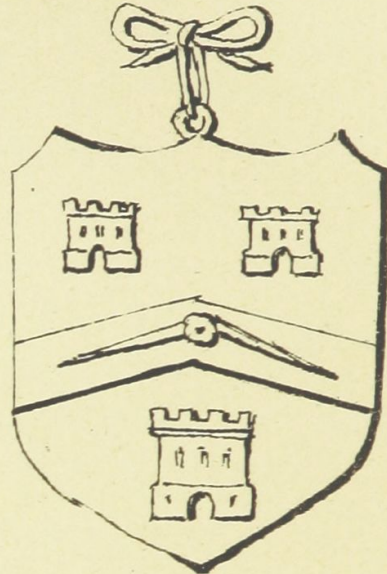
38.

“Here lieth the body of | Horatio Hopkins Esqre | who departed this life | y^e
15th of Nov^r 1724 aged 65 he marryed | Margaret ye daughter | of Humphrey
Lowe esqre | of y^e county of Worcester | ”

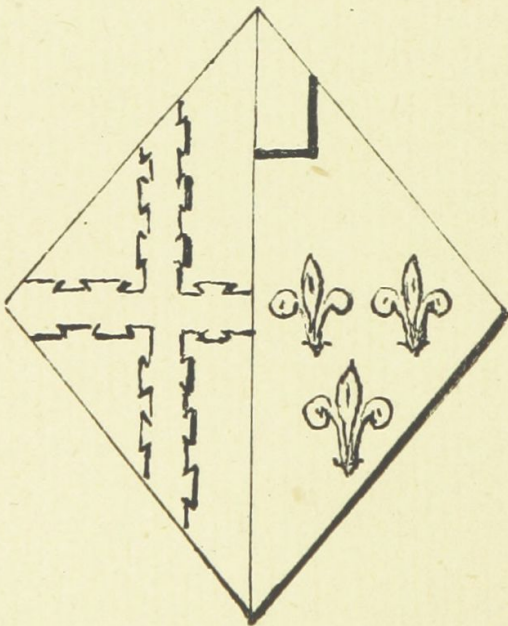
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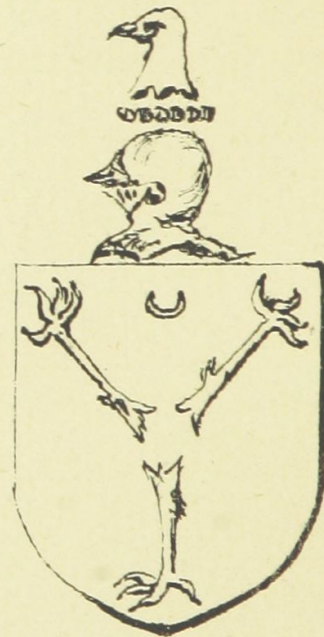
SNELL.



MASON'S



HORSENAIL.



OWEN.

49

44.

Richard Bury | obit Jan 18 | A D 1813 anno æt 64 |
Eliza Mary Bury | obit June 27 1816 | anno æt 25 |
Caroline Bury | obit Jan^v 8 1820 | anno æt 31 |
Mary Ann Bury | obit Nov 20 1822 | anno æt 40 |
Mary Bury | wife of the above Rich^d Bury |
obit June 13 1823 | anno æt 66 | Herbert Bury |
obit May 15 1824 | anno æt 39 | L B |
also Ellen Mary Bury | obit 13 Nov 1827 |
anno æt 33 | and | Richard Bury |
obit April 8 1834 | anno æt 47. |

45.

“ Here lyeth the body of Mrs | Christain Foxall who departed | this life Nov^r y^e
6th ainno dom | 1730 aged 65 years |
Also Edward Foxall he died | 20th Nov^r 1761 aged 62 | ”

45.*

“ Here lyeth the body of | Thomas Dagley malster | who dyed the 8th day of |
September 1736 | aged 73 years | ”

46.

“ In memory of | Jno Carter gentleman | who departed this life | Aug^t 16th 1785
aged 75 | also | Ann his wife | who died March 5th | 1798 aged 99.”

46.*

“ Here | lieth the body of Eliz | the wife of W^m Pegg | who died Nov^r the 3rd |
1770 aged 70 | also to the memory of W^m | Pegg husband to the | above
named who died | December 8th 1770 aged 63 | also Sarah wife of W^m Pegg |
junr she died May 27th 1785 | aged 39 years | also 2 of their children | also
William Pegg | who died October 5th 1801 | aged 76 years | ”

47.

“ William Buck | died Jan^v 26th 1825 aged 68 years | Ann Buck | relict of the
above | died Nov^r 2 1829 aged 72 years | Ann Buck | daughter of W^m &
Ann Buck | died March 16 1788 aged 4 years | William Buck | died Sept 25
1788 an infant | Jane Buck | died Oct 23 1789 an infant | Charlotte Buck |
died Nov^r 17 1791 aged 6 months | John Brockhurst Buck | died Feb^v 20
1807 | aged 19 years | Mary Buck | born May 21 1785 | died September 21
1817 | ”

S. THOMAS OR CAPPER'S CHAPEL.

48.

“Here lyeth the body of | Mr. John Yardley | late Alderman of this | City who departed this | life in the 29th day of November | Ano Dom 1716 aged 77 yrs | Here also lyeth the body of | Katherine his wife who | departed this life the 16th day | of February anno Domⁿⁱ 1713 | the 72nd year of her age | ”

Mr. John Yardley was a Surgeon, he was Mayor 1689.

49.

“In memory of | John Yardley | late of this City Surgeon | who died May 14th 1742 | in the 49th year of his age | Also of | Dorcas Yardley | relict to the above | John Yardley | who died Jan^y 7th 1774 | in the 75th year of her age | Three of their infant | Grand-children | by Thomas & Mary Vernon | who died in their infancy | .”

50.

To the memory of | Mrs. Alice Yardley | Daughter of | John and Dorcas Yardley | late of this City | who died February 28th 1805 aged 79 years | Also Martha Yardley | sister to Mrs. Alice Yardley | who departed this life | June 5 1812 aged 85 years | ”

51.

Near this place resteth | the body of Joseph son of | Mr Thos. and Mary Vernon | who departed this life | July 29th 1785 aged 25 years | Also underneath this stone | resteth the body of | Mrs Mary Vernon mother | of the above named and | wife of Mr Tho^s Vernon | of this City who departed this | life Dec^r 22 1802 aged 79 years | Here resteth the body of | Mr Thomas Venn Vernon | husband of the above | Mrs Mary Vernon of this City | who departed this life | the 4 of Jan^y 1806 aged 86. | ”

52.

“Here | lies the body of the late | Mr. Jos: Vernon Apothecary | of this City who died Dec^r 4th 1742 aged 37 | Also on the south side | lies Mrs. Martha Vernon | his sister who died Dec^r | 22nd 1737 aged 37. | ”

53.

“In memory of | James Vernon Gent. | who died Dec^r 4 1819 | aged 60 years. | ”

51

54.

“ Here lies the body | of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith | wife of Mr. Thomas Smith
————— | and confectioner————— | this life the 22nd of
(July 1736) |

aged 56 |

Here also lieth the body of | Thomas Smith husband of | the above named
Elizth Smith | who departed this life | Feb. y 1st 1750 aged 74. |

‘ We live and labour get and save
Till death commits us to the grave
Reader in all thy gains make sure
Of an estate that will endure ’ ”

The upper part of this stone is partly covered by Hopkins' monument.

55.

“ Here lyeth (the body of)
Joseph Ya(rdley who departed)
this life the (21st July 1718)
(aged 42 years)
Also 2 of h(is infant children)
(both named Elizabeth)
Here (lyeth the body of)
Mrs M(ary Yardley wife)
of the (above Joseph Yardley who died)
Nov^r (21 1726 aged 30)
Also Mary (Clarke their)
daughter who (died Aug 20 1770)
aged 56 and (Abraham Clarke)
her son who died (Sep 20 1774)
aged 24 Like(wise Thomas)
Clarke her son who departed
this life Nov 28 1774 in the
21 year of his age ”

This is upon three pieces of stone and partly covered by Hopkins' monument. That portion of the inscription within brackets has been copied from Reader's book.

CHANCEL.

56.

“Memento Mori | of | The Rev^d Thomas Jackson | who was Twenty seven
Years | a dissenting Minister of this | City he departed this life the | 13th of
February 1783 aged 53 | ”

N.B. This last line is cut away.

NAVE.

57.

“Here lieth the body of | Mr. James Birch | who died ye 25th October 1726 |
aged 63 | and of Susannah his wife | who was daughter to Mr. Meacock |
alderman of y^s city died 20th of | February 1721 aged 57.”

58.

“Here lyeth the remains of | Ann Horsenail | who departed this life Sept 10th
1769 | aged 64 years. | ”

Arms (plate IX.) arg : a cross dovetailed between four Mullets, az. for
Horsenail impaling Birch. az. three fleur de lis, or.

59.

“In memory of Sarah | wife of Benjamin Newland | who departed this life | Jan^y
18 1774 aged 65 | Here lieth the body of | Benjamin Newland | husband of
the above named | who departed this life | May 1st 1781 aged 78 years |
also Charles Newland | son of the above named | who died July 10 1782 aged 54.
also Charles Newland | son of the above who dyed | Nov 26 1815 aged 47. |
Ann Newland | daughter of the above | who departed this life | Feb^y 3 1817
aged 18. | ”

60.

“In memory of | Samuel Spicer | who departed this life | the 9th Dec^r 1778
aged 62 | .

Also to the memory of | Sarah Spicer | wife of the above | Samuel Spicer | who
departed this life | March 21 1785 | aged 69 | ”

61.

“Henry Francis Minister late Surgeon of ye XLI foot H. M. S born VIII June |
MDCCCXI Baptised in this church | He died at Quetta in ye East Indies ye
XXIII day of September A D MDCCCXLI ΧΡΙΣΤΕ ΣΣΑΙΣΟΝ.”

53

62.

“Here lie the body of | Mr John Abell who dyed | August ye 23rd 1759 | aged
55 | also Elizabeth daughter of | John Abell who dyed | July ye 25th 1760 |
aged 31 | ”

63.

“Here lieth ye body | of Willima Whitehall | Gent deceased the | 5 of September
| Ano Dom 1636 | .”

64.

“In | memory of Ann wife | of Mr. John Kirkman | Alderman of this | City
who died Sept 1 | 1759 aged 45 also two of | their children who died | in their
Infancy | John Kirkman | died May 27 1775 | aged 75 years | .”

65.

“In memory | of Mary wife of | Mr. John Stow | of this City | who died October
15 1835 | aged 59 years | also of | John Stow | who died May 31 1846 | aged
71 years | .”

66.

“Joseph Chamberlain Milbourne | died May 29th 1838 | .”

67.

“In memory of | William Mitchell | who died Decem^r 19 1767 | aged 81 | .”

68.

“Sacred to the memory of | Harriet Reader | (daughter of W^m & Eliz Reader) |
who died April 27 1823 | aged Five years | ”

69.

“Jeremiah Spark | died March 29 1788 | aged 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ years |
Jeremiah Spark | died July 15 1794 | aged 39 years | ”

70.

“T. W. | died May 6 1686 | aged 11 weekes | & 3 dayes | ”

71.

“C D 1756”

54

72.

“ Rich^d Bird | died May 28 1787 | aged 60 also Mary Bird | wife of the above | who departed this life | the 18th of October 1805 | aged 69 years | .”

73.

“ Here lieth the body of | Mrs Mary Bird | who died Feb^r ye 2nd 1763 | aged 72 | here also lieth the body of | Mary Bird grand-daughter of | the above Mary who died | March ye 16th 1765 aged 10 years |

‘ Farewell bright souls a short farewell
Till we shall meet again above
In those sweet groves where pleasures dwell
And trees of life bear fruits of love.’

Also Katherine the wife of | Richard Bird | who died ye 16th of April 1778 | aged 54 years | .”

74.

“ Joseph Howe | died | 27 January 1839 | aged 40 years | .”

75.

The Masons' Arms, Plate IX.

“ Here | lieth the body of Martha | wife of W^m Edwards, mason | of this city | and daughter of Thomas | and Mary Newcombe of Brinklow | in the county of Warwick | who departed this life | March the 31st 1774 aged 70 years | also to the memory of | William Edwards | late mason of Much Park Street | in this city | and husband to the above named | who departed this life | Dec^r 12 1789 aged 73 years | ”

76.

“ Here lieth the body of | William Bird and Mary his | wife with several of their | Children and Grand-children | .”

77.

“ Here | lies the body of Mr. John | Proctor who died Sept^r 16 | 1757 aged 48 | also Ann wife of the above | John Proctor who died | Aug 5 1783 aged 73 | .”

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78.

“ Here lyeth the body | of Samuel Welton | late of this city Gent | he dyed May
ye 16th 1734 | aged 73 | here also lieth the body | of Mrs Mary Jee daughter
| of the above named who de | parted this life April 28 | 1750 aged 54 | also
Elizabeth her daughter | who departed this life Aug | 26 1747 aged 22 years | .”

79.

“ In | memory of Mr. Tho Lawrance | Alderman of this City and | Ann his wife
he died March | ye 21st 1686 aged 66 | she died Aug ye 1st 1710 | aged 84 |
also Michael Lawrance their | grand-son he died Oct 28 1760 | aged 39 | .”

Alderman Lawrance was Mayor 1682.

80.

“ To the memory of | Catherine wife of | John Herbert | who departed this life |
June 1st 1815 aged 68 years | also of the above | John Herbert | who died
June 6 1815 | aged 71 years | and to the Memory of | Marianne wife of |
Thomas Morris | and Grand Daughter of | the above John Herbert | who died
March 20 1830 | aged 25 | .”

81.

“ Underneath this stone in hope | of a | joyful resurrection lieth the | body of
Esther late wife of Mat | thew Smith who departed this | life Octo^r 25 1727
aged 35 years | Here lieth the body of | the above Matthew Smith | late of
London who | departed this life March 22 1730 | aged 64 years | ”

82.

“ Here | lies the body of Mr Tho^s | Farndon late of Thurlaston | in the parish
of Dunchurch | who died 22 April 1758 aged 80 | also | the body of Martha
| Plant grand-daughter of | the above Tho Farndon | who died 18 Oct 1758
aged | 14 years and 5 months | also the body of Joseph Plant | late master of
Mrs Bayleys | charity school which office | he held 42 years and father to | the
above Martha, he died the | 11th Dec^r 1772 aged 65 | also Alice wife of the
above Joseph | Plant who departed this life Octo | the 21 1777 aged 74
years | .”

83.

“In memory of Abigail Halford | who dyed March 24 1761 | aged 74 | also Martha Halford | wife of John Halford | who dyed November ye 23rd 1767 | aged 28 years | likewise four of her children | Elizth, Edw^d, Lucy, Lucetta | which died in their infancy. | also Martha Halford Aunt to | John Halford died May 7 | 1771 aged 70. | John Halford died | November 24 1773 aged 46 years. | ”

84.

“Here | lies in hopes of a joyfull | resurrection the remains | of Sarah the wife of | Edward Shufflebotham | who died the 4th of May | 1762 in y^e 85th year of her age. | ”

85.

“Here lieth the remains of | Ann wife of | Charles Adams esq | died March 27th 1819 | aged 52 | also Alicia eldest daughter | of Richard Adams esq of Allesley | died February 22nd 1825 | aged 52 | also of Richard Jones esq | who died at Daventry | Feb^y 4 1826 aged 53 | also of Richard Adams Esq | of Allesley | died June 26th 1831 | aged 86 | also of Ann Adams | died March 6th 1839 | aged 56 | also of Susannah Blackwood | died May 5 1843 | aged 64 | also of Charles Adams Esq | of Allesley | died May 16 1847 | aged 78 | also of Maria Adams | died 10th December 1849 | aged 63 | ”

86.

“Here lieth the body of | Elizabeth Gardner | relict of the late | Daniel Gardner | of this city | who departed this life | the 25 of November 1792 | aged 46 years |

Also of William Gardner | son of the above | who died Jan 3 1801 aged 83 |

(The following is copied from Reader, the inscription now being defaced)

Also Daniel youngest son of the above Elizabeth late Captain in the 43rd regiment and Major of Brigade distinguished by his bravery, he fell (sincerely regretted) in the battle of Talavera de la Reyna on the 28th of July 1809 aged 26. His remains lie interred on the banks of the Tagus near that place.”

87.

“Here lyeth the bo ly of Frances | Terry who departed this life | Sept the 21st 1759 in ye 17th year | of her age | E. T. aged 56 died 1757 | ”

This is part of a stone which should record the death of Edward Terry, Aug. 9, 1757, and 3 of his children, Wm., Joseph and Elizabeth.

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88.

“ Dorothy the wife | of John Gilbert of | this city died 20th | May 1760 aged 61 |
(Samuel Gilbert an infant. John Gilbert died Aug 17 1770 aged 62. Anna
Maria Gilbert died June 4 1778 aged 62) (Reader) ”

89.

“ Mary Ford wife of | Edmund Ford | died 31 March 1811 | aged 53 years |
Edmund Ford | died Dec 1 1818 | aged 63 years. | ”

90.

(Partly covered by the Alms box.)

“ J G. E G. M G 1757.”

91.

“ In Memory of | Lucy eldest daughter of | David Shakespear and Ann Waters |
who died May 25th 1829 | in the twenty third year of her age. | ”

92.

SOUTH SIDE OF ORGAN.

“ Here lyeth the body of | Mary Hall who departed | this life May ye 25th
1741 | aged 30 years |

Here I lye you may see
Hope with God in Heaven shall be

here lyeth the body of Mary | Hall Mother to the above | Mary Hall who died
Feb^r | the 17th 1745 aged 76. | ”

93.

“ To the memory | of John Howe | of this city who died Feb 23^d 1826 | aged
57 years | also | of John Howe | son of the above | who died Feb^r 19 1839 |
aged 45 years | also | of Hannah | wife of the first named John Howe | who
died Sept 10 1839 | aged 76 years. | ”

94.

“ To the Memory of | William Davis | died July 31st 1808 | aged 36 years | ”

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95.

(On a stone partly covered by the Organ and Gas Meter) arms Plate IX.

“ Here lieth the body of
Abraham Owene
Alderman and twice Mayor
of this city a worthy Magistrate
a tender husband a true friend
and neighbour, a lover of virtue and
discourager of vice, a zealous asserter
of the protestant religion and the liberty
of this country. died April 2nd 1740 aged 74 years ’

Mayor 1710 1712.

96

“ Samuel Brockhurst, | died 1st Jan^y 1777 aged 87 | Ann his wife | died 10th
Jan^y aged 87 | Mary their granddaughter | died Feb 27 1771 aged 26 | John
Brockhurst esq^{er} | son of the above | departed this life Dec^r 17 1787 | aged
68 years. | ”

97.

“ Here lieth the body of Mrs | Eliz^h wife of John Stubbs | who departed this
life | Decem^{bre} ye 13th 1723 aged 61. | ”

98.

“ Here lieth | ye body of Robert Bedson | late sheriff of this city | he departed
this life | Jan^y 23 1718 | (also Isabella wife of the above died Sept —
aged 68.)”

This latter portion of inscription is taken from Reader.

99.

“ Mary Thacker died 16th | day of September 1710 | aged — | also ye body of
Abr^m | Knowles son of Isaac | Knowles died ye 13th of | Ag 1735 aged 34. | ”

100.

“ Here lyeth the body of | Mrs. Alice Rogers Widow | who departed this life |
January the 30th Anno dom | 1770 aged 70. | ”

101.

"Here lyeth the body of | Mary Fulwood wife of | George Fulwood Esq of
Alne | in the county of Warwick | Daughter of William Purefoy | of Caldicott
Gent in this same | County. Deceased the 26th | of March 1695. | "

102.

"Here | lieth the body of | William Abell | who died Jan^y ye 17th 1750 |
aged 44 | also Susannah his | wife who died Augst | 31st 1759 aged 51 | also
near this place lieth two | daughters of John Abell, Jane | who died October
1st 1752 | aged 21 years | and Christiana who died July | the 25th 1753 aged
16 years. | "

103.

"Here lie interred the remains | of Thomas Mitchell | who departed this life |
May 4 1786 aged 56 | also Elizabeth Mitchell | relict of the above | who died
May 1809 | aged 66. | Selina their Daughter | who died 1807 aged 24 |
Elizabeth Arnold Mitchell | born Aug 4 1777 | died July 16 1778. | "

104.

"In Memory of | John Hitchins | who departed this life | the 19th of August
1792 | aged 55 years | also Sarah Hitchins | relict of the above | who departed
this life | the 10th of April 1803 | aged 63 years. |

Affliction sore long time I bore

Physicians were in vain

Till God did please to grant me ease

By death from every pain."

105

"In memory of | William Marsh who | departed this life | September 30th 1800
aged 62 years | also Peter and Thomas | Marsh sons of the above. | Peter died
March 2 | 1776 aged 2 years | Thomas died Nov 4 | 1781 aged 20 years, | and also
grandchildren | of the above William Marsh, | Caroline Marsh | who died
Sept 30 1814 | aged 4 years | Elizabeth Marsh | who died Feb 9 1819 | aged
17 years | Matilda Marsh | who died March 16 1819 | aged 15 years | Charles
Henry Marsh | who died May 5 1820 | aged 7 years. | "

106.

"In memory of Mr. William Wood who died June 11 1761 aged 56
also Frances his wife who died Nov 19 1761 aged 61 "

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107.

" In memory of | William Marsh M.D. he departed this life | July 7th 1823 aged
60 years. | "

108.

" To the memory of | Charles Jordan sen^r | gent^m late of this city | who departed
this life Oct | 29 1822 aged 86 years | also Charles Jordan | son of the above |
who died July 13 1834 aged 64 | and Sarah his wife | who died May 14 1837
aged 71. | "

109.

" Jane wife of | Benjamin Fidoe | collector of Excise | obiit 21st Feb^r 1798 |
aged 47 | The above named | Benjamin Fidoe | collector of Excise | died April
the 25th 1798 | aged 67. | "

110.

" Here | lieth the remains of Sarah | wife of Mr John Delaval | of Seaton De-
laval | in Northumberland | who departed this life | Feb ye 3rd anno domini
1763 | aged 87 | also Elizabeth Terry who | died March 23 1781 | aged 74
years. | "

111.

" In memory of | James Dawson | son of James and Ann | died Feb 6 1768 |
aged 2 years 3 months | James Dawson | died June 13 1768 | aged 29 years, |
Ann Dawson his | wife died Sept 16 1813 | aged 77 years. | "

112.

" T B "

113.

This stone being partly covered by the organ the following is all that can
be deciphered.

Brooke

(Aug) ust ye 4

(16) 79

Brooke dyed

the 1st

1722

114.

“To the memory of | Mr. Thomas Goodwin | died May 8th 1802 aged 45 years | M^{rs} Elizabeth Goodwin | relict of Mr. Thomas Goodwin | died Nov^r 17th 1812 aged 57 years | . Thomas Henry Goodwin | son of the above Tho & Eliz Goodwin | died Nov^r 28th 1823 aged 32 years | Elizabeth Goodwin | daughter of the above | Tho & Eliz Goodwin | died Sept^r 18th 1812 aged 19 years | Richard Goodwin | son of the above Tho and Eliz Goodwin | died Sep^r 25th 1812 aged 12 years | also four children | of the above Tho and Eliz Goodwin | who died in their infancy. | ”

115.

“In | memory of John Brown who | died Feb^r ye 9th 1771 aged 25 | also John Brown sen^r who died | March ye 9th 1778 aged 58. | ”

116.

“To the memory | of | M^r Tho^s Boyce | late of this City | who died August ye 7th | 1757 aged 61. | ”

WESTERN PORCH.

117.

Arms Plate X.

“Here lyeth interred Thomas Bearcroft | of the Citie of Coventry gent | descended from that ancient family of | Meargreen in the parish of Hanbury, near | Droitwich in the county of Worcester | who married two wives the first Alicia | the fourth daughter of Samuel Harwarr | of Stoke near Coventry gent his | second was Mary Grey daughter to the | Honourable Job Grey second son to the | Right Honourable Anthony Earl of | Kent He departed this life the 20th | of August 1689 in the 90th year | of his age | Here also lyeth the body of M^{rs} Mary | Bearcroft relict of the said M^r Tho^s | Bearcroft who departed this life the 29th day | of July 1717 aged 60 | ”

118.

“Here lieth the body of Katherine | Pickering widow of Thomas | Pickering of this parish peruke | maker who departed this life Feb^r | the 24 1718 in the 66th year of her | age. | Here lyeth also the body | of Nehemiah Pickering son | of the said Katherine Pickering | who departed this life the 30th day | of March 1725 aged 52 years | ”

119.

Two pieces of stone, from the remaining but nearly defaced inscription, they are to the family of Wright. Reader gives—

“Frances, Ann, William & John children of Christopher and Frances Wright. The said Christopher died March 1765 aged 64 Frances wife of Christopher died Dec^r 28 1789.”

NORTH AISLE.

120.

“In memory of | Sarah Bucherfield who | departed this life May ye 6th 1779 | Aged 70 years. | ”

121.

“Here | lyeth the bodys of M^r | John Gilbert and Elizabeth | his wife | he dyed June 7th 1753 | aged 79 | she dyed Jan 26 1745 | aged 72. | ”

122.

“Here | lyeth the bodys of John | & Mary Gilbert | son and daughter of M^r John | Gilbert and Eliz his wife | he dyed June 2 1731 | aged 28 | she died Aug 20 1721 | aged 10 | ”

123.

“Here lyeth the body of | Martha late wife of Mr. Rich | ard Gilbert youngest daugh | ter of William Goode late of | Paylton in the county of War | wick gent. who departed this | life June 14 1737 | aged 39
Also Elizabeth her daughter | who dyed in infancy, | on the north side lieth the body | of Richard Gilbert gent, | he died the 17 day of August | 1772 aged 74. |
Memento mori |

124.

“Here | lyeth the body of Sarah Tibbits | the wife of Richard Tibbits who | departed this life June the | 17th 1766 aged 29 years |
Also Alice the wife of W^m | Elliott who departed this | life Dec^r 18 1770 aged 33. | also Richard Elliott who died | Feb 27 1778 aged 6 months | ”

125.

“Here | lies interred the remains | of Sarah the wife of | Charles Elliot | who departed this life | Feb 10 1784 | aged 83 |
also | Mr. Charles Elliott | who departed this life | Dec 29 1788 | aged 80 | ”

126.

“ Here lieth the body of Mr | William Gilbert Sen^r who | departed this life
 January | ye 15 1752 aged 75 | also the body of Mrs | William Gilbert jun^r
 who | departed this life Dec^r | ye 1st 1744 aged 27 |
 Also the body of Mary the wife | of Mr William Gilbert Sen^r | who dyed July
 7 1764 | aged 84 | ”

127.

“ Here lyeth the body of Mr | Joseph Ash who departed this | life the 14th Sep-
 tember 1722 in the | 61st year of his age, | and also Mary his wife who de-
 parted this life | May 16 1730 aged 62 years. |
 here lyeth also the body of | John Ash Son of Mr Joseph Ash who | departed
 this life the 3rd July 1714 | aged 17 years | here lyeth also the body of | Joseph
 Ash son of Mr Joseph | Ash who departed this life | Aug 3 1762 aged 66 | ”

128.

“ In memory | of Mr William Lucas who dyed | Oct 19 1765 aged 73. | In
 memory of Alice Lucas | daughter of the above who died | November ye 9th
 1778 aged 46. | ”

129.

“ Henry Cole | Surgeon | died 20 April 1796 | aged 39 | ”

130.

“ Beneath this stone lies interred | Thomas the infant son of | Thomas and
 Dorothy Mason | of this city who died the 21st day | of February 1795 aged 7
 months. | Also Langham Mason | brother of the above named | Thomas
 Mason who died | 22 August 1795 | aged 22 | ”

131.

“ Robert and John Carter | sons of William and Ann Carter, | Robert died |
 Nov 26 1812 aged 6 years | John died Dec^r 4 1812 aged 5 years | also of |
 Mr Henry Jackson | late silkman of this City | who died Aug 3 1819 | aged 54
 years | also Gilbert Carter | son of the above W & Ann | died Sep 20 1822
 aged 24 years | Mary wife of W^m Foster | and daughter of W^m and Ann Carter |
 died Jan 1 1831 aged 35 years. | ”

132.

“To the memory of | Cleophas Ratliff | who departed this life Sep 16^h | 1822
aged 61 years |
Henry Ratliff | died July 7 1831 aged 4 years | also Ann relict of the above |
who departed this life | July 4th 1843 aged 70 years | ”

133.

“To the memory of | John Ratliff | who died Nov 20 | 1812 aged 56 years |
also of | Sarah Ratliff | wife of the above | who died | November 8th 1830 |
aged 61 | ”

134.

“Here lyeth the body of Eliz^h | wife of Mr Bryan Troughton | sen^r who departed
this life | Aug 2 1752 aged 51 years | also Bryan Troughton, sen^r | who
departed this life Sep^r 22 | 1771 aged 69 |
Also Elizabeth the wife of | Charles Newcombe | granddaughter of the above |
Bryan & Elizabeth | who departed this life | Sep 2 1789 aged 35 years | also
Thomas Troughton | son of Bryan Troughton | and brother of the above |
Elizabeth Newcombe | who departed this life | Nov 9th 1790 aged 25 years | ”

(See the remaining portion of this stone No 135).

135.

“Also Jane the daughter of | Mr Charles Newcomb | she departed this life the |
7th day of July 1793 | aged 16 years | John Newcomb son of | Charles New-
comb | dyed ye 9th of August 1799 | aged 21 years. | ”

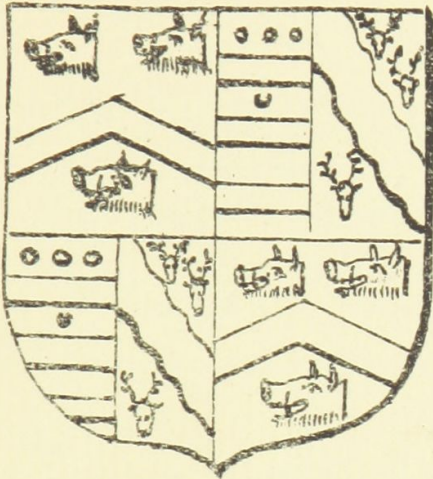
136.

“In memory of | Francis Tarsey | died Dec^r 16th 1730 aged 53 |
Also Elizabeth his wife | died March 7th 1741 aged 61 | likewise Frances |
wife of Thomas Sisserson | died July 9th 1754 aged 37 |
Also in memory of | William Mathews | he departed this life | Feb^y 28th 1819 |
in the 70th year | of his age |
Also Mary wife of | the above W^m Mathews | she departed this life | Jan 14
1826 | aged 86 years | ”

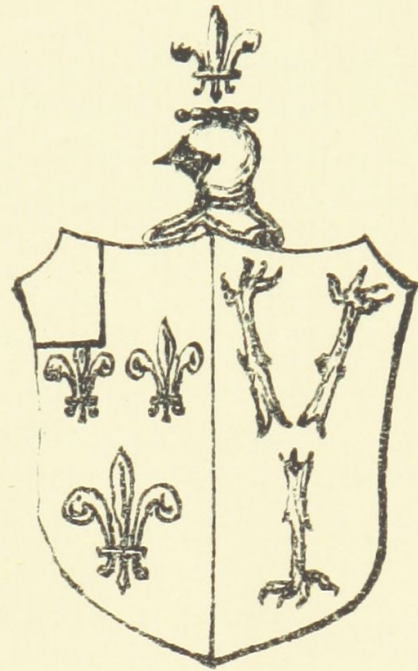
137.

“Here | lieth Mary widdow of | Henry Cockram Alderman | who dyed Sep
23 1748 | aged 90 | ”

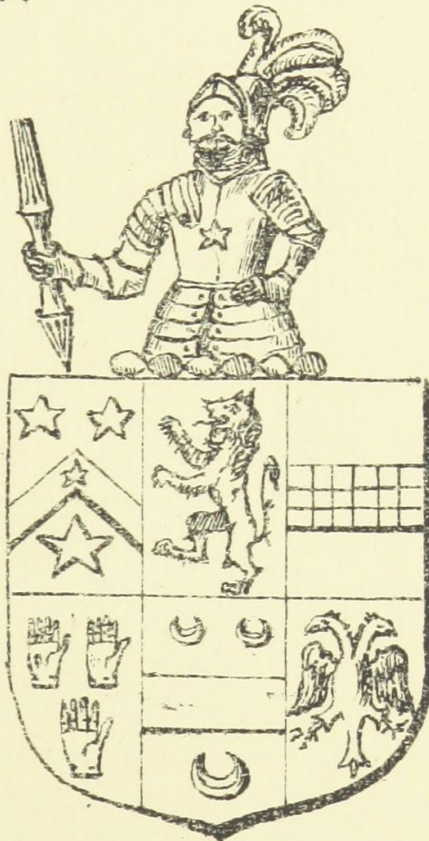
Henry Cockram was Mayor 1715.



BEARCROFT.



BIRCH



FULWOOD.

138.

“In memory of Ann wife | of W^m Lucas who dyed | Aug 30 1760 aged 66 | here lyeth also the body of | Ann wife of Mr. George Clarck | daughter of the above named | who departed this life May y^o 30 | 1772 aged 42 | also the remains of | Mr George Clarck | husband to the above named | Ann Clarck who died | March the 9th 1784 aged 64 | ”

139.

“ (Here lieth Richard Dawson who died January 6th) 1764 | aged 30 | Also Thomas son of the above | Rich^d who died January 13th | 1762 aged 2 years | also to the memory of Mary | Dawson who died May the 13th 1766 aged 4 years | Also Elizabeth Dawson | wife of the above named | who departed this life | April 8th 1803 aged 82 years | ”

The part within brackets is covered by the font.

140.

“In memory of | George Matthews | who departed this life | July 10 1771 aged 63 years | also Elizabeth his wife | who departed this life Nov 19 1792 aged 77 years | ”

141.

Arms (Plate IX.)

1705.

“Here lyeth the body of Edward Owen | late Alderman of this city who | departed this life the 12th of August | Anno Dom 1705 aged 68 | and here also lyeth the body of | Joan his wife who departed this life | the 20th of January 1708 in the 72nd year | of her age |

Here also lyeth the body of Edward | Owen gent their eldest son who | departed this life the 16th of April | 1739 aged 75. |

Here also lieth Jane his daughter & | only child the wife of James Birch esqre | she died the 7th of May 1749 | aged 44 | ”

Alderman Owen was Mayor 1696.

142.

“Here lieth ye body of | Ann ye wife of Henery | Taylor who died Dec^r | ye 29 1730 aged 72 | also the body of Ann | the wife of Cleophas | Ratcliff who died March | the 29 1748 aged 55 | also Cleophas Ratcliff | son of the above | named who departed | this life May 12 1769 | aged 44 | also Elizabeth Ratcliff | who died April 26th | 1789 aged 68 years | ”

143.

" In | memory of Thomas Pickin | late Alderman of this City | who departed this life | the 2nd of March 1784 | aged 58 years | also Mary Pickin | wife of the above Tho^s Pickin | who departed this life | the 17th of Oct 1801 aged 77 years |

Thomas Pickin, | nephew to the above | died July 10th 1847 aged 88 years | "

Alderman Pickin was Mayor 1780.

144.

" To | the memory of Mary | the wife of Henry Hunt | who departed this life | Oct^r ye 7th 1764 | aged 28 | "

145.

" Here | lyeth W^m Muston he | died May 23 1750 | aged 49 |
In memory of | Tho^s Iliffe who | departed this life 6th Oct | 1769 aged 68 |
Sarah Iliffe his widow died Oct 9 1770 aged 59

146.

" Thomas Clay esqre | died Nov 2 1794 | aged 71 | also Frances clay | wife of the above | died June 14 1810 | aged 60 | "

147.

" (Samuel Billing died March 19 1707) | aged 57 | and also the body of Sarah his | wife who departed this life the 12th | of October Anno Dom 1707 aged 46 | "

He was Mayor 1704.

148.

" (Thomas Barker died Feb 4 1739 aged 70 also) of Alice Barker his wife | March the 24th 1749 aged 62. | "

That portion within brackets of 147 and 148 is covered by Nethermyll's Tomb.

149.

" M^r Robert Bedford | died in ye 75th year of | his age on ye 24 April | 1714 | and was interred here. | "

150.

Arms Plate X.

“Here lieth the body of | James Birch Esq^r | who departed this life | the 6th
day of December 1772 | aged 74. | ”

The inscription is nearly defaced and Coat of Arms much more so, they were: three fleur-de-lis empaling Owen. Helmet, mantling, crest on a wreath, a fleur-de-lis.

151.

“Dorothy Parker | uxor Gulielmi Parker de | Salford in comitatu | Warwici
Generosi obiit 22^{ndis} Nov^{ris} 1708 | ”

152.

“Jane | the wife of B. Toms, clerk | died | Feb 1st 1776 aged 41 | the Rev^d
Benj^m Toms clerk | Vicar of this parish 24 years | and upwards died March
15 | 1793 aged 63 | also Hannah Toms | who died Dec 24 1846 | aged 81 | ”

153.

“Here lieth the body of | Thomas Colburn gent | and Elizabeth his wife | she
dyed ye 19th of Decemb | anno dom 1714 aged 78. | ”

GIRDLER'S CHAPEL.

154.

“Georgivs Ffulwood, Armiger, Filius | Georgii Ffulwood de Alne Parva in |
Com. War. Armigeri, obiit Vicessimo | quarto die Junii Anno Dom. | 1699 ! ”

Arms Plate X.

155.

“Beneath | this stone lie the bodies | of Abel Wheler, Mary Wheler | and
Catherine Wheler | children of | Francis Wheler esqre & Jane his wife | who
died | Dec^r 2 1761 aged 44 years | Abel was borne Dec 12 1755 | and died
Aug 15 1756 | Mary was borne Dec^r 26 1756 | and died Jan 19 1757 |
Catherine was born Dec 30 1758 | and died Aug 24 1760 | also of Louisa
Hood granddaughter | of Francis and Jane Wheler | who died March 11 1776
aged 4 months |

In the same vault | Henry Viscount Hood | of Whitley Abbey in this parish, |
born Aug 26 1753 died January 25 1836 | also the Hon^{ble} Horatio Hood |
son of Samuel Lord Bridport, | and Charlotte Mary his wife, | born July 25
1822 died Jan 19 1826 | and Alexander son of Capt Mason R. N. C. B | and
Selina his wife, who died an infant | also | Jane dowager Viscountess Hood |
of Whitley Abbey County of Warwick, | born June 13th 1754 died Dec^r 5 1847 |
aged 93 years | ”

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156.

“ Here | lieth the body of | John Simpson barber | who died March 28th 1782 | aged 55 | also Elizabeth his wife who | died Feb^y 5th 1801 aged 84 | ”

156*.

“ In memory of John Skears | who departed this life | Feb^y ye 3rd 1760 | aged 83 | also in memory of M^{rs} Ann | Skears wife of the above | who departed this life | Dec^r ye 23rd 1773 | aged 82. | ”

157.

“ Here lye the body of | William Skears | he dyed Jan^y 14th 1761 | aged 67 | , also Ann Awson | who died April 13th 1795 | aged 78. | ”

158.

“ Here lies the body of | M^r Joseph Skears | he died January 19th 1744 | aged 51 years | also | Benjamin Rew | he departed this life December | 24th 1788 aged 23 years | also of | Sarah Rew mother to | the above Benjamin Rew | she departed this life August | 4th 1804 aged 75 years | and of | William Whiston | late Captain in the 6th Reg^t of Foot | he departed this life June | 5th 1819 aged 74 years | likewise 5 of his children | and of Henrietta Whiston | relict of the above | who departed this life | February 25th 1841 | aged 80 years. | ”

159.

“ Sacred | to the Memory of M^{rs} | Sally Awson | she departed this life June | 28th 1819 aged 60 years. | ”

160.

“ Underneath this stone | rest the remains of | Sir Skears Rew Kn^t | Alderman of this city | who died 23rd April 1828 | aged 64 years. | ”

As Mayor of Coventry in 1815 he proceeded to Coombe Abbey to present an address from the Corporation to the Prince Regent (afterwards Geo. IV.) who was on a visit to the Earl Craven. The Prince conferred the honor of Knighthood upon him, and it is said that he had to go to Binley to get the Prince a sword. Sir Skears Rew was again Mayor in 1816.

IN THE TRANSEPT NEAR TO NORTH DOOR.

161.

“In memory of | M^r John Gammidge, | he departed this life | Feb^y 5th 1764 | aged 74 years. | also Judith wife of William | Brown late wife of the above | who departed this life Nov^r 30 | 1775 aged 87 years | ”

162.

“In | memory of M^r Samuel | Cricklowe who died | April the 4th 1760 in the | 53rd year of his age, | also | Alley his wife who | departed this life July | the 5th 1764 aged 65. | ”

163.

“In memory of | M^{rs} Mary Bury | wife of | M^r Samuel Bury | who died Sept^r 1st 1758 | aged 52 | also | M^r Sam^l Bury | who departed this life | Sept^r 17th 1766 | aged 63 | also the body of Sam^l Issard grand | son of the above named Samuel and Mary | M | 1775. | ”

164.

“Sophia wife of | Bradford Wilmer | surgeon of this city | died 3rd April 1801 | aged 35 years | Jane Wilmer | wife of Bradford Wilmer | died 13th July 1805 | aged 36 years | Sophia Wilmer | eldest daughter of | Bradford Wilmer | died 22nd July 1810 aged 14 years | Henry Wilmer | eldest son of | Bradford Wilmer | died 27th Dec^r 1810 aged 17 years | Bradford Wilmer M.D. | died 21st of Nov^r 1813 aged 67 years. | ”

See also Monument T. page 28.

165.

“Here lieth the body of | Isaac Knowles | sen^r who died Oct^r ye | 3rd 1731 aged 74 | years. | Here lieth the body | of Isaac Knowles | jun^r who died June ye | 29th 1727 aged 36 | years | Here lieth the body | of Mary the wife of | Isaac Knowles Sen^r | who died April ye 27 | 1726 aged 69 years. | ”

166.

“Here lieth the body of | M^r John Keeling who | departed this life June the 23rd | aged 39 | also the body of Anna | Maria Bury who dyed | June 18th 1750 | aged 17. | ”

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167.

“Here lyeth the body of M^r | William Keeling who departed | this life August
the 16th 1724 in | the 69th year of his age. | ”

S. ANDREW'S OR THE SMITH'S CHAPEL.

168.

“ Here | lieth the body of M^r W^m Chambers | who died Oct^r the 18th 1756 aged
53 years | also Mary the daughter of | W^m and Margaret Chambers | who died
Nov^r the 19th 1757 aged 3 years | also W^m the son of | W^m and Margaret
Chambers | who died April the 8th 1763 aged 9 years | here also lieth the
body of | Margaret Chambers | widow of the above W^m Chambers | who died
May the 17th 1782 aged 67 years. | ”

169.

“ Here lyeth the body | of Edward Bosworth | who died May 23rd | 1720 |
aged 45 | also Elizabeth his wife who | departed this life April ye 30th 1735
aged 71 | here also lieth of Elizath | the wife of Mr Edward Gravenor | who
departed this life May | the 25 1735 aged 47 | also two of the children of |
Edward Gravenor who departed | this life 4th Feb 1761 aged 73 | also Dinah
second wife | of Edw^d Gravenor who | departed this life June | the 29th 1770
aged 72. | ”

170.

“ Here is the stone from which the brass to the memory of M^{rs} Mary Vavator
has been taken.”

See Brass S.* page 27.

171.

“ In | memory of James Adcock | who dyed Sept 17th 1732 | aged 52 | and
Catherine his wife | she dyed Augst 10th 1753 | aged 70 | also Ann their
daughter | who dyed Augst 17th 1732 | aged 10. | and Catherine their |
daughter who dyed July | 10th 1760 aged 42. | here also lyeth Mary late wife
of | Henry Wightwick and daughter of | James & Catherine Adcock who
dyed | March ye 9th 1765 aged 48 | ”

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172.

" Here rests interred | the remains of | Tho^s Thacker | of this city | who died
Feb^{ry} 3rd 1797 | in the 68 year of his age. | "

173.

" Here lieth the body of M^r | Simon Lucas apothecary Sen^r | who died July ye
17 1748 aged 65 | also his son Simon Lucas | apothecary jun^r who died | Jan
ye 4th 1748 aged 31. | here also lieth interred the | body of Mary late the |
relict of Simon Lucas | Sen^r who departed this | life October the seventh |
1754 aged 63 | "

174.

" Here lies the body of | Mr Edward Gravenor | who died November 15th 1775 |
aged 65, | also Abel Gravenor | who died January 5th 1797 | aged 26 | also
Ann Gravenor | who died in her infancy. | "

Head stone,

" M^r Ed Gravenor 1775 "

175.

" Sacred | to the memory of | Richard Rawlins | who departed this life | Sept^r
26th 1782 aged 56 years | Sarah Rawlins | wife of the above died | Jan^y 20th
1795 aged 65 years | Charlotte Gibbons | died August 30th 1800 | aged 49
years | Sarah Rawes | died February 21st 1831 | aged 67 years | daughters of
the above | Richard Rawlins | and Sarah his wife. | "

176.

" In memory | of Tho^s and Mary Gibbard | Son of J^{no} & daughter | of Sam^l
Gibbard | interred here | December 13th 1735 | aged 14 and 13 years. | "

177.

" In memory of | Edward Davis | who died October 2nd 1782 | aged 61 | also
in memory of | Elizabeth his wife | who died February 21st 1809 | aged 85. | "

178.

" Thomas Diston gent | late Alderman and twice | Mayor of this city died |
March ye 12 1725 aged 82 | and Martha his wife died | October ye 3rd 1706
aged 57 also | three sons and one daughter | . Between this stone and ye
pillar | lies ye body of Mr Sam^l Cater | Mercer who died Jan^y 4th 1731 | aged
61 years, | under the stone at the foot of this | was inter^d ye body of Sam^{ul}
Gibbard | Mercer who died December ye | 16th 1735 aged 47. | "

Thomas Diston was Mayor in the years 1700 and 1709.

179.

“In memory of | John Gibbard | who departed this life | May 1 1789 aged 56, |
 also Mary Gibbard | wife of the above | John Gibbard | who departed this life, |
 Dec^r 11 1796 in the | 65th year of her age, | also Jane Essex | third daughter
 of | Will^m & Ann Gibbard | & granddaughter of the above | John & Mary
 Gibbard | died June 21st 1811 aged 9 months. | ”

180.

“Here | lieth the remains of | Rob^t Jarvis plumber and | glazier of this city who
 died | Sept^r 3rd 1782 aged 31 years. | ”

181.

“Benedicta Moss | died Jan^y ye 22nd 1778 aged 25 |
 She's gone here let us drop a tear,
 Her life was precious and her memory dear

182.

“Here | lieth the body of Abel Gravenor | Gent who departed this life | February
 27th 1790 aged 70 | also his sister | M^{rs} Mary Gravenor | who died April 20th
 1819 | aged 88 | ”

183.

“Here | lieth the body of John | Ward late Alderman of | this city who departed
 this | life Dec^r ye 25 1760 aged 81 | also Mary his wife who departed | this
 life Oct^r ye 16 1756 aged 74 | also 5 of their children |

James	aged 16 months	
James	— 22 days	
Collins	4	} years
John	7	
Sarah	19	

184.

“Here lyeth in hopes of a | joyfull resurrection the body | of Henry Gibbons
 who | departed this life 30 June | Anno Dom 1704 aged 70 | Robert Gibbons |
 died July 30 1776 aged 35 years | ”

185.

“ In Memory of | Frances wife of | Joseph Gibbons | who died Feb^y 6th 1789
aged 38. | also the above | Joseph Gibbons | died April 15th 1807 | aged 46 |
and also | two of their children infants. | Ann Gibbons | relict of the late
Joseph Gibbons | and mother of the above named | she died March 3rd
1809 | aged 75. | also of Martha Gibbons | daughter of the above | Ann
Gibbons | who died June 29th 1834 | aged 62 years | ”

186.

“ John Collins late Mayor | and aldⁿ of this city who | departed this life May ye
| 29th 1727 aged 72 & | Collins Ward his nephew & | great grandson to
Captain | Stretton | ”

To this Capt. Stretton there was once a raised tomb, with following inscription :—

“ Here lieth interred, in a hope of a blessed resurrection, the body of Mr William
Stretton, Sheriffe of this city who departed this life March the 17 Anno Dom
1659 and of his age 34. A man, in his naturall capacities very lovely ; in his
polliticall very useful : in his spiritualls very eminent.
And by these, being dead, yet speaketh Heb 11 c 4 v ”

Immediately before the restoration of Charles II the citizens declared in
favour of a free parliament. The Mayor armed 160 persons, and under the
command of Major Beake, Capt. W. Stretton & Capt. Hicks, they demanded
the guards of the City from the Parliamentary troops, who at once resigned
them.

187.

“ Here lieth the body of Samuel | Collins sometime Mayor & Alderman | of this
City who departed this | life December the 22nd 1717 aged | 77 years. | ”

188.

“ Collins Ward —”

This is all that is engraven on a piece of stone which has had a brass, on
it are the places for two boses and two figures about 1oin. in length.

LADY CHAPEL.

189.

On a new stone about 16 inches square is engraved

“ Thomas Bond
XVIII March
MDVI.”

See Brass AA.

The whole of this floor was covered with memorial stones, which at the restoration of the Church in 1850 were covered to the depth of 8 or 10 inches and paved with quarries, these were recently removed, and a tessellated pavement of a geometric pattern put in their place.

DYERS' OR MOURNERS' CHAPEL.

A vault beneath this Chapel was let by the Vestry in 1659 to Mrs Strode upon payment of 20 marks and 5s. annual rent, here were buried,

“ Henry Strode of Newhouse Keresley died May 18 1659 aged 36. and Elizabeth his wife who died Aug 22 1663 aged 32 also their children Margaret died Aug 1st 1669 aged 17, Rebecca died May 27 1653 aged 7 weeks, George died May 3 1655 aged 1 year and two days and Ann who died on the day of her birth Sep 22 1656. Also M^{rs} Joan England (who educated M^{rs} Strode) she died Feb 1 1661 aged 60. The Strode family neglecting to pay the rent it was again let 1747 to W Inge Esq on payment of 10 guineas and an annual rent of one penny In 1823 M^{rs} Inge wife of Edward Inge Esq was here interred—for some years it was used as a chamber for the gas meter which has since been removed and the vault closed up. There were stones in the church to the memory of

W^m Inge gent died June 12 1760 aged 47 Letitia wife of Edward Inge of the Charter house near this city died Jan 15 1794 aged 83. The said Edward Inge died Nov 24 1794 aged 87 Mary Gilbert died Dec 28 1806 aged 96 Edward Inge gent.

Edward Hill gent also Prudence Inge died March 11 1785 aged 77 ”

LADY OR DRAPERS' CHAPEL.

Whether there be a crypt below this Chapel is not known, but a brick vault has been so built as possibly to be within a crypt. The vault was let in 1690 to George Bohun, Esq., on payment of £10, and an annual rent of 5s This was discontinued in 1752. It contains 13 adult and 4 children's leaden coffins, on which the destroying influence of time has had no respect—

Arms Bohun impaling Bathurst.

“ Abraham | Bohun | Obiit Oct 27 | 1685 etates | svœ 79. |

He resided at Coundon and left a legacy to Bablake School.

Arms as last in a lozenge.

“ M^{rs} Elizab | eth Bohu | n obit the | 28 of JULY | 1713 aged | 98.

She was the daughter of Geo. Bathurst, Esq.

George Bohun (of Coundon the last heir male of the family) died Nov 15 1709 aged 65 He represented Coventry in Parliament 1690—he gave 2 large brass chandeliers to the church which were engraved with the family arms (1692) John Bohun (his brother) died Nov 19 1690 aged 35. He gave £100 for charitable uses, at his burial Dec 2 there were 25 coaches beside the hearse with escutcheons and 200 large candles were burning in the church during the funeral.

Susannah Clarke (eldest daughter of Mr Geo Bohun) died May 15 1721 aged 38.

She married Gilbert Clarke, Chilcote, Co. Derby, they lived at Newhouse, Coundon.

Berkeley Arms with crest—a boar head.

“ George Berkeley | son of Rowland | Berkeley esqre | by Mary his wife | daughter of George Bohun esqre | ob Apr 18 | 1701

An infant. Also another infant, same Arms no inscription.

M. B | dyed July ye 2 | 1737 | aged 34.

Arms, Bohun.

M · R C O R D E |

Bohun |

Obio 28 |

March | 1691. |

This was George Bohun, an infant.

“Ann Bohun (an infant) died March 8 1692.

John Bohun died Aug. 11 1688 aged 2 years (son of George Bohun, of Coundon.)

Susannah Smith | d^r of ye R^d R. A. | Bohun | ob. 28 | Jvly | 1731 | aged 79.

This family was descended from Humphrey Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex, and brother to Edward II.

A coffin, having a coat of arms, a fess between 3 ——— impaling ———.

“William Love Gent died Jan^y 16 1781 aged 37.

Cator Love died Nov 15 1777 aged 56.

Mary Love died April 30 1775 aged 55.

Jane Holbeche died 15 May 1843 aged 63.

Edward Holbeche died Aug 7 1786 aged 9.”

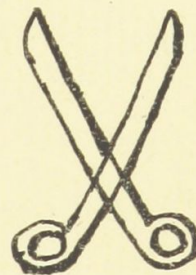
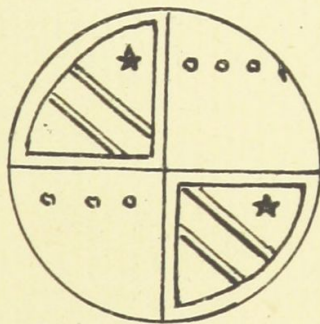
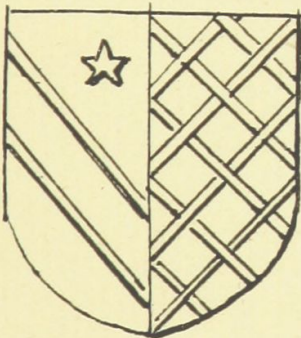
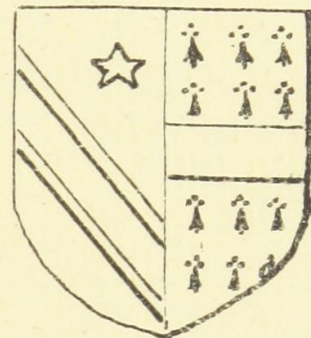
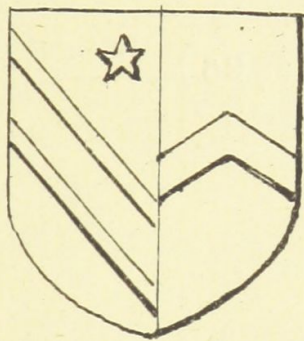
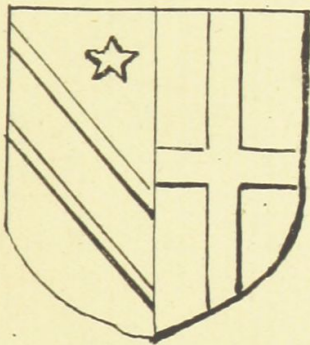
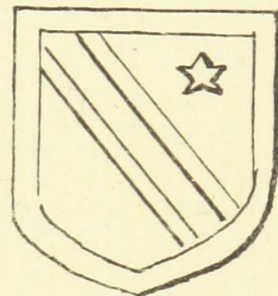
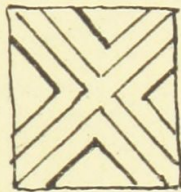
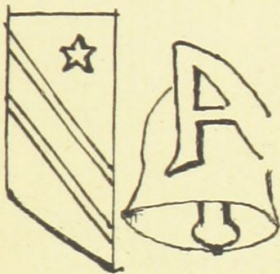
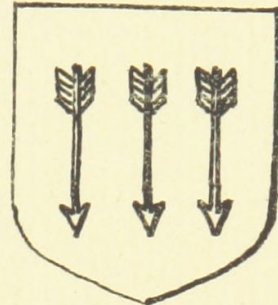
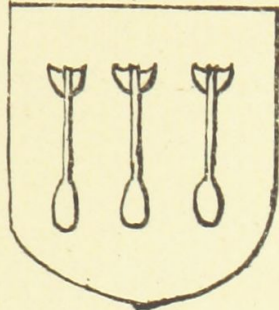
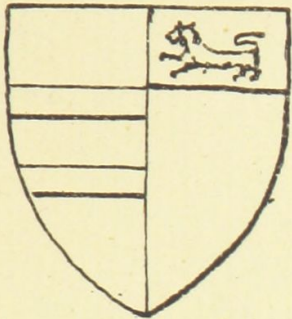
In the Chancel, at the spot marked * on the plan, a stone has been lately uncovered and cut in half to make way for a newer pavement. On the half covered by the seats is an inscription to the memory of

“Ralph Flexney gentⁿ died Jan^y 16 1698 aged 74. His sister M^{rs} Catherine Butteris died June 3 1699 aged 65. Ralph Butteris died March 16 1723 aged 57 and three of his infant children. Catherine his wife”

The following was on the portion destroyed:—

“died July 23 1751 | also the body of Mr John Butteris who | died Sept 22 1759. |





Arms from the Clerestory Windows.

ADDENDUM.

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“ Here lieth the bodies of 4 children of M^r James Birch viz

Owen Birch 4 months old
Abraham Owen Birch 8 months old
Thomas Birch 3 years 2 months old
Jane Birch 1 year 8 months old
Owen Nov^r ye 18th 1730
Abraham Sept^r ye 17th 1733
Thomas May ye 1st 1738
Jane Jan^y ye 30th 1739 ”

CORRIGENDA.

The Initial Letters to the Altar Tombs should have been in Old English Capitals.

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