

Notes on the Registers of Morley and Smalley.

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THE oldest Register of MORLEY is of parchment, and is in very fair preservation. The first and second leaves are defective. The Register commences with the following entry:—

“Joyes Cowlisha the daughter of Phillip Cowlishaw and Margery his wyfe was christened the xxii of October 1540.”

“Anno 1544. John Shaw and Margery Rickman were married the xxviiij day of May in the same yeare.”

The next entry records the baptism of Christopher Shaw, June 2nd. This family is still extant in Morley.

The following entry, hardly legible, is, unfortunately, defective, the latter part having been torn away with the bottom of the second leaf:—

“Item the xxvii day of August in”

“y^e yeare above said”

“Katherin Babington”

“wife of T”

This relates to the interment of the daughter of Sir Henry Sacheverell, Kt., and wife of Thomas Babington. Her beautiful recumbent effigy lies by the north wall of the north aisle. She died the 23rd of August, 1544.

“Item in the yeare of our Lord God 1548 the xxviiij day of March Dame Isabell Sacheverill was buried”

She was the first wife of Sir Henry, whose brass memorial lies under the arch on the north side of the altar, and daughter of Sir John Montgomery, of Cubley. In eight more months the worthy Knight re-marries.—

“Item the xxviii day of November the same yeare
“(1548) was S^r Henry Sacheverill Knight and Dame
“Margery Holforde lady Holford maryed.”

“Item Isabell Allsopp ye wife of Thomas Allsoppe was
“buried the xxiiij day of January the same yeare.”

“1549 M^r Robert Sacheverill gentillman was buried
“the xi day of February the same yeare.”

1550 “John Willimott and Annes Brigge were married
“the xxij” (December 1550)

1553 “The xvj day of October was Dame Margery
“Sacheverill buried.”

1556 “M^r John Dethike was buried the same day”
“(26 Sep.)”

“John Catar priest was buried the iiij day of February
“the year above writen.”

“In the yeare of our Lord God 1560 Gervis Kniveton
“married the second day of October and Margaret his
“wife” (*sic*)

1561 “S^r Xpor North Clarke was buried the xx of
“Februarie”

“In the yeare of our lord god 1566 was buried Frauncis
“Bayley the sonne of Richard Bayliffe and Yerth his wife
“the first of February.”

“Mary Stanley was baptized the daughter of Nicholas
“Stanley and Mare his wife the viij of December (1566)”

1572 “Edmund North buried 13 August.”

1575 “George Bestwike buried at Smaley the xiiij of
“January.”

1577 “Jesp Godbehere of Pentridge and Joyes Walwin
“in the p^she of Morley was married in the xix day of
“may above said.”

1591 “Jacobus Walker person” attests the entries of
“this year.”

"1597 nothings to write."

"1603 "James Walker parson was Buried the xxii
"day of Aprill."

"William Bennet Parson of Morley 1603"

1604 "May y^e 3^d were married M^r Bennet Yertr^d Brees
"of Stanton by Dale."

1608 "Aprill the 26^h Christopher Oulde and Mary
"Bestweecke of Smalley were maryed."

1608 "August the 4^h was baptized at the Dale
"Ffrauncis the daughter of Hughe Rooe of Southeridg
"Grange"

1611 "April 6 William Ireland of 'Cloves Hill'
"husbandman, buried"—(in 1607 termed "Closes Hill")

1611. "Sep. 22. were maryed together William Stonesbie
"of y^e p^{is}he of Heanour and Elizabeth Bringcast of this
"p^{is}he of Morley." The first entry of the Stansby family,
"still extant.

1612 "May the 27^h day was buried at Morley a pore
"begger ladd Thomas Dinge borne at Wakefeelde as he
"said in the tyme of his sickness to such as weare about
"hⁱ he was aboute the age of 13 or 14 years."

1614 Oct 3. I married M^r Ashbie Vicar of Heanour
"by a licence."

"Oct 23^d Francis the sonne of Arthur Wolley was
"baptized." See Smalley Register, An^o 1619.

"Nov: 2 Elizabeth the litle daught^r of John Roodes
"was buried."

"M^{ch} 12 y^e great snowe broke w^{ch} had continewed
"ffrom Ffriday seaven weekes before."

1615. "Note. This yeare after the great Snowe
"followed a great Drought which continued the most
"part of Somer."

This "great snowe" and subsequent drought is graphically described, at length, in the Youlgreave Parish Register, and is also noted in several other registers of the county of Derbyshire.

1615 "Jan. 28 Thomas Hibbert and Margery Woodward of Morley—married."

1616 "May 4 Edward Astlie a poore man of Derby who died in the psonage barne was buried."

1617 "June 1. John Cooper a young man Sr John Bentley his sheapard was buried at Morley."

"Memorand. y^t y^e 25 day of July my father Xpofer Bennett Died, and his bodie lyeth buried in the chappell at Hyfield being 97 yeares of age."

"March 18. William Chollerton of y^e Lime, Bear-brewer was buried."

1618. "Memorand. that this yeare Novemb the 25th and for three weekes after, the blazing starre appeared in the East and did retrograde. January the 11th the Whitehall was burned and Queen Anne died the spring followinge."

"March 17. Thomas Dumer Cler' a worthy cons...able preacher beinge Curate at Smalley was buried by me in the chappell there."

1619 "April 27 M^{rs} Anne Kniveton was buried and the same day Pas the daughter of Mr. John Kepes (?) was baptized."

1619 "August 22 Henry the sonne of Jacint Sacheverell esquier was baptized."

1620 "June 15 Old Henry Sacheverell Esquier Died."

"Memorand. that Gervais Cutler Esquier of Stemburgh in the p_{is}he of Silkston in the county of Yorke, and Elizabeth the second daughter of Sr John Bentley Knight were married together in church of Morley by a licence from Doctor Master, chancelor of Lichfield ye day and yeare abovesaid."

"Memorand that my father in law Richard Bresse was buried in the church of Sandiacre 15 July Annoqz ætatis suæ 89 et eo amplius

"Also Isabel Bresse my mother in law wife of the s

“Richard was buried at Sandiacre by her husband the
“30th of Januar^r /1621/ annoqz ætatis suæ 90.”

1621 “April 15. Mary the daughter of Gervais Cutler
“esq^r and Elizabeth his wife was baptized.”

“Novemb. 11th Simon Lane of Smithbie a freemason &
“Elizabeth Roades of Morley vid: marr^d.”

“Februar. 21 The Right Wo^{full} S^r John Bentley Knight
“was buried at Stanley by his mother.”

1622 “June 27 was baptized a bastard child of a lewd
“drabs Elizabeth Knight which she in her labour fathered
“upon Dick Middleton and it was called Middleton Knight.”
(The child was buried on the 20th Nov. following).

“Decemb. 1. Charles the sonne of Gervais Cutler Esquier
“and Elizabeth his wife was baptized.”

“Dec: 16. The said Charles Cutler was buried.”

“Memorand. That Helen Benet vid. my mother, died at
“Whitfelde and is buried in Glossop the tenth daie of
“December Anno Dni 1622 Annoqz ætat. suæ 85.”

“Memorand. that the 3th daie of maie 1619 Robert Wil-
“liamot of Chaddesden did cawse a ditche to be digged
“upon Morley Lime w^{ch} was presently cast in after them by
“appointment of Henry Sacheverell Esquier Lord of Morley
“and so there was much to doe aboute nothings.”

1623 “Novemb. 30. Dorothee Sacheverell daughter of
“the Right Wor^{ll} Jacinth Sacheverell Esquier and Elizabeth
“his wife was baptized.”

1624 “April 1. Anne the daughter of Henry Smith
“Gent. & Margaret his wife baptized.”

1625 “Decemb primo. Ralph the young sonne of
“Jacinth Sacheverell Esquier was buried.”

1628 “March the 29^{ix} day—Old John Siddon the father
“of Anthony Siddon of Breadsall pke was buried.”

“July 21 Ann the daughter of Jeffrie Smeadlie spinster
“was buried.”

1629. “Mar. 7. was baptized Henry sonne of Henry
“Gilbert of Lockow Esquier by his wife.”

1630 "Mar. 20 George Ferrabie a poore old labouring
"man was buried."

1631 "April 25. William Darbishire of West Hallam
"bachelor & Mary Kitchen of Morley pish spinster were
"married."

1633 "Feb. 20 Elizabeth the daughter of Patrick &
"Mary Richardson was baptized."

1635 "Nov. 18 Victorine Sacheverell gentleman brought
"forth of Wostershire and was buried at Morley."

1636 "Mar. 26 Anne the daughter of Anthony and
"Mary Suson was baptized dwelling at the 'Prirey.'"

1637 "May 22 George Breesse of Stanton juxta Dale
"yeoman was buried anno ætatis suæ 64."

1638 "Jan : 4 Was buried Hennery y^e only sonne of
"y^e right worp Jacinth Sacheverell by Elizabeth his wife."

"Ffeb. 9th. was buried Dorrathie y^e onely daughter of y^e
"said Jacinth and Elizabeth."

1639 Sep. 10. Anne Greine a wandering Begger woeman
"was Buried in pt by the weomen of Morley."

1641 "Mar: 26 Christopher Ould of Smalley a hus-
"bandman was buried."

"Sep. 2. A poore yeonge ma caled John Chield and
"sometymes 'Northeron John' was buried."

1645 "November 24. Stephen flamsteed of Darby
"Batchelor and Mary Spadman of Denby spinster, were
"maryed together."

"Memorand that William Bennett Rector of Morley
"depted this life about five of the clocke in the morning the
"21th day of October And was buried by M^r Hows Rector
"of Drecott in the County of Stafford the 23th day of Octob^r
"Anno Domini 1647 And he was pson of Morley 44 yeares
"three moneths and Odd dayes.—William Bennett, ministe
"of Wilne and Breaston stat pr racone voluntas finis."

"Memorand. Delivered into the hands custody and pos-
"session of Henry Hibbert of Morley churchwarden One
"large Bible Jewells Old communion Booke Psalme Booke

“ one Quushion One carpett one linnen table cloath marked
 “ with M.C. Erasmus Perephrase the 25 of october Anno
 “ Domini 1647 And this Register Booke

“ Teste Willia Bennett

“ minister Wilne at Breaston.”

1654 “ Gertrude Bennett wife of William Bennett person
 “ of Morley was buried January.”

“ Master John Harpur Minister of Morley and Mistris
 “ Mary Balendon of Derby weare married March 7.”

1656 “ Jan. 22 Jacinth Sacheverell Esq Lord of this
 “ Towne died in London & was buried in Morley Church
 “ y^e thirtieth day of the same month.”

“ Mrs Elizabeth Sacheverell wife of Jacinth Sacheverell
 “ Esq died in London and was buried in Morley Church the
 “ twelfth day of Marche.”

1662 “ Sept: 18. Henry Sacheverell Esq of Barton in the
 “ County of Nottingham by the guift of Jacinth Sacheverell
 “ Esq his kinsman became lord of this Towne & here was
 “ buried.”

“ Nov: 11. Jonathan Sacheverell Esq who lived at Derby
 “ was buried in this Church of Morley.”

1665 “ ffeb. 14. William the son of William Sacheverell
 “ Esq by Mary his wife was baptized.” (Buried Sep. 8, 1667)

1667 “ Octob. 1 M^r John Millerd of Snitterton was
 “ married with M^{rs} Joyce Sacheverell of Morley by a License
 “ from D^r Walter Littleton chancellor of Lichfield.”

1669 “ Ffeb 14. M^r John Harpur parson of Morley and
 “ M^{rs} Mary Gresley of Lullington by a Licence from S^r Walter
 “ Littleton chancellor of Lichfield were married.”

1670 “ Feb. 13. Robert Brentnall an almesman of this
 “ towne of morley, buried.”

1673 “ Thomas Woodward & Joyles Shaw both almes-
 “ men ‘of this towne’ were buried.”

1674 “ Sep 9. John Mapples of Cloves Hill was
 “ buried.”

“ Memorandum that the said John Mapples did leave
 “ twelve pounds for the use of the poore of Morley the which

“twelve pounds was in M^r Horpars hand when he died being
 “minister of this towne the which twelve pounds was put
 “forth upon bond into the hands of Richard Richardson of
 “this towne of Morley by the consent of the inhabitants
 “thereof alsoe the said Richard Richardson hath ten pounds
 “more put into his hands five pounds of it was the guift of
 “William Potter of the Hease and five pounds the guift of
 “Widdow Dakin of this towne which is contained in the
 “same bond and y^e use of it belongeth to y^e poore.”

Widow Dakin was buried at Morley, September 29th, 1660, and
 William Potter, of Morley Heas, was buried at Morley, June
 9th, 1669.

1676 “Dec. 4 John Hebbert of Morley Lime marr^d to
 “Mary Abbott.”

1682 “May 9. M^{rs} Sacheverill of Derby Relict of Jona-
 “than Sacheverill of Darby Esq was buried.”

“Mistress Elizabeth Sacheverell above named the Relict
 “of Jonathan Sacheverell Esq did give vnto this church a
 “comunion cup and cover to it, and did also give six pound
 “the interest whereof is to be employed to the Repaire of that
 “part of the Isle of the church in which hers and her hus-
 “bands Tombe stand and fowre pound more the interest
 “whereof is to be paid yearly to y^e clarcke for the keepinge
 “of there Tombs in a decent manner from dust, or any other
 “defilements.”

The chalice, with its cover, which originally served for a paten,
 was presented to the church at Morley by Mrs. Elizabeth Sache-
 verall in or about the year 1663-4, the “hall mark” being of that
 period. The chalice has the following inscription round the
 bowl:—

“The Guift of Ellezabeth Sacheurell Relict of Jonathas
 “Sacheurell Esq: for the vse of the Prish Church of Morley.”

1694 “Sep. 4 Thomas Kerry and Ann Holland both of
 “y^e Town of Smalley in y^e Parish of Morley were marryed.”

1706 “April 29 M^r William Taylor curate of Horsley
 “and M^{rs} Grace Radford of Holbrook were marryed.”

1707 "Oct. 26 Elianora y^e dearly loved wife of William
"Wilson R^r of this parish was buried."

1716 "Mar. 21 M^r Robert Fletcher of y^e parish of
"Denbigh (Denby) and M^{rs} Katherine Richardson of Smalley
"in this parish of Morley were married."

This oldest Register of Morley ends, *seriatim*, August 17th,
1735, but on the last page is a later entry:—

"Sep. 1770 Jeremy Shaw was buried aged 94."

The cover of the register has the following unecclesiastical entry,
probably a memorandum by some farmer churchwarden:—

"Breended Cow, Buled June y^e 6 1739."

The oldest Register of SMALLEY commences June 1st, 1623.
It is of parchment, and is in very fair preservation. Under
1625 is a long notice in Latin, recording the death of James
Ist, in which the following words only are legible:—"...obiit
Jacobus.....fortissimus.....literarum..... beatissimam Anti christi
Antagonista.....omnium virtutum domicilium.....Reipublice
Moderato,....."

p me Hen....."

"Robert James, Buried in Smalley Chancell on Wednes-
"day being the 20th of September 1627."

"Thomas Elliott of Kydsley in y^e Bodye of y^e Chappell
"att Smaley in y^e parish of Morley. Buried on Fridaye
"Beeinge the xii^m of November 1628."

"Thomas Smeeton theld^r of Kidsley buried in the Ile
"betwixt the chancell and the Arche of the chappel of
"Smaley on the eleventh of December 1632."

1636 "Elizabeth Cowper vidua sepulta fuit die 25
"mensis Augusti Anno dni primo suprascripto" There
"Belongeth to the chappell By her decease that (poore)
"in decay cottagge & garden"

"Smalley Milne" occurs in 1637.

The first entry in the Smalley Register of the Richardson
family occurs under 1637; and in Morley 1604? or at least
1633.

“Januarii 7. Sarah the daughter of Patrick and Mary Richardson was baptized.”

“Anno 1640 July 30 Johannes Kerrie et Joanna Old, “Nupt’” The first entry of this family in the Smalley register.

The name occurs in the Breadsall register from 1619 to 1743.

Unfortunately, there is a hiatus in the Smalley Registers from 1640 to 1655, but there are seven consecutive entries in the Morley Registers from June 2, 1640, to February 20, 1641, relating to Smalley at this time; indeed the Morley Registers contain much matter relating to Smalley not to be found in the Smalley Registers, *e.g.*

“Mar 27. 1618. Thomas Dumer, cler: a worthy “cons...able preacher being curate at Smalley was buried “by me (Thomas Bennett Rector of Morley) in the “chappell there.”

“1619 June 7. I buryed old John Wolley of Smalley “and receyed my mortuary the same day of Arthur his “sonne.”

“1620 July 28. William Richardson of Smalley was “buried at Smalley aforesaid.”

I believe this William to be the same whose marriage is recorded in the Morley Register thus—“1604 May 3 marr^d by “lic. William Richardson als Teylor of Denby and Ellen Wright “of Smalley.”

The second Register Book of Smalley commences December 1st, 1655.

John Bagshaw occurs as minister in 1670; he was buried at Smalley May 2nd, 1674.

“William Bayly, curate Anno Dom: 1675.”

“Thomas Holland and William Holland his son and “Catherine Holland his daughter all three shotten and “Kill’d with Thunder and lightning on Thursday the six & “twentieth day of August Anno Domini 1680, were buried “in Smalley chappel yard on Friday the twenty seaventh “day of the said month of August in the said yeare of “our Lord God One thousand six hundred and eighty.”

An old well opposite the Post-office, Smalley, is still known as “Holland’s Well.”

In 1682 John Noone occurs as "Chappellwarden."

"Elizabeth dau. of Thomas Shottwell '*A jeny maide*'
"buried Wed: 20 Nov: 1689."

She was baptized March 26th, 1668.

The third Register Book commences April, 1692. It consists of six leaves of parchment, about 24in. long and 7in. wide. It ends July 7th, 1728.

In a later Register is the following entry:—

1785 "Dec: 23. Samuel Ligget Buried. Poper,"
(and underneath in another hand), "Starved to death by
"the Humanity of the parish Officer."

On the opposite page is the following:—

"The Poores' Rates of this Township having very considerably increased, it was thought advisable to have a standing overseer and a meeting of the Parishioners was held to appoint a man to the office distinguished for extreme parsimony & hardness of heart. The result of the appointment was cruelty and oppression to the poor, and Samuel Liggat was absolutely starved to death. I was from home when he was buried, and did not know of his death till many months afterwards when, although I obtained sufficient information to convince me of the fact I could not obtain sufficient evidence to convict the overseer upon it, and therefore he escaped the punishment which he deserved."

"R. W. (Robert Wilmot) Rector."

On a loose sheet of paper in this Register is the following—

"Thomas Smith of Kimberley left by a will bearing date 1767—20£ to the poor of the Parish of Smalley the interest of which was to be distributed to them in bread on S. Thomas' Day. It is understood that the said Thomas Smith was killed by the fall of a tree."