

## Epitaphs from Hurley Churchyard, Berkshire.

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1764.

In Memory  
of Thomas Pocock who Died  
Sept<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>  
1764\*

Aged 76 Years.

My time was come next may be thine  
Prepare for Death whilst you have time  
And if thou wilt prepared be  
Live unto Christ that Died for thee.

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1770.

To  
the Memory of  
Martha the wife of  
William Glover  
who Died Nov : y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1770  
Aged 60 years

I in my silent Grave was laid  
Free from all grief and pain  
But some spite or I know not what  
Had me taken up again  
My corpse was laid in view  
That all the world might see  
I died a natural Death

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1780.

In Memory of  
William the son of  
James and Rachel Age  
who Departed this Life  
April the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1780  
Aged 6 Years.

As careful Mothers doth, to Sleeping lay  
Their Babes, that cold so long in Winter play  
So Death, seeing my approaching crimes,  
Nature, my Nurse, laid me to bed betimes.

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\* Date of Burial 1763 in Burial Register.

1801.

In Remembrance of  
 Gilbert the Son of  
 Joshua and Jane Lee,  
 who departed this Life  
 the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1801 :  
 Aged 6 years

As when the Morn advances all Serene  
 And Orient Skies forecast\* a glorious day  
 When clouds at Noon in Tempest change the scene  
 Which chac'd the Lovely prospect far away :  
 So little Cherub did thy dawning Years  
 Announce long Life and not an early doom  
 Tho' blest in Heaven yet a Mother's tears  
 Will long bedew the Melancholy Tomb !

1801.

In Remembrance of  
 Hannah E. H. Lee Daughter of  
 Joshua and Jane Lee,  
 who departed this Life  
 the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1801 :  
 Aged 1 year

Beneath a sleeping Infant lies  
 To Earth her Body's lent  
 More glorious shall hereafter rise  
 Tho' not more Innocent.  
 When the Archangel's trump shall sound  
 And Souls to Bodies join  
 Millions will wish their lives below  
 Had been as short as thine.

1804.

Sacred  
 To the Memory of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Guy Wi[fe of] †  
 M<sup>r</sup> William Guy  
 who departed this [life] †  
 The 24<sup>th</sup> of June 18[04] †  
 Aged 48.

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\* *i.e.* a word intended for "forecast."

[† The memorial headstone is scaled off, along much of the dexter half of the face of it.]

Farewell vain World enough I've seen of thee,  
And now am careless what thou sayest of me,  
Thy smiles I court not nor thy frowns I fear,  
My days are past my Head lies quiet here  
What faults you've seen in me take care to sh<sup>un</sup>  
Look but at home enough is to be done.

1810.

Sacred  
To the Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup> William Guy  
who departed this Life  
January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1810.  
Aged 59 years.

In the cold earth here consummated are :  
The second nuptials of a happy pair.  
Whom envious death once parted but in vain.  
For now himself hath made them one again.  
Here wedded in the Grave and 'tis but just.  
That they that were one Flesh should be one dust.

1808.

to the Memory of  
William West  
who Died dec<sup>r</sup> 26. 1808  
Aged 55 years.†

How lov'd, how valu'd once avails thee not :  
To whom related, or by whom begot,  
A heap of dust alone remains of thee  
'Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be.

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[Mr. and Mrs. Wethered have accomplished a great work in transcribing the inscriptions on most of the tombs in Hurley Churchyard. These are often most valuable to genealogists, and, as the records are perishable, it is very important that they should be copied before frosts and storms have worn away the lettering. It is hoped that many others will copy their example.—EDITORS.]

[† Burial Register gives 56 years.]