

INSCRIPTIONS IN ICKLESHAM CHURCH, 1862.

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MURAL MONUMENTS—*In the Chancel.*

“Sacred to the memory of THOMAS COOPER, late of New Place, gent., whose remains are deposited in a vault in this Chancel. After a lingering illness, borne with Christian resignation, he died 9th April, 1807, aged 54 years. Also of MARY, his wife, who departed this life 19th Janry., 1824, aged 62 years. Likewise of ANN COLLINS (sister of the above Mary Cooper), who departed this life 30th April, 1835, aged 72 years.”

“In memory of THOMAS LEWIS, eldest son of WILLM. and MARTHA COOPER, and grandson of Mr. Thomas Cooper, who departed this life 4th Feby., 1824, aged 7 years. Also of ROBERT COURT, third son of Mr. THOMAS COOPER, who departed this life 24th Novr., 1824, aged 31 years.”

North of the Nave.

“Sacred to the memory of the REV. THOMAS RICHARDS, for nearly twenty-seven years Vicar of Icklesham, who died on the 6th of December, 1843, aged 53 years, leaving a widow, two daughters and seven sons to deplore their irreparable loss. ‘Take ye heed, watch, and pray, for ye know not when the time is.’—Mark xiii. 33. Also of ELIZABETH RACHEL MAURICE, the beloved wife of HENRY S. STOBART. ESQRE., and younger daughter of the above Rev. Thomas Richards and Anne, his wife; she died deeply lamented at Witton Tower, co. Durham, on the 4th of April, 1856, aged 24 years, ten days after the birth of her son.—‘When the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of Glory that fadeth not away.’—1 Peter v. 4.”

In South Aisle of the Chancel.

“In the vault beneath this marble are deposited the remains of ARNOLD

NESBITT, ESQR., late an eminent merchant in London. Lord of the Manor of Icklesham, and Member in several Parliaments for the Ancient Town of Winchelsea; who died the 7th April, 1779, aged 57 years.”

[The altar tomb, of Sussex marble, without inscription, but ascribed by Horsfield to Henry Finch, benefactor to St. Nicholas' chapel, 1493, was wholly removed during the “restorations”? made in 1847.]

SLABS in the Chancel.

“REV. THOMAS RICHARDS, died 6th December, 1843, aged 53 years.”

“Here lieth the body of KATHERINE, the wife of MR. EDWARD ODIARNE, who died July the 21st, 1740, aged 33 years. Likewise a daughter stillborn, 5 days before she died. And also THOMAS, ye son of Mr. Edward Odiarne and Katherine, his wife, who died the 4th of February following, aged 2 years and 5 months. Here also lieth the body of EDWARD ODIARNE, who departed this life April 21, 1757, æt. 64.”

“T. C.,
1807.”

In the North Aisle of Chancel.

“Within this vault lieth ye Body of MARY, ye daughter of JAMES and ELIZABETH BEAL, of this parish, she died ye eleventh of April, 1759, aged 6 years. Also the remains of JAMES BEAL (yeoman), he died the 7th day of December, 1767, aged 53 years. And also the remains of ELIZABETH, his wife, she departed this life July 3rd, 1802, aged 85 years. And also of ANN, daughter of the aforesaid James and Elizabeth Beal, who departed this life Decr. 1st, 1821, aged 67 years.”

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH-YARD—HEADSTONES.

NORTH OF THE CHURCH.

- "In memory of WILLIAM COOPER, Gent., one of ye sons of Mr. Thos. Cooper, of this parish by Elizabeth, his wife, who was one of the daughters of Mr. Adrian Spray, of Westfield. He departed this life May ye 4th, 1763, aged 70 years.
- "Also MARY, his wife, who was one of the daughters of Mr. Thos. Weeks, of Ewhurst, she departed this life Janry. ye 4th, 1781, aged 81 years, leaving issue one son, William.
- "Also to the memory of the last-named WILLIAM COOPER, he departed this life Janry. ye 2nd, 1787, aged 62 years."
- "To the memory of HANNAH, the wife of JOHN BATES, of this parish, who died July 31, 1832, aged 65 years. Also near this spot lay the remains of three of their children, HARRIOT, CELIA, and CHRISTOPHER. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labour.'—Rev. xiv. ver. 13."
- "To the memory of JOHN BATES, of this parish, who died March 31, 1848, aged 85 years, left surviving one son and two daughters. What he was, the judgment day will best make known. Reader, what art thou?"
- "In memory of THOMAS COLEGATE, who departed this life Dec. 20th, 1807, aged 84 years. Also ELIZABETH, wife of the above Thomas Colegate, who departed this life June 8th, 1794, aged 74 years."
- "In memory of SAMUEL BATES; he died Janry, 15th, 1772, aged 44 years."
- "'Cast me not away in the time of age.'—Psalm 71st. verse 8th. 'Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.'—Sacred to the memory of JACOB CAREY, upwards of fifty years a resident of this parish, who died 7th January, 1859, aged 76 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of LOUISA, daughter of JACOB and ELIZABETH CAREY, who died February 2nd, 1818, aged 1 year and 6 months. Also of ELLEN ANNE, daughter of JAMES and ELIZA CAREY, and granddaughter of the above-named Jacob and Elizabeth Carey, who died February 8th, 1853, aged 10 months.
- The Saviour, chastening those he loves,
His Angels bright did send,
To take these little harmless doves
To joys that never end.
A few short days they felt at most,
A mother's tender love,
But now they have joined the glorious host,
That dwell in heaven above."
- "In memory of MARY CHAMPNY, who died March 4th, 1782, aged 66 years."
- "In memory of ELIZABETH, daughter of JOHN and MARY CHAMPNY, who died October 23rd, 1776, aged nine years and nine months."
- "In memory of JOHN CHAMPANY, who died January 26th, 1784, aged 63 years."
- "In memory of WILLIAM CHAMPANY, who died January, 1763, aged 52 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of MARY BUMSTED, who died June 21st, 1810, aged 55 years. Also EDWARD BUMSTED, husband of the above, who died Octr. 21st, 1809, aged 41 years. Likewise JOHN AUSTEN, who died—"(rest obliterated).
- "Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM BARDEN, who died Janry. 27th, 1850, aged 80 years. Also of SARAH, his wife, died October 25th, 1860, aged 84 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of — MARTHA, wife of EDWARD APPS, late of this parish, who departed this life the 25th August, 1808, aged 54 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of GEORGE, son of JOHN and ANN SIMMONS, who died August 12th, 1855, aged 20 years. Also four of their children, three of whom, viz., ANNE, HENRY, and CHARLES, died in their infancy. DELIA, born June 12th, 1842, died April the 4th, 1843. 'In thy presence is fulness of joy.'—Psal. xvi. xi. ver."
- "Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM (who was the only surviving) son of WILLIAM and SARAH BLACKMAN, late of this parish; he died Decr. 3rd, 1830, aged 51 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM BLACKMAN (late of this parish), who died 2nd of November, 1818, aged 72 years. Also SARAH, his wife, who died 3rd of August, 1807, aged 66 years. Likewise JOHN, their son, who died 30th of January, 1788, aged 13 years. And LUCY, their daughter, who died 16 April, 1784, aged 1 year and 10 months."
- "Sacred to the memory of LUCY BLACKMAN, the wife of HENRY GAUSDEN, of Ore, who died Janry. 7th, 1850, aged 48 years, daughter of John and Sarah Simmons, and granddaughter of William and Sarah Blackman."
- "Sacred to the memory of SPENCER JAMES, son of RICHD. and ORPAH IGGULDEN, born 27th July, 1836, died 17th July, 1846. 'I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me.'—Prov. viii. 17. Also STEPHEN, son of the above, born 10th August, 1832, died 9th October."
- "Sacred to the memory of RICHARD IGGULDEN, born October 18th, 1805, died January 21st, 1861."
- "WILLIAM CLOKE, departed this life 1 March, 1818, aged 75 years. SARAH, relict of the above William Cloke, died 22 January, 1851, aged 76 years. 'If we be dead with Christ, we shall also live with him.'—Tim. ii chap. 11 verse. MARY ANN, the beloved wife of WILLIAM BREEDS, and daughter of the above William and Sarah Cloke, died May 24th, 1856, aged 57 years. 'Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.'"
- "Sacred to the memory of FANNY GROOMBRIDGE the wife of JAMES PARSONS, who departed this life November 15th, 1846, aged 25 years. Though

short her summons, and in the prime of life, yet she murmured not at God's command ; but with pious resignation gave her soul into the hands of her Maker, full of hope through the merits of our blessed Redeemer."

EAST OF THE CHURCH.

"Sacred to the memory of ELIZABETH HOWARD (a widow), who died the 6th day of December, 1838, aged 82 years. Also of JOHN BEALE, her first husband, who died the 16th day of March, 1791, aged 40 years. Also of THOMAS HOWARD, her second husband, buried at Brede."

"In memory of JAMES BEALE, son of John and Elizth. Beale, who died April 3rd, 1807, aged 15 years"—(a verse illegible).

"In memory of JOHN BEALE, who died March 10th, 1791, aged 40 years, leaving a wife and nine children."

"Sacred to the memory of THOMAS PADGHAM, who died 18th August, 1836, aged 76 years. Also of ELIZABETH, his wife, who died 19th December, 1816, aged 54 years. Likewise of ELEANOR MARTIN, their daughter, and wife of John L. Martin, who died 17th November, 1835, aged 32 years. And of their son WILLIAM PADGHAM, who died 13th August, 1818, aged 23 years."

"Sacred to the memory of MARIA, the wife of CHARLES COOPER FOWLE, who died June 18th, 1855, aged 23 years. Also to the memory of ANNE, their infant child."

"Sacred to the memory of EDWIN EASTON, who died July 20th, 1854, aged 39 years.

Lov'd ones are gone
Whose pilgrim days are gone ;
I soon shall greet them on that shore,
Where partings are unknown."

"Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of STEPHEN JEWURST, who died the second of May, 1808, aged fifty-four years. Also his sister ELIZABETH PAY, who died November 24th, 1826, aged 91 years."

"In the front of this stone are interred the remains of HENRY STONESTREET, youngest son of John and Mary Stonestreet, who departed this life 8th Octr., 1798, an infant

"Also SAMUEL POILE, eldest brother of Mary Stonestreet, who departed this life 14th Sept., 1806, aged 52 years.

"Also WILLIAM STONESTREET, third son of John and Mary Stonestreet, who departed this life 24th March, 1810, aged 22 years.

"Also ELIZH. STONESTREET, youngest daughter of John and Mary Stonestreet, who departed this life 14th Feb., 1812, aged 17 years.

"Also JOHN STONESTREET, eldest son of John and Mary Stonestreet, who departed this life 21st March, 1815, aged 32 years.

"Also MARY STONESTREET, wife of John Stonestreet, who departed this life 19th April, 1825, aged 64 years.

"And of the above JOHN STONESTREET, who died Dec. 26, 1833, aged 80 years."

SOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

Tomb within Iron Railing.

"Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM, son of JOHN and SARAH HARMAN, who died 22nd Septr., 1824, aged 49 years. Also FRANCES, wife of WILLIAM HARMAN, who died July 28th, 1857, aged 70 years. Also FRANCES, daughter of John and Sarah Harman, who died April 24th, 1860, aged 74 years."—*East Side.*—"In memory of JOHN HARMAN, son of JOHN and SARAH WINTON, who died July 11th, 1840, aged 9 years."—*West Side.*—"In memory of the three children of William and Frances Harman:—THOMAS, died Oct. 27, 1822, aged five days. FRANCES, died July 14, 1829, aged 10 years. WILLIAM, died Oct. 20, 1837, aged 19 years."—*North Side.*—"Sacred to the memory of SARAH, wife of John Harman, who died 22nd September, 1818, aged 73 years."—*South Side.*—"Sacred to the memory of JOHN HARMAN, who died 17th December, 1832, aged 80 years."

"Sacred to the memory of JAMES HARMAN FIELD, who died 13th of August, 1838.

Short was his life,
Longer will be his rest,
Christ call'd him home,
Because he thought best ;
For he was born to die,
To lay his body down,
And young he did fly,
Unto the world unknown."

In Old English.—"MARY JANE, wife of JOHN AUSTIN, died XIX. July, MDCCCLVI., aged XXXIII. Also ELIZABETH, wife of John Austin, died XXI June, MDCCCLIX."

Stone illegible.

"In memory of SARAH WHEELER, for 30 years a faithful servant in the same family, who, after 10 years' service at the Vicarage, died Janry. 30th, 1855, aged 47. She served not with high service, but faithfully, as a servant of Christ. Jesus said, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.'—Rev. 2nd, 10 ver.

Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lay my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

"He was a faithful man, and feared God above many.' Neh. 7-2.—Sacred to the memory of JOHN PEIRCE, who served faithfully the office of Parish Clerk for 47 years, he departed this life Dec. 17th, 1861, aged 76."

"In memory of MARY, daughter of—"rest illegible.

Also three other stones, the inscriptions on which are wholly illegible.

"Memento mori. Here lies the body of MARY, wife of Mr. THOS. BARNSLEY, of Winchelsea, he died May ye 29th, 1746, aged years."

"Here are deposited the remains of THOS. BARNSLEY, of Winchelsea, gent., descended from an ancient family at Barnsley Hall, in Worcester-shire; he died the 28th day of January, 1760, aged 63 years."

- "Sacred to the memory of LEONARD TOWNER (of this parish), who died 10th May, 1849, aged 67 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of ELIZABETH, daughter of LEONARD and MARY TOWNER, who died August 30th, 1854, aged 36 years.
Dear suffering sister, gone before ;
Thy pardoned soul, we trust, is flown,
Where Christ, thy Saviour, evermore
Lives, and still loves thee as his own.
'Jesus said unto her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."—St. John xi. xxx."
- "In memory of WILLIAM, son of LEONARD and MARY TOWNER (of this parish), who died on the 28th of April, 1823, aged 17 years.
Gay youths prepare ! for mark how soon,
Life's spark is fled, its race is run,
Its joys, its sorrows all are gone ;
The morning flower oft fades ere noon.
Also of CHARLES, their son, who died December 7th, 1832, aged 16 years.
Oh ! who shall be the sinner's stay,
When heaven and earth shall pass away ?
Oh, on that dread that awful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Then Christ alone must be his stay."
- "Sacred to the memory of RICHARD CRASSINGHAM (of this parish), who died 26 April, 1847, aged 88 years. Also of MARTHA, his wife, who died 4 November, 1809, aged 63 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of JAMES KING (the son of George and Ann King), who died 12th December, 1834, aged 17 years.
God takes the good—too good on earth to stay,
And leaves the bad—too bad to take away."
- "Here lieth the remains of MR. GEORGE KING (of London), sixth son of the late George and Ann King, of this parish, who died at Rye, 6th June, 1850, aged 24 years. Reader, remember thou must die."
- "Sacred to the memory of HANNAH, wife of GEORGE KING, who departed this life the 27th of April, 1818, aged 65 years. In afflictions how patient, to death how resigned.
A faithful wife, a friend most dear,
A tender mother lieth here."
- "Sacred to the memory of GEORGE KING, who departed this life Sept. 11th, 1819, aged 60 years."
- "In memory of HARRIOT, daughter of George and Ann King, who departed this life 18th Oct., 1816, aged 18 weeks.
The great Jehovah, full of love,
An angel bright did send,
To fetch this little harmless dove
To joys that never end."
- "Sacred to the memory of ALFRED, son of George and Ann King, who departed this life April 18th, 1821, aged 5 months. Also to the memory of HARRY, son of George and Ann King, who departed this life February, 19th, 1823, in the 5th year of his age.
The panting sigh,
Appoints the just to slumber, not to die ;
The starting tear we check'd, we kissed the rod,
And not to earth resign'd them, but to God."
- "Sacred to the memory of GEORGE KING, who died 7th December, 1831, aged 41 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of MRS. W. N. B. HARMAN, formerly wife of the late Mr. George King, of this Parish, and only daughter of the late Edward Skinner, Esq., of the Float, Udimore, who departed this life at her cottage, Albany Road, London, of cholera, on the 5th Sept. 1849, aged 54 years. She was one of the best of mothers, and her end was perfect peace. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'"
- "Sacred to the memory of HARRY KING, who departed this life the 11th Novr., 1813, in the 25th year of his age. He left surviving a widow and one son, Jeffry-George.
Stay, traveller, stay, and cast an eye,
As you are now, so once was I ;
As I am now, so must you be,
Prepare yourself to follow me."
- "Sacred to the memory of LUCY, wife of JAMES STONHAM, who died April 4th, 1819, in the 25th year of her age, leaving issue 1 daughter, viz., Sarah."
- "Sacred to the memory of SARAH HESSELL (late of this Parish), who departed this life, November 9th, 1832, aged 51 years. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours.' Rev. 14 chap. 13 ver."
- "Sacred to the memory of THOS. HESSELL (late of this parish), who departed this life 19th May, 1785, aged 45 years. Also of THOMAS and ELIZABETH, his children, who died infants. He left surviving Hannah, his wife, and James and Sarah, his children.
God does not always warning give ;
Reader, take care how you live."
- "In memory of MARY, wife of JAMES HESSELL, who died Decr. 28th, 1801, aged 51 years."
- "Sacred to the memory of JAMES HESSELL, who died Sept. 25th, 1819, aged 73 years."