

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCHYARD AND  
CRYPT OF ST. CLEMENT'S  
AND IN THE  
CROFT CHAPEL & BURIAL GROUND, HASTINGS.

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[If any reason is needed for hastening to preserve these inscriptions it is found in the fact that many words readable in August, 1890, when they were noted, are now illegible. This is especially the case with the headstones on the Hillside.

Through the courtesy of the Rev. Prebendary H. B. Foyster, M.A., vicar, and with the kind assistance of his son, the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster, M.A., I am able to "check" and amplify some of the inscriptions by extracts from the Burial Register.]

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1. H.S. (laid flat, all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Edward Taught<sup>1</sup> died 27 March 1759 Aged 41 years Also Prince his son died 30 June 1759 Aged 5 months Sarah Phillips<sup>2</sup> daughter of the above Edward Taught died 24 April 1834 Aged 77 years."

2. H.S. (laid flat, Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of James Roper<sup>2a</sup> who died 25 of July 1851 Aged 67 years Also Jemima wife of the above who died 12 of October 1818 Aged 30 years Also Mary Ann second wife of the above who died 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1849 Aged 52 years."

3. A coffin-shaped stone, laid flat against the wall, without inscription.

<sup>1</sup> St. Clement's Burial Register. "30th March, 1759. Edward Taught, of the Castle parish." "July 3rd, 1759. Prince, son of Edward Taught, dec<sup>d</sup>, and Alice his wife."

<sup>2</sup> "1834. Sarah Phillips, St. Clement's, May 2nd—77."

<sup>2a</sup> In the Register. "1851. James Roper, St. Mary in the Castle, July 28th—67." "Jemima Roper, St. Clement's, Oct. 11th, 1818—30 years." "1849. Mary Ann Roper, St. Clement's, April 11th—52 years."

4. Large flat stone, with bevelled edge; no inscription.
5. H.S. to rounded body stone; inscription much worn; apparently only poetry.
6. Flat stone, cracked in half; perhaps "Sacred to the memory of . . . French."

A series of flat stones against wall:

7. Some marked "E.K. 1819." "L.J.V.D. 1814." "J.T. 1832." "A.T. 1832." "M.P. (or B.) 1831." "M.B. 1821." "S.S. 1811." "S.P. 1801." "J.P. 1800." "M.T. 1831." "J.T. 1812." "S.E.R. 1843." "J.R. 1845." "H.R. 1851." "J.W. 1811." "G.S. 1810." "R.G. 1788." "W.I. 1730." "J. (or T.) I. 1742."

8. H.S. (flat): "Sarah Phillips daughter of John & Sarah Phillips died Feb 23. 1801 Aged 24 years Isaac Phillips son of John and Sarah Phillips Died April 9<sup>th</sup> 1800 Aged 7 months."

9. H.S. (flat): "Sacred to the memory of Eleanor wife of George Knight who departed this Life Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1819 Aged 31 years Also Susan second wife of the above who departed this Life Jan<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840 Aged 45 years."

10. High tomb, surrounded by tall railings (on top, all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Mary the wife of George Strickland<sup>3</sup> died 21<sup>st</sup> January 1847 Aged 74 years Also of the above named George Strickland died 1<sup>st</sup> April 1859 Aged 78 years

"The year rolls round and steals away  
The breath that first it gave,  
Whate'er we do, whate'er we be  
We'er travelling to the grave."

11. High tomb (top of Sussex marble (?), inscribed on the top): "M.C. 1829. W.C. 1853. M.C. 1853." On the East side of the same tomb (all Roman caps.): "In memory of Mary the wife of Walter Crouch<sup>4</sup> who died August 21<sup>st</sup> 1829 Aged 64 years Also Walter Crouch Husband of the above, 14 years a Jurat of the Corporation of this Town and Port who died 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1853." On the South side: "Mary, Daughter of Thomas and Mary Crouch died November 11<sup>th</sup> 1853 in her 82<sup>nd</sup> year."

12. H.S. (flat, Roman caps.): "In memory of Benjamin Coffrett who died Nov 13. 1851 Aged 83 years. Also, Sarah his wife who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> (? 4<sup>th</sup>) 1842 Aged 42 years."

13. Flat stone in path: "Sacred to the memory of George Burchatt<sup>5</sup> who departed this Life July . . . 1818 Aged 68 years . . . Sarah wife of George Burchatt (?)"

14. Stone in path: "G.W. 1827."

A stone built into side wall, with date "1663," probably part of the original structure.

<sup>3</sup> "1847. Mary Strickland, of St. Clement's, January 29th—74 years."

<sup>4</sup> "1829. Mrs. Mary Crouch, St. Clement's, 27th August—64 years." "1853. Walter Crouch, St. Clement's, April 9th—88 years." "1853. Mary Crouch, St. Clement's, Nov. 18th—81 years."

<sup>5</sup> "George Burchatt, St. Clement's, 6th July, 1818 [aged] 68."

15. H.S.: "In memory of Sarah Eleanor the wife of Daniel Reilly who died the 28 Feb 1843 Aged 33 years Also James son of the above who died 26 June 1845 Aged 2 years."

16. Flat stone, cracked and much weathered: "Smithson" (?).

16a. Flat stone, inscription hopelessly obliterated.

17. Flat stone (Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Nancy wife of Thomas Bourne who died January 29. 1835 Aged 68 years." (Some lines of poetry or Scripture obliterated.) "Also Margaret wife of John Hooker and daughter of the above who died April 17 1834 (?) Aged 32 years."

18. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of . . . Daughter of . . ."

19. Flat stone (rough cherub's head above): "In memory of John the Son of John and P . . . who died y<sup>e</sup> . . . Aged . . . 11 weeks . . . days." (Seven lines of poetry.)

20. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of William Mose son of Jonathan and Sarah Mose who departed this Life In S<sup>t</sup> Bartholomew's Hospital November 24 1824 Aged 19 years."

21. Flat stone: "In Memory of Rebecca (?) the Wife of Rob<sup>t</sup> Pollard and Daughter of John . . . who Died the . . . 1762 Here Lieth the Body of Robert Pollard<sup>6</sup> He died Feb 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> 1791 Aged 65 years."

22. Flat stone; words can be deciphered "Aged 7 years."

22a. Flat stone: "William Charles Crofton<sup>6a</sup> of . . . and Quarter master the First Regiment of the Guards Born 18 December 1724 (?) Died June 1769 Aged 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Years and 6 Months."

23. H.S. (Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Anne Bazlinton Born on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1760 at Markby in Lincolnshire died at Hastings December 13 1846 Likewise Susannah Thatcher born at Dover . . .—18 died at Hastings June 13 1833."

24. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of James Tho . . . who died 9<sup>th</sup> Dec . . . Aged 59 years . . . Master of the Free . . . years, also Anne widow of the above died 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1852 aged 73 years."

25. Flat stone (roughly sculptured cherub's head above): "In Memory of Sam. King<sup>7</sup> who Departed this life Sep<sup>r</sup> the 30 1732 Aged 60 years Also Mary his wife Died May the 1 1759 Aged 71 years."

26. Flat stone; scull and book above(?); inscription hopelessly obliterated.

27. Flat stone, indecipherable.

<sup>6</sup> "1791. Feb. 20th. Robert Pollard."

<sup>6a</sup> "y<sup>e</sup> 20th June, 1769. Bur. Mr. William Charles Crofton, Quarter-Master of Dragoons."

<sup>7</sup> "Oct. 2nd, 1732. Bur. Samuel King."

28. Flat stone (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of John White who departed this life 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1839 aged 52 years 'Look upon mine affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins' Psalm xxv. ver. 1."

29. Flat stone (Roman caps.): "In memory of Sarah the wife of Stephen Stubberfield who died 30 April 1804 (?) Aged 66 years." Two lines more.

30. Flat stone (Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Mary daughter of John and Mary Tindall<sup>8</sup> who departed this life November 10 1831. Aged 28 (?) years, Also John Tindall who died September 1842 Aged 61 years."

31. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Jonathan Mose<sup>9</sup> who departed this life . . . of April 1803 Aged 81 years Also Sarah his wife who departed this life (?) the 20 of May 1809 (?) Aged 63 years."

32. Flat stone; all that can be discerned is an hour glass on top.

33. Flat stone: "In Memory of John Burchatt who Died Sep. the 24 1759 Aged 33 years."

34. Flat stone, indecipherable.

35. Flat stone: "JANE WHITE" (?).

36. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Mary wife of John Bayley<sup>10</sup> sen<sup>r</sup> who died February 1837 Aged 67 years Also Henry youngest son of John and Mary Bayley who died . . . day . . . August 1828 Aged 24 years Also Thomas . . . eld Bayley . . ."

37. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of Charles Churchyard of Cornhill London who Died April 19<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 57 years."

38. Flat stone, upper part obliterated; at lower part: "Also Sarah his wife She died Feb. 2 1821 Aged 62 years . . . Sarah Eleanor . . . Great grand daughter of the above said (?) Rob<sup>t</sup> and Mary died Feb. 23 . . . Aged 33 years."

39. Flat stone, in upper part naked cherubs blowing trumpets: "Oct 17 . . . Aged 81 (?) years Also Martha his wife who departed this life January 8, 1763 in the 67 year of her age."

40. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of Reuben Cramp who departed this life February 11, 1807 aged 46 years Also Eleanor his wife who departed this life August 28, 1835 aged 79 years."

41. "To the memory of the Infant Daughter of Thomas and Sarah Cogger died A.D. 1833.

"When the Archangels trumpet sounds,  
And souls to bodies join,  
Thousands will wish their stay below,  
Had been as short as thine."

<sup>8</sup> "Mary Tindall, St. Clement's, 16th Nov., 1831—28 (?) years."

<sup>9</sup> "Sarah Mose, St. Clement's, June 3rd, 1839—aged 63."

<sup>10</sup> "Mary Bailey (*sic*), St. Clement's, February 24th, 1837—67 years." "Henry Bayly (*sic*), St. Clement's, 19th August, 1828—24 years."

42. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Mary Relict of Rob<sup>t</sup> Pollard<sup>11</sup> who died 22 Oct 1824 Aged 88 years Also Martha Barry<sup>12</sup> her Daughter who died January 1821 Aged 57 years."

43. Flat stone (cherub's head and scull above): "Here is Deposited(?) the Remains of John Brett<sup>13</sup> (?) who died March 1717 Aged 74 years Also Two Wives three Sons and two Daughters."

44. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Eliza Close,<sup>14</sup> daughter (?) of Rev. H. J. Close who died 21 December 1842 Aged 58 years."

Section on the right of the path leading to S. Porch:

45. Massive H.S. (upright, all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth Crooks died February 14 1846 Aged 82 years also William Crooks son of the above died March 30 1847 Aged 54 years."

46. Low altar tomb, surrounded by high railings (on top, all capitals): "Sacred to the memory of Hugh Penfold who died June 20 1849 in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of his age Also Sarah his wife who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 20 1851. Aged 44 years."

47. Flat H.S.: "In memory of Mary the wife of George Lee<sup>15</sup> Late of London who Departed this Life . . . 1786 Aged 4<sup>0</sup>/<sub>8</sub> years."

48. Row of flat stones against the wall:

J.G.	H.B.	T.A.B.	E.C.	D.S.	J.R.	J.C.	P.P.
1749.	1828.	1829.		1817.	1851.	1820	1817.
			M.A.		J.R.	(or 26).	
J.G.	S.R.		1846.		1818.		
1831.	1792.		W.B.		M.A.R.		
J.K.			1854.		1849.		
1832.							

49. H.S. (upright): "Sacred to the memory of Mary (?) the wife of John Russell<sup>16</sup> who departed this life November 28<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 42 years. 'Blessed &c.' Also of the said John Russell who died 5<sup>th</sup> January 1850 Aged 70 years." Foot stone: "M.R. 1829. J.R. 1850."

50. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Maria Ann Russell Died 7<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1831 Aged 14 years and nine months Also Esther Rebecca Russell Born August 13<sup>th</sup> 1823 Died December 21 1848."

51. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of James Hutchinson<sup>17</sup> Died Feb. 20 1777 Aged 80 years also Elizabeth Curtis his wife died December . . . Aged . . . years also Susannah Hutchinson . . . died Decem . . . 183 . . . Aged . . . years."

52. Flat stone, all that is discernible: "William . . . 177 . . ."

<sup>11</sup> "Mary Pollard, St. Clement's, Oct. 26th, 1824—88 years."

<sup>12</sup> "Martha Barry, St. Clement's, 5th Jan., 1821—57 years."

<sup>13</sup> "1717. April 14th. Buried John Brett of the Castle Parish."

<sup>14</sup> "Eliza Close, St. Clement's, Dec. 27th, 1842—58 years."

<sup>15</sup> "1786. 6th Jan. Mary Lee" [no age given].

<sup>16</sup> "Mary Russell, St. Clement's, Dec. 7th, 1829—42 years."

<sup>17</sup> "1777. Feb. 25th. James Hutchinson, aged 80."

53. Flat stone: "In memory of Richard Roffe He Died November 10<sup>th</sup> 1771 (?) Aged 70 (?) years."

54. Flat stone: "In memory of . . . Second wife . . . Richard Roffe She died . . . Aged 62 years."

55. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Joseph Gawen<sup>18</sup> who died 30<sup>th</sup> March 1807. Aged 42 years" (Four lines of poetry.) "Also Ann his wife who Died 3 . . . 18 . . . 8 (?) Aged 64 (?) years."

56. Flat stone; cherub's head, trumpets, open book; all inscription gone.

57. Flat stone: "In memory of Robert Pollard<sup>19</sup> Sen<sup>r</sup> Gent (?) died April 17 . . . Aged . . . Years Also . . ." (Rest gone.)

58. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of James Ryall died the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1846 Aged 80 years Also Sarah his wife died Feb<sup>y</sup>. 17 1852 Aged 77 years Also two daughters of the above, Mary Ann, died Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5. 1800 Aged 13 months, Caroline died June 28. 1821 Aged 11 years."

59. Flat stone (all caps.): "To the memory of Elizabeth Chatfield wife of William Breach who died April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1821 Aged 46 years Also of Mary Archibald his second wife who died April 17. 1846 Aged 61 years—"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want' Psalms xxiiij verse 1. 'The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him and He will shew them His covenant.' Psalm xxv ver. 14. Also of the above William Breach<sup>20</sup> who died December 3 1854 Aged 80 years."

60. Flat stone, ornamented at top by a pattern like twisted rope and a small shield of arms (?): "In memory of Jane (or James) . . . John Rogerson."

61. Flat stone: "Here lie the three Daughters of John and Ann Grayll, Abigel, Ann & Elizabeth Abigel died March the vi. 1736 Aged . . . years. . . ." (Four lines of poetry.)

62. Flat stone (cherub's head above): "In memory" all that can be discerned.

63. Flat stone; circle in centre; inscription gone.

64. Flat stone: "In memory of Lydia Sisley<sup>21</sup> wife of William Sisley who departed this Life Nov 16 1842 Aged 60 years. Also William Sisley who departed this life March . . . 1823 Aged 81 years."

65. Flat stone (two cherubs' heads): "In memory of Ann the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Markwick<sup>22</sup> who departed this Life the . . . of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1777 Aged 26 years."

66. Flat stone: "Henry Crutch *ley* (?) 1826."

<sup>18</sup> "1807. April 3rd. Joseph Gowen."

<sup>19</sup> In the Burial Register. "1782. May 4th. Robert Pollard, aged 81." Query whether the person commemorated.

<sup>20</sup> "William Breach, St. Clement's, Dec. 11th, 1854, aged 80 years."

<sup>21</sup> "W<sup>m</sup> Sisley from Battle, March 19th, 1823—81 years."

<sup>22</sup> "1777. Sept. 18th. Ann, wife of William Markwick."

67. Flat stone (all words decipherable): . . . "Kerby" . . .  
"Mary his wife."

68. Flat stone: "In Memory of Hannah French who died Jan 8  
1767 Aged 45 years."

69. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of James Gawen who  
departed this life . . . Also James Kerby . . . April 1832 Aged  
78 years."

70. Flat stone: "Here lieth the Body of Thomas Evernden<sup>23</sup> who  
Departed this . . . July the 25 Anno 1702 Aged 53 years."

71. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Daniel Smith<sup>24</sup> who  
departed this life June 9 1847 Aged 23 years." (Two lines of poetry.)

72. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Philadelphia Penfold  
Born 1 October 1770 died the 2<sup>d</sup> of March 1817."

73. Flat stone, with "E.R." cut in large letters.

74. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of William Kitchiner-  
Robins<sup>25</sup> who died June 18 (?) 1828 Aged 7 . . years. 'Thy will be  
done.'"

Stones East of Chancel.

75. H.S.: "Sacred to the memory of James Newton Esq<sup>ro</sup> of  
Walton on Thames who died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Octr. 1835 Aged 25 years  
'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that  
whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting  
life.' S<sup>t</sup> John ch III. v. 16."

76. H.S.: "Sacred to the memory of John Burdett died 24<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb'y 1832 Aged 26 years.

"Weep not for me my friends most dear  
Nor drop for me a single tear  
It was the Lord's appointed time  
To take me hence tho' in my prime  
All you who come my grave to see  
Remember death and follow me."

77. Double H.S.:

In  
Memory of  
SOLOMON  
BEVILL  
He died M  
23. 1738  
Aged 37 Years.

In  
Memory of  
BETTY Wife of  
SOLOMON  
BEVELL<sup>26</sup>  
She died May  
20<sup>th</sup> 1758.

Footstone near marked "L.B."

78. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Lydia wife of Solomon  
Bevill<sup>27</sup> who died April 11, 1823 Aged 75 years Also of the said  
Solomon Bevill who died July 10, 1834 in his Eighty Third year."

<sup>23</sup> "1702. July 25th. Thomas Evernden."

<sup>24</sup> "1847. June 12th. Daniel Smith, St. Clement's—23 years."

<sup>25</sup> "1828. William Robins, St. Clement's, 25th June—7½ years."

<sup>26</sup> "1758. May 24th. Betty the wife of Solomon Beville."

<sup>27</sup> "Lydia Beville, St. Clement's, 21st April, 1823—75 years." "Solomon  
Bevil, St. Clement's, July 15th, 1834, aged 83."

79. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of William Winter<sup>28</sup> who departed this life . . . Oct . . . 1804 . . . Also Ann his wife, who departed this life Oct 28, 1810 Aged 54 years."

80. Foot stones in the S.E. corner of Churchyard:

1790	M.J.	S.M. 183 $\frac{3}{4}$ .	E.A.R.	W.W.	Round a
A.S.	1830	I.S. 1850.	1847.	1833.	circle
17-2.				S.W.	H.M.
				1828.	1817.

81. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of Sarah wife of James Mann who departed this life July 7 1835 Aged 48 years." (5 $\frac{1}{2}$  lines of poetry.)

82. Flat stone: ". . . memory of John Gladwish<sup>29</sup> who departed this Life October 27<sup>th</sup> 1797 Aged  $\frac{3}{4}$  1 years.

"With Pain . . . Physicians were in vain.

Till God was pleas'd for to release And ease me of my pain."

83. Flat stone: "John Jordan . . . died . . . Aged 7 $\frac{5}{8}$  years." Verse from Job, chap. iii. (?) verse 1.

84. Flat stone; words "Aged 56 years" alone decipherable.

85. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of William Willis who died July . . . Aged 80 years Also of Sarah wife of the above who died Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 182 $\frac{5}{8}$  Aged 31 years."

86. Flat stone: "E.A.R., Daughter of C. Roach<sup>30</sup> Granddaughter of B. E. Stag died 29<sup>th</sup> May 1847 aged 15. 'For we walk by faith not by sight.' II. Cor. v. 7."

87. H.S. (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Mary Ann the beloved wife of Will. Ginner born Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 1806 died July 28<sup>th</sup> 1847 Also Charles Peter son of the above born Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1836 died October 9<sup>th</sup> 1852." Foot stone: "M.A.G. 1847. C.P.G. 1852."

88. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of William Ranger died Dec<sup>r</sup> 21 1846 aged 45 years."

89. Flat stone (all caps.): "In memory of Charlotte daughter of William and Harriet Ranger died 14<sup>th</sup> December 1821 aged two years and one month. Also Eliza daughter of the above died 5<sup>th</sup> March 1824 aged four months 'But Jesus said, suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.' Also, William Ranger son of the above died 26<sup>th</sup> November 1838 Aged eight years six months 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

90. Flat stone: "In Memory of two Daughters of John and Susann Crouch Mary died . . . Aged . . . years and . . ."

91. Thick H.S., by the N. walls (all caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of Sarah Hutchinson died June 15 1830 aged 56 years also Susannah Hutchinson died April 11 1838 aged 68 years."

<sup>28</sup> "12th Nov., 1810, Ann Winter" [no age].

<sup>29</sup> "1797. 31st October. Gladwish John."

<sup>30</sup> "Eleanor Ann Roach, June 1st, 1847—15 years."



Stones on the N. side of Churchyard (locked section).

92. H.S.: "In memory of James son of James and Jane Tebay<sup>81</sup> who Died May the 6<sup>th</sup> 1791 Aged 3 (?) years."

93. H.S.: "In Memory of Mary Cochran who died January 17 1808 Aged 85 years."

94. H.S.: "In Memory of John son of John & Elizabeth Woodroffe died Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1806 Aged 36 years Also Mary their Daughter who died 18<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1832 Aged 62 years."

95. H.S.: "In y<sup>e</sup> Memory of John Woodroffe Died Nov<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1801 Age<sup>d</sup> 70 Years Also Elizabe<sup>th</sup> Woodroffe wife of John Woodroffe Died Jany 22<sup>nd</sup> 1803 Aged 69 years."

96. Flat stone: "In Memory of Hen B . . . who departed . . . of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1 17 . . . 4 Ag. . . 41 (?) years Also Jane his wife who departed this Life the 11 of J . . . 60 Aged . . . Near this Place lies . . . B.A."

97. Flat stone: "In Memory of Ann Tutt wife of William Tutt She died Feb . . . 1793 Aged 32 years 'My Turn was come' Also Sarah his second wife . . . died Decem."

98. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Gibbs<sup>82</sup> who departed this Life . . . 1816 Aged 81 years."

99. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of Molly the wife of Thomas Thwaites who departed this Life June 14<sup>th</sup> 1813 Aged 46 years

"Dearest Husband, Children, Friends farewell  
May this plain stone sincere Affection tell  
Through Life was virtue my delight and pride  
My Death be your Example and your Guide.

"Also Thomas Thwaites Died Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1844 Aged 79 years 'Thou shalt come to thy Grave in a full age like a shock of corn cometh in his season' Job v. chap. v. 26."

100. H.S. (all caps.): "In memory of John Dungate who died June 15<sup>th</sup> 1788 Aged 67 years Also Elizabeth his wife who died July 29<sup>th</sup> 1805 Aged 78 years Also Stephen Thwaites who died June 28<sup>th</sup> 1854 Aged 41 years."

101. Flat stone, in front of the foregoing: "In memory of Mary the wife of Edw: Cornwell who departed this Life Sep<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1789 Aged 48 years."

101a. Flat stone: No inscription.

102. H.S. (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of James Standen who departed this Life 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1832 Aged 36 years 'Afflictions sore &c.'" Foot stone: "J.S. 1832."

103. H.S.: "In memory of Mary Ann Foord Daughter of William & Fanny Knight who departed this Life Jan<sup>y</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup>. 1833 Aged 37 years Also near this Place lieth William Knight who departed this Life May 24<sup>th</sup> 1824 Aged 63 years Also Fanny wife of William Knight who departed this life Jan<sup>y</sup> 15. 1837 (*sic*) Aged 68 years."

<sup>81</sup> "1791. May 9th. Tebay. James, son of James & Ann."

<sup>82</sup> "Mary Gibbs, St. Clement's, Feb. 7th, 1816—83 years."

104. H.S.: "Sacred to the memory of George Wheeler who departed this life the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1833 Aged 73 years Also near this spot lieth Elizabeth his wife who departed this life 27<sup>th</sup> March 1808 Aged 43 years Also 4 sons and 5 daughters of George and . . . Elizabeth Wheeler."

Back of 104 (all caps.): "In memory of three children of John & Sarah Wheeler,<sup>33</sup> Confectioners namely Thomas Brester Wheeler died April 16 1839. Aged 8 months Emily Elizabeth Wheeler May 6<sup>th</sup> 1839 Aged 2 years & 10 months Sarah Ann Wheeler died June 1<sup>3</sup> 1839 Aged 5 years."

105. Stone marked "I.W. E.W."

106. H.S.: "In memory of John Pumphrey who died January 11. 1846 Aged 28 years."

107. H.S. (all caps.): "In memory of William Wood of Hastings builder died August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1825 Aged 47 years and Ann his wife died September 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 Aged 73 years Also Charlotte daughter of the above died January 1<sup>st</sup> 1822 aged 15 months Leaving surviving three sons and four daughters. J. T. Tutt. Mason."

108. H.S.: "In Memory of Michael Inskipp who departed this life May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1802 Aged 63 years Also Sarah wife of the above Michael Inskipp who departed this life Sep<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1806 Aged 63 years."

109. H.S., wheel (?) above: "In memory of Step: Sargent:<sup>34</sup> Late Lieutenant of his Majesty's Royal Navy who departed this Life Dec<sup>r</sup> the 21 1776 aged 38 years."

110. H.S. (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of George Robinson died May 15<sup>th</sup> 1837 aged 71 years.

"We cannot tell who next may fall  
Beneath thy chast'ning rod.  
One must be first then let us all  
Prepare to meet our God.

"Also Elizabeth the wife of the above who died Feb 20 1850 aged 87 years Also George Robinson son of the above who died Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1842 aged 18 years Also Jane Harman who died May 7<sup>th</sup> 1851 aged 60 years."

111. H.S.: "In Memory of Ann the wife of Stephen J. . . . She died D . . . 178 . . Aged 26 (?) Years."

112. H.S. (Hour-glass, open book): "In Memory of Tho<sup>s</sup> Sansum who Departed this Life October the 1<sup>st</sup> 1786 Aged 70 years."

113. H.S.: "Sacred To the Memory of Elizabeth Collins Daughter of George & Eliz Collins who Died March 29<sup>th</sup> 1830 Aged 23 years."

114. H.S.: "In Memory of John Polhill who Departed this Life April 21<sup>st</sup> 1791 Aged 37 years."

<sup>33</sup> "Emily Elizabeth Wheeler, St. Clement's, May 16th, 1839—2 years & 10 months." "Sarah Anne Wheeler, St. Clement's, June 20th, 1839—5 years."

<sup>34</sup> "Dec. 26th, 1776. Stephen Sargent, Lieut. in the Navy—Castle Par." Administration of the Goods of Stephen Sargent, late of the Parish of St. Mary in the Castle in the Town and Port of Hastings . . . on half-pay was granted in P.C.C. to Elizabeth Sargent, his widow, 20th Feb., 1777.

115. H.S.: "In Memory of William Markwick<sup>85</sup> Jun<sup>r</sup> who died Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1790 Aged 53 years."

116. H.S.: "Sacred To the Memory of Harriott the wife of William Eldridge who died Feb<sup>ry</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 23 years

"My time was come when God call'd me away  
Be kind to my two Babes now I am laid in clay."

117. Foot stones: J. P. T.H. 1817  
1816 M.H. 1802

118. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of John Wheeler son of John and Sarah Wheeler who died 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1825 Aged 3 weeks Sarah Ann Wheeler<sup>85a</sup> who died 13<sup>th</sup> January 1825 (?) Aged 2 years and 5 months Sarah Ann Wheeler who died 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1830 Aged 4 years.

"And when the happy hour is come For me to leave this clay  
Then take me to thy Heavenly home To reign in endless day."

119. H.S.: "In memory of Mary the wife of Rich<sup>d</sup> Tutt<sup>86</sup> who died Jany the 21<sup>st</sup> 1780 . . . years. (Sunk.)

120. H.S.: "Sacred to the memory of Thomas Poole who departed this life February the 10<sup>th</sup> 1809 after a confinement of seventeen years to his Bed, in the 89<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Also John Fennings<sup>87</sup> son of Richard and Lucy Fennings who departed this life March the 29<sup>th</sup> 1811." (Sunk.)

121. H.S.: "In Memory of Mary wife of Thomas Poole She died March 25<sup>th</sup> 1782 Aged 63 years Near this Place lies . . . Sargent (?)." (Sunk.)

122. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of Isabella wife of John Poole (late of North Shields) who departed this life 13<sup>th</sup> February 1824 Aged 47 years." Foot stone: "I. P. 1824."

123. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Poole who departed this life at Eridge Castle Frant in the County of Sussex May the 26<sup>th</sup> 1817 in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of his age His Brotherly Love and Affection to the Widow and Fatherless render'd him universally esteemed and lamented.

"Oh, may our hearts by thy example fir'd  
The same unerring path on earth pursue  
With ardent and by Heavenly faith inspired  
Attain the Eternal Crown to virtue due.

"Also Lucy Fennings Sister of the Above Died November 29<sup>th</sup> 1837. Aged 80 years."

124. H.S.: "A. P. 1792."

125. H.S.; the only word decipherable, "Memory."

126. H.S.: "Sacred to the Memory of Joseph Petter (*sic*) who departed this life May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1841 Aged 41 years."

<sup>85</sup> "1790. 23rd October. Marquick, William, one of the jurats."

<sup>85a</sup> "Sarah Ann Wheeler, St. Clement's, June 25th, 1830—4 years."

<sup>86</sup> "1780. Jan. 25th. Ann, wife of Richd. Tutt—Ore."

<sup>87</sup> "April 2nd, 1811. Fennings, John" [no age].

127. H.S.: "To the memory of Mary Page (late of Pimlico, London) who died 5<sup>th</sup> Octr. 1839. Aged 67 years.—'I know that my Redeemer liveth.' Job xix. 25."

128. H.S.: "W.L. M.L."

129. H.S. (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Joseph Golding who departed this life after a long and painfull illness 7<sup>th</sup> December 1844 Aged 53 years Also Ann . . . 'For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.' 1 Corinthians chap iii ver 11. Also four children George, Mary Anne, Bartram and Robert who died in their infancy Also Ann Golding daughter of the above who departed this life 17<sup>th</sup> December 1852 aged 28 years."

130. Foot stone to Wood: "W.W. 1825. A.W. 1856. C.W. 1822."

Separate ground on the Hill ("Dog Kennel").

131. H.S. (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of William Love who departed this Life September 11<sup>th</sup> 1838 aged 55 years After a long and painful illness Also of Walter Love son of the above named William and Mary Love who departed this Life August 26<sup>th</sup> 1838 aged 20 years." [Space.] "Also in the adjoining grave lie the remains of the above named Mary Love who departed this life September 20<sup>th</sup> 1856 aged 74 years 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.'" Apparently part of foot stone, loose: "M.L. 1856."

132. H.S.: "Sacred to the memory of Eliza daughter of William and Mary Love who departed this Life Sept<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1829 in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of her Age."

133. High tomb, railed—on top (all Roman caps.): "Beneath this tomb are deposited the remains of Priscilla the wife of Thomas Brown who died February 27. 1851 Aged 67 years."

134. H.S. (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Capt. James Holmes died July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1851 Aged 75 years." Foot stone: "J.H. 1851."

135. H.S.: ". . . James the eldest son of Michael & Sarah Irish (?) of Lants (Lents) in this County (?) ob. 21 December 18 . . 5 Æt . . . years."

136. H.S. (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of Mary Martha relict of Stephen White of this parish who died 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1850 in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of her age."

137. H.S. (Roman caps.): "Sacred to the memory of George Baker of London who whilst seeking here a renovation of health found a grave obiit Aug 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  182 $\frac{1}{4}$  Ætat suæ 27."

138. H.S.: "In Memory of James son of William & Sarah Gray of the parish of Saint Bride London who departed this life the First of March 1820 Aged 10 months."

139. H.S.: "In Memory of Edward and William sons of John & Sarah Holloway<sup>88</sup> Edward born May 29 1822 died (?) Dec. 3 1825 William born Oct 10 1823 died Dec. 6 1825."

<sup>88</sup> "Edward Halloway, St. Clement's, 10th Dec., 1825—4 years." "W<sup>m</sup> Halloway, St. Clement's, 10th Dec., 1825—2 years."

140. H.S.: “. . . died at Hastings October 17<sup>th</sup> 1826 James Prestage Bentley late of Percy Street London Aged 29 years.”

141. H.S.: “In Memory of Richard Whitcombe<sup>89</sup> Barrister-at-law born at Kingston (?) Herefordshire March 2 . . . 1794 died at Hastings Nov. 12 1834.”

142. H.S.:

Here are deposited the  
remains of Mr. JOHN BEST  
Solicitor of the City of Worcester  
son of WILLIAM and  
ANN TEMPLE BEST  
of Kempsey in the County  
of Worcester He died  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1827<sub>3</sub>  
aged 28 Years

143. Low altar tomb of brick (on top): “Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth Wife of John Cossum who departed this life . . . 20 1824 Aged 69 years.” Further figures lower down the slab: . . . “John Cossum<sup>40</sup> Died May 29<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 73.”

144. “In memory of . . . William G. Gordon<sup>41</sup> Student in Divinity son of . . . Rev. . . . Gordon one of the Ministers of . . . in Scotland who died at Hastings . . . 1831 Aged 20 years.”

145. H.S.: “Sacred to the memory of William Whemhurst who died 25<sup>th</sup> January 1822 Aged 63 years Also Elizabeth his wife (? who) died 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1836 Aged 73 years.”

146. H.S. (all caps.): “To the memory of M<sup>rs</sup>. Mary Cossum of St. Clements’ Hastings who died 20 November 1836 aged 63 years.” Foot stone: “M.C. 1836.”

147. H.S.: “‘Where the Tree falls there let it Lye’—Sacred to the memory of M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Clingand, wharfinger of Stantons’ Wharf, Southwark and of Wheldrake in the County of York who died at Hastings the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1820 Aged 64 years

“O tis sweet  
to think that those we know that those we love  
from earliest days sunk sweetly to repose  
On the soft Bed of Peace, in Friendships Arm &c.”

148. Flat stone (all caps.): “Ellen the wife of Charles Walford<sup>42</sup> who died 10 April 1854 Aged 52 years ‘Thy will be done.’”

149. H.S.: “Sacred to the memory of Lucy Amooore who died May 1<sup>st</sup> 1828 Aged 52 years Also Mary Anne Eldest Daughter of the above who died April 29. 1838 Aged 35 years.”

<sup>89</sup> “Richard Whitcombe, St. Clement’s, November 17th, 1834—40 years.”

<sup>40</sup> “Mrs. Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cossum, St. Clement’s, June 26th, 1824—69 years.” “John Cossum, St. Clement’s, 5th May, 1829—aged 73 years.”

<sup>41</sup> “W<sup>m</sup> Grant Gordon, St. Clement’s, Feb. 8th, 1831—20 years.”

<sup>42</sup> “Ellen Walford, St. Clement’s, April 20th, 1854—52 years.”

150. H.S. : "Sacred to the memory of Mr. Andrew Harper of Saint Hellen's Place London who died at Hastings on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1827 Aged 31 years—This stone is erected by his affectionate Brother and Sister James and Jane Harper of Edinburgh."

151. H.S. : "To the memory of Thomas Steers son of Samuel & Hannah Steers who died May 2 . . . 1822 Aged 7 years."

152. H.S. : "Sacred to the memory of Mary Kerby (?) died . . .<sup>th</sup> 1818 Aged  $\frac{3}{4}$  7 years."

153. H.S. : "Sacred, to the memory of William Brown, Attorney who died 2 $\frac{3}{8}$  January 1837 Aged 80 years."

154. H.S. (all Roman caps.): "In memory of Elizabeth Burton died Jan<sup>y</sup> 21 1836 aged 38 years also Joseph Burton died Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1852 aged 38 years 'We sorrow not as others without hope' 1 Thess. iv. 13 This Stone is erected by their surviving children."

155. H.S. : "In Memory of John Bray son of Mary Bray who died January 4<sup>th</sup> 1826 Aged 4 years Also Joseph Breeds son of Joseph & Ann Breeds who died March 5<sup>th</sup> 1826 Aged 8 years 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord' Also Edward Whight son of Thomas & Ann Whight died February 27<sup>th</sup> 1842 Aged 2 years & Four months."

156. H.S. (Roman caps.): "Edward Novello<sup>48</sup> . . . died Jan . . . 1836 Aged . . . 7."

157. H.S. (all Roman caps.): "Thomas George Knapé late of Middle Temple Esq second son of Tho . . . Knapé of Norwood Surrey Esq died September 1851 Aged . . ."

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## NAMES OF PERSONS BURIED IN THE CRYPT OF ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, HASTINGS.

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I am indebted to Mr. Alexander Breeds, Hon. Secretary of the Restoration Committee, for kindly furnishing the following particulars from notes which he made in the Crypt before it was finally closed.

"M<sup>rs</sup> Catharine Foyster of Hastings died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1847 aged 68 years. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.' Rev<sup>ns</sup> xiv. 13."

"John Thomas Justice eldest son of Francis Justice Esquire of Sutton Courtney near Abingdon died 18<sup>th</sup> March 1836 Aged 41 years."

<sup>48</sup> Query if the same person whose burial entry is: "Edward Petre Novello, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1836—22 years."

"Athelstan Corbet Esq<sup>r</sup> Ynysym Aengwyn County of Merioneth died 26 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1835 aged 46."

"William Angrer Strong Esquire died February 11<sup>th</sup> 1835."

"Hannah Holliday died 9 February 1835 aged 17 years."

"Thomas Peach died August 5 1846 aged 59 years."

"Anne Steward died 6 April 1844 aged 27 years."

"Basil Lloyd second son of the Reverend Henry Samuel Foyster died February 23 1843 aged nearly 8 years 'Those that seek me early shall find me.' Prov. viii. 17. v."

"Dame Arabella, relict of Admiral Sir G. Parker K.C.B. died 11 May 1850 . . . 65<sup>th</sup> year."

"Sir George Parker K.C.B. Admiral of the Red died 24 December 1847 aged 81 years."

"Ramsey Hankey Smith, Captain of H.M. 64<sup>th</sup> Reg of Foot died 11 March 1848 . . . 30<sup>th</sup> year."

"Mary Ann Beloe, wife of the Reverend William Beloe late Rector of All Hallows London Wall died 16<sup>th</sup> February 1848 Æt. . . . 'Vale, Cara, Vale.'"

"Harriet Pratt, wife of John Grenside Esquire of Hastings, Daughter of the late Samuel Foyster Esquire of London died 1<sup>st</sup> February 1850 aged 64 'There remaineth a rest to the people of God.' Heb. 4. 9. v."

"Thomas Palmer Esquire died 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1837 aged 69 years."

"Elizabeth widow of the late Gloster Wilson Esquire and Daughter of the late Reverend W. Whitear. died 30<sup>th</sup> April 1852. aged 77 years."

"G . . . Wilson Esquire died 19<sup>th</sup> December 1850 aged 81 years."

II.  
INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CROFT CHAPEL AND BURIAL  
GROUND.

FOUNDED ABOUT 1805.

Probably the oldest Nonconformist place of worship in the town.  
Now used as a Mission Chapel only.

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*Interior.*

1. Tablet let into wall (plain white marble):

IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
THE REV<sup>D</sup> JOHN MORLEY CLACK<sup>1</sup>  
who was ordained to the pastoral charge of this  
Congregation 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1817 which charge he resigned  
with his Life on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the same month  
Aged 23 Years

HIS SUN WENT DOWN WHILE IT WAS YET DAY  
BUT IT WAS EVIDENT TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM  
THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO RELINQUISH HIS  
WORK AND ENTER ON HIS REST

As soon as the days of his ministration were  
accomplished he departed to his own house

LUKE i. 23

2. Tablet let into wall (plain white marble):

IN MEMORY OF  
THE REV<sup>D</sup> RICHARD SIMMONDS<sup>2</sup>  
who after the faithful discharge of his Ministry  
for eight years in this place, was received to the  
enjoyment of his reward 27<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1816  
BY THIS RECORD THE DEAD NOW SPEAKETH  
Rom<sup>s</sup> xv. 19 I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ  
By which also ye are saved if ye keep in memory  
what I preached unto you 1 CORIN<sup>s</sup> xv. 2.

<sup>1</sup> Student of Hoxton Academy. Ordained 21st Aug., 1817, at Hastings, by Rev. Dr. Styles, of Brighton, Rev. F. Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Waugh, of London, &c. Mr. Clack preached on the following Sunday morning, being assisted in the evening by Rev. J. Hooper (classical tutor at Hoxton). In the course of the week was seized with violent sickness and giddiness, rapidly became worse and died on the following Sunday. He was buried on Friday, 5th Sept., in the Burying Ground attached to the Meeting House. He was only 23 years old, was a young man of superior intellectual powers and gave early promise of becoming a judicious, zealous and useful preacher.

<sup>2</sup> He was buried in the Churchyard of All Saints. For the epitaph on his tombstone see Inscriptions in the Churchyard of All Saints, Hastings, S.A.C., Vol. XL., p. 236.



3. Tablet (white marble upon grey?):

SACRED  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
MARGARET HAIG<sup>3</sup>  
WHO DIED AT HASTINGS 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1833  
AGED 38 YEARS

THE RACE APPOINTED I HAVE RUN  
THE COMBATS O'ER, THE PRIZE IS WON  
AND NOW MY WITNESS IS ON HIGH  
AND NOW MY RECORD'S IN THE SKY.  
NOT IN MINE INNOCENCE I TRUST  
I BOW BEFORE THEE IN THE DUST  
AND THROUGH MY SAVIOUR'S BLOOD ALONE  
I LOOK FOR MERCY AT THY THRONE

4. Two small marble tablets in the large Class Room in front of the Chapel:

(a)

THIS STONE WAS LAID  
OCTOBER 6. 1876 BY THE  
REV<sup>D</sup> HALLEY STEWART  
PASTOR OF THE CHURCH  
1863—1873

Other foundation can no man  
lay than that is laid, which is  
Jesus Christ 1 Cor. iii. 11

(b)

THIS STONE WAS LAID  
OCTOBER 6. 1876 BY THE  
REV<sup>D</sup> C. R. HOWELL  
PASTOR OF THE CHURCH.  
PASTORATE COMMENCED 1873  
In whom ye also are builded  
together for an habitation of  
God through the Spirit  
Eph. ii. 22

Stones in the Graveyard:

1. "In Memory of The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Davis<sup>4</sup> who was for 36 years Minister of the Croft Chapel Hastings He died Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1855 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age. 'Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'"

<sup>3</sup> In the Croft Burial Register described as resident at "39, Wellington Square, from Edinburg;" buried May 25th.

<sup>4</sup> Sept. 15th, 1819. The Rev. Wm. Davis (late of Hoxton Academy) was ordained over the Independent Church in the Croft, Hastings. In C.B. Regr.: "Buried 1855 Jany. 26 in Croft Ground, the Rev. W. Davis Minister of the Croft Chapel aged 66." The Ministers officiating at the funeral appear to have

2. "Sacred To the Memory of Eliza Dee<sup>s</sup> of Cambridge who departed this Life 13 May 1839 on the 21 year of her Age—Beloved—Lamented."

3. (all caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of William Kent Simpson<sup>6</sup> of Bury St. Edmunds who died at Hastings October 30 1852 Aged 27 years."

4. (all caps.): "In Memory of Matilda Sarah daughter of John & Matilda Reeves, died April 26<sup>th</sup> 1853 Aged 3 years 10 months."

5. (Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of Margaret Haig who died at Hastings 20 May 1833 Aged 38 years

"I have fought a good fight I have finished my course I have kept the faith henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness 2 Tim."

6.

Sacred

To the Memory of

John Michael son of J. M. Vos : Esq. (of Calcutta)

born at Clapham June 8<sup>th</sup> 1816 died at Hastings July 26<sup>th</sup> 1833

been Rev. J. N. Goulty, of Brighton, and Rev. George Stewart. There are the following entries of birth and baptism of his children in the Croft Baptismal Register:—

June 30, 1824. William May. St. Clement's, Hastings. Born 19 Feb., 1824. son of Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, late Caroline May. High Street, Hastings. Dissenting Minister. By Rev. John Townsend.

July 5, 1826. Henry May. St. Clement's, Hastings. Born 5 Nov., 1825. Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, late Caroline May. High Street, Hastings. Dissenting Minister. By Rev. George Greig.

May 8, 1829. Edward May. St. Clement's, Hastings. Born 13 March, 1828. Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, late Caroline May. High Street, Hastings. Minister of Croft Chapel. By Rev. John Clayton, jun., A.M. at Elm Cottage, Brixton Hill.

June 13, 1830. Sarah May. St. Clement's, Hastings. Born 30 Jan., 1830. dau. of Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, late Caroline May. All Saints, Hastings. Minister of the Gospel. By Rev. Wm. Davis.

July 8, 1832. Alfred May. All Saints, Hastings. Born 19 April, 1832. Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, dau. of Wm. and Sarah May. 3, Halloway Place, Hastings. Dissenting Minister. By Rev. Wm. Davis.

June 21, 1835. Josiah Wathen. All Saints, Hastings. Born 23 Feb., 1835. Wm. Davis and Caroline Davis, dau. of Wm. and S. May, formerly of Crispin Street, Spitalfields. 3, Halloway Place, Hastings. Dissenting Minister. By Rev. Wm. Davis.

Caroline May, daughter of Wm. and Caroline Davis, was born at the house of the said William Davis No. 3, Halloway Place, February 13th, 1838, and baptized at the Croft Chapel on the 10th of June, 1838, by me, William Davis, the Minister of the Chapel and the father of the babe (*sic*).

<sup>5</sup> In C. Bur. Reg. No. 100. "Eliza Dee of Cambridge aged 19 years May 17 1839 J.P. Saffery."

<sup>6</sup> In C. Bur. Reg. "6 Nov. 1852 William Kent Simpson aged 25 years."

7. (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of Mary the beloved wife of John Nichols<sup>7</sup> who died November 20 1849 Aged 76 years 'I know whom I have believed' 2 Tim. 1. 2 v. Also of Maria her daughter the beloved wife of John Benjamin Moor<sup>8</sup> who departed this life April 11 1850 Aged 53 years

(Italics) "No trust in self, on firmer ground, she stood  
Her hope was founded on a Saviour's blood  
A sinner saved who in deaths trying hour  
Did cast her soul on Jesus' love and power  
And now with myriads of the ransom'd race  
Ascribes her bliss to free and sovereign grace  
Is such her happy lot, should we complain  
Our loss tho' great is her eternal gain.

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints. 116 Psalm 15 : v."

8. Flat stone (all caps.): "In memory of Sarah Ashby<sup>8a</sup> who departed this life 30<sup>th</sup> October 1848 aged 21 years—'Looking unto Jesus.'"

9. "Sacred to the memory of Ann H. Place aged 11 years and William H. Place aged 16 years The former died on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the latter on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 1848. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided."

10. ". . . Memory of J. W<sup>m</sup> Bumstead<sup>9</sup> who died July 28<sup>th</sup> 1847 Aged 10 years—prepare to meet thy God. Also of George Bumstead (father of the above) who died March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853 Aged 54 years.

"Kind Angels guard his sleeping dust  
Till Jesus come to judge the just  
May he awake with great surprise  
And in his Saviour's glory rise.

"Also of Hannah Bumstead died December 20<sup>th</sup> 1853 She sweetly sleeps in Jesus Aged  $1\frac{3}{5}$  years."

11. Flat stone (all Roman caps.): "John Duguid Johnston<sup>10</sup> died 16<sup>th</sup> June 1847 Aged 34."

12. Flat stone (all Roman caps.): Sacred to the memory of John Ray Burgess<sup>11</sup> who died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1847 aged 34 years. 'Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.'"

13. Flat stone: A E Merriman<sup>12</sup>  
died  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853  
Aged 67.

<sup>7</sup> In C. Bur. Reg. No. 170. "Buried Nov. 24th, 1849."

<sup>8</sup> No. 172. "Buried April 16th, 1850, aged 53 years."

<sup>8a</sup> In C. Bur. Reg. "Aged 24 (buried) Nov. 6 1848."

<sup>9</sup> Buried July 31.

<sup>10</sup> In C.B. Reg. "Alexander Duguid Johnston aged 34 years (buried) June 21, 1847."

<sup>11</sup> In Regr. "Aged 31 years."

<sup>12</sup> Regr. "6th Jan., 1853. Harriett Eliza Merriman, aged 67."

14. Flat stone (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of William Temple<sup>13</sup> a native of Camphouse Roxboroughshire, Scotland who died in this Town on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1847 aged 33 years This stone was erected by his surviving brothers and sisters, A.D. 1848."

15. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of Eleanor wife of Charles Ebeling<sup>14</sup> of Paris who departed this life Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> 1820 Aged 66 years Also her daughter Eliz<sup>th</sup> Woolley died 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1836 Aged 47 years."

16. "Sacred to the Memory of Mary Ann Lord Daughter of William and Mary Ann Lord who departed this life . . . Aged 11 years. 'Suffer the little children to come unto me For of such is the Kingdom of God.' Mark 10 c. 14 v."

17 (all Roman caps.): "Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Morton<sup>15</sup> who died December 6<sup>th</sup> 1838 aged 38 years Also Louisa Hannah his daughter who died January . . . 1838 aged 3 years & 6 months. 'By Grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.'"

18. Coffin-shaped tomb: on the curve (all Roman caps.): "Also (*sic*) James Richard Francis<sup>16</sup> son of the above William Francis Died with a good hope through Grace the 22 January 1831 Aged 20 years (caps.) At the foot of this Grave lies William the firstborn son of Edmund and Martha Trulock-Strickland who was born Nov<sup>br</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1830 and died Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1831 'Of such is the Kingdom of heaven.'"

19. Flat stone: "Sacred to the Memory of Mr William Francis<sup>17</sup> late of London who died at Hastings 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1826 in the 41<sup>st</sup> year of his Age He lived believing in his Redeemer His character through life corresponded with his faith and he expired with the glorious hope of a blissful immortality: His God sustained him in his final hour. His final hour brought glory to his God He died exclaiming Victory, Victory through the blood of the Lamb. Also Rebecca Daughter of the above who having fled for refuge to the hope set before her in the Gospel died July 7<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 13 years."

20. Flat stone: "In memory of Elizabeth Weekes Daughter of Edward and Rebecca Weekes who departed this life 25<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1823 Aged 30 years

"Tis finished; on this my soul rely,  
As Jesus lives his chosen cannot die.

"Also Edmond Weekes<sup>18</sup> son of Edward and Rebecca Weekes who departed this Life 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1835 Aged 28 years."

21. Flat stone: "Erected to the memory of Elizabeth the wife of I. Williams<sup>19</sup> Sen<sup>r</sup> who departed this Life Sep<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1819 Aged 78 years 'Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord.' Also John

<sup>13</sup> Buried Feb. 5th, 1847.

<sup>14</sup> Buried Oct. 6th, 1820.

<sup>15</sup> In Regr. described as "of High Street." Buried Dec. 12th, 1838.

<sup>16</sup> In Regr. "Died at Bourtin Glouce<sup>r</sup>."

<sup>17</sup> In Regr. described as "Late of Oxford Street, London (buried) January 31, 1826."

<sup>18</sup> Described as Edmund Weekes, from "Town Malling, Kent."

<sup>19</sup> In Regr. her age is given as 79.

Williams<sup>20</sup> Gent many years a Jurat of this Corporation who departed this Life February 12<sup>th</sup> 1834 Aged 87 years Also Mary Ann Williams Granddaughter of the above who died May 10<sup>th</sup> 1840 Aged 3 years."

22. Flat stone: "Erected to the memory of Mary the wife of R<sup>d</sup>. Sinnock<sup>21</sup> who departed this life Aug<sup>st</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1817 Aged 77 years 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.'"

23. Flat stone: "Hannah Marshall<sup>22</sup> died September 19<sup>th</sup> 1852 Aged 75 years."

24. Flat stone (all caps.): "In memory of Abraham Wood<sup>23</sup> who died 6 Nov 1845 Aged 53 years."

25. Flat stone: "In memory of Phillis wife of the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Johnson Wesleyan Minister who died January 18<sup>th</sup> 1829 Aged 49 years. 'The Righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.'"

26. Flat stone (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of James Martineau Lee,<sup>24</sup> of Norwich who departed the life on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan 1828 aged 25 years."

27. Flat stone: "Sacred to the memory of John Kinder<sup>25</sup> the beloved son of Robert & Eliza Kinder who died at Hastings February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1834 Aged 20 years."

28. Flat stone (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of David Martineau<sup>26</sup> who departed this life 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1836 Aged 47."

29. Flat stone (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Samuel second son of William and Fanny Smith late of Goswell Road, London who died 11<sup>th</sup> January 1823 in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of his age."

30. Flat stone (all caps.): "In memory of Mr. Philip Chapman<sup>27</sup> who died April 9<sup>th</sup> 1840 aged 73 years."

31. Flat stone (all caps.): "Sacred to the memory of Eliza the wife of William Mason<sup>28</sup> who died April 13<sup>th</sup> 1842 aged 32 years."

32. Flat stone: "Isabella Jane Brown<sup>29</sup> only daughter of Major James Dennistoun Brown died 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1828 aged 16 months Three months after her elder sister Agnes Isabella

"Two sweet and lovely blossoms  
destined early to fade that  
they might bloom through Re-  
-deeming love in unfading beauty

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord."

<sup>20</sup> In Regr. described as of "St Clement's Hastings (buried) Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1834 aged 87 years."

<sup>21</sup> In Regr. "Elizabeth Sinnock, of Battle, Sussex. Died 24<sup>th</sup>; buried 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1817; aged 77 years."

<sup>22</sup> In Regr. "Buried by Mr Hobkirk Wesleyan Min<sup>r</sup>."

<sup>23</sup> In Regr. "Buried Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>."

<sup>24</sup> In Regr. "Buried 4<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1828."

<sup>25</sup> In Regr. "Buried Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1834."

<sup>26</sup> In Regr. "From St. Leonards."

<sup>27</sup> In Regr. described as "of All Saints Parish buried Ap. 16<sup>th</sup>."

<sup>28</sup> In Regr. "Buried April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1832, by Jonathan Glyde, of Bradford, Yorkshire."

<sup>29</sup> In Regr. "From Edinburg died at Hastings."