

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS IN NORTH BURLINGHAM SAINT PETER

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**I**N 1938 the church of Saint Peter, North Burlingham, ceased to be a parish church, and most of its contents were found new homes. The lovely chancel screen went to the neighbouring church of Saint Andrew, where it serves as a screen for the vestry at the west end.

Of the many mural tablets only the MILEHAM monuments were then moved, at the cost of the family, to a corresponding site in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Church. In 1959 the BURROUGHES family similarly undertook to move two monuments of interest and charm, those to JAMES BURKIN BURROUGHES and to ANN HORTH.

For the rest, before they finally disappear beneath the rubble it has been decided that their inscriptions shall be recorded here. Printing costs forbid their reproduction in facsimile, and the change of format necessitates punctuation where the sense would otherwise be obscured. Texts are omitted, and also the blazons of arms, since these can be found recorded in Farrer's *Church Heraldry of Norfolk*, Vol. I, pp. 227 ff. Of the slab in the tower that he noted, for GERRARD MONTAGU, died 1806, no trace can now be found, and the four hatchments he described have disappeared.

### FLOOR SLABS

1. (*With Arms*). Here lyeth the body of JOHN BURKIN Esq<sup>r</sup> who departed this life 9<sup>th</sup> June A<sup>o</sup> 1729 aged 76. And also the Body's of JOHN BURKIN who dyed 4<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> A<sup>o</sup> 1725, and ELIZABETH BURKIN who dyed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> A<sup>o</sup> 1726, (the Children of James Burkin Esq<sup>r</sup> & Elizabeth his wife, and Grand-Children of John Burkin Esq<sup>r</sup>) who dyed Infants.

2. (*With Arms*). Here lyeth the body of Dame SARAH NIGHTINGALE, the relict First of S<sup>r</sup> Robert Nightingale, Bar<sup>t</sup>, After of John Burkin Esq<sup>r</sup>, whom going before to a better World she made haste to follow Aug<sup>t</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> A<sup>o</sup> 1729, aged 66.

3. (*With Arms*). Here lieth y<sup>e</sup> body of M<sup>rs</sup> MARY SWINBORN, 2<sup>d</sup> daughter of John Swinborn Esquire, who departed this life y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of September MDCCXII.

4. (*With Arms*). To the memory of JAMES BURKIN Esq<sup>r</sup>, the only son of John Burkin Esq<sup>r</sup> by Dame Sarah Nightingale, who departed this life the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1734, in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of his age. Elizabeth Burkin, his mournful relict, has placed this lasting monument of her conjugal affection.

5. (*With Arms*). Here lieth the body of JAMES BURKIN Esq<sup>r</sup> who departed this life August the 23<sup>d</sup> 1763.

6. Here lieth the body of JAMES BURKIN BURROUGHES Esquire who was born the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1760 and died the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1803. Also the

body of CHRISTABELL BURROUGHES his wife who was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1764 and died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1843. Also WILLIAM JAMES, infant son of Sir G. C. HOSTE and Mary his wife, died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1816, And of WILLIAM, infant son of H. N. BURROUGHES Esq. & Jane Sarah his wife, died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1824.

7. In memory of the Rev<sup>d</sup> JOHN PANCHEN, A.B., twenty years Rector of this parish who died Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1793 aged 45 years.

#### MURAL TABLETS

(1) In memory of Sir GEORGE CHARLES HOSTE, C.B., K.S.F., Colonel in the Corps of Royal Engineers, third son of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dixon Hoste, Rector of Tittleshall, Norfolk. He was born March 10th 1786, and entered the Army 1802: his military services, which were varied and distinguished, commenced at Maida and terminated at Waterloo: he was subsequently selected for various important commissions in France, America, and Great Britain, the last of which had for its object the placing of the dockyards and arsenals of England in an efficient state of defence. Its arduous duties, unshrinkingly performed in spite of failing health, terminated but a few months before his death, which took place at Woolwich whilst he was in command of that district, April 21st 1845. His mortal remains are deposited in the church-yard of Charlton, Kent. He married, in the year 1812, Mary, only daughter of James Burkin Burroughes, of Burlingham Hall, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

She caused this monument to be erected, and died in peace, May 28th 1870, in the 81st year of her age. All that was mortal of her rests in the adjoining church-yard.

(Arms, now missing, recorded in *Farrer*).

(2) To the memory of JAMES WILLIAM HOSTE (third son of Lt.-Col. Sir George Hoste C.B. K.S.F.<sup>1</sup> and Mary his wife) late Ensign in the 43rd Reg<sup>t</sup> of Light Infantry, who died at Woodstock in New Brunswick of Typhus Fever on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1836 in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his age. This tablet is put up by his affectionate uncle, H. N. Burroughes Esq<sup>r</sup>.

No epitaph can better describe the character of this excellent young soldier than the words of his commanding officer in a letter to his afflicted parents. "I do not recollect that the 43<sup>d</sup> Regiment ever had a more promising young officer, and so distinguished was he for zeal and ability that had it pleased God to have spared his life he would have proved an ornament to his profession, and added honor and credit to his family name. He was indeed beloved, admired, and esteemed by all who knew him."

(3) Sacred to the memory of JAMES and EDWARD BURROUGHES Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the second and fourth Sons of J. B. Burroughes Esq<sup>r</sup> and Christabell his wife, of this parish, who died of an infectious Fever which they caught whilst pursuing their studies at Cambridge, James on the 3<sup>d</sup> of April in the 23<sup>d</sup> year of his age, Edward on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in his 18<sup>th</sup> year. Their remains were deposited in the Vault in this church on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 1815.

(4) In memory of HENRY NEGUS BURROUGHES, Esq<sup>re</sup>, of Burlingham Hall, who departed this life 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1872, aged 81 years.

(5) In memory of JANE SARAH, the beloved wife of Henry Negus Burroughes, M.P., born July 15<sup>th</sup> 1792, departed this life October 5<sup>th</sup> 1851.

(6) Sacred to the memory of AUGUSTA SUSANNA BURROUGHES, second wife of Henry Negus Burroughes, Esq<sup>re</sup>, M.P., and daughter of General H. A. Proctor, C.B., of Aberhavesp Hall, Montgomeryshire, born 1822, died 1885.

Her memory will long be revered by the inhabitants of this and the neighbouring parishes, to whom she had endeared herself by her many acts of unostentatious kindness and liberality.

(7) Sacred to the memory of BURKIN BURROUGHES Esq<sup>r</sup> the youngest son of J. B. Burroughes Esq<sup>r</sup> and Christabell his wife. He died at Hoveton on the 3<sup>d</sup> of January 1823 in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his age. His remains were deposited in the vault in this church on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the same month.

(8) In memory of the Rev<sup>d</sup> RANDALL BURROUGHES, born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1829, died Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1872.

(9) In memory of JANE, eldest daughter of Henry Negus BURROUGHES, M.P., and Jane Sarah his wife, who died August 22 1840, aged 20.

(10) In memory of MARY, youngest daughter of Henry Negus BURROUGHES, M.P., and Jane Sarah his wife, who died February 18 1841, aged 18.

(11) In memory of HENRY NEGUS BURROUGHES, Lieutenant, R.N., who died January 9<sup>th</sup> 1856, aged 35.

(12) In affectionate memory of EMILY, widow of Rev<sup>d</sup> RANDALL BURROUGHES, of Burlingham, and daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Suffield, born November 30<sup>th</sup> 1828, died March 21<sup>st</sup> 1912.

(13) To the memory of CHRISTABEL, relict of James Burkin BURROUGHES, Esq., daughter and heiress of Henry Negus of Hoveton, Esq., died January 25<sup>th</sup> 1843, aged 78.

<sup>1</sup>Order of St. Ferdinand (Spain).