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Built this bridge at the cost of the county " ;

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WHITE MARBLE LEDGER IN RICHMOND CHURCH.

Size 7 ft. 6 in. by 4 ft.



Lady Howard's monument is an exceptionally fine slab of white marble measuring 7 ft. 6 in. by 4 ft., and it remains *in situ* under the Communion table.

In her Will, dated March 24th, 1715, and proved December 20th, 1716 (P. C. C., 228 Fox), she describes herself as Frances, dowager lady Howard of Escrick, and she directs as follows:—"I desire that black and white marble stones may be laid upon me and my children in the chancel of the church at Richmond, and that an Atchievement be hung up in the said chancel near the Communion table." A schedule appended to the Will has items: "for marble stones to lay upon our graves £36:0:0 . . . . for a hatchment to be hung near the Communion table," etc. In codicil, "Itam instede of the thirty-six pound I have ordred on the other side of this sheet of paper for marbles stones, I intend because the chancell of Richmon church is soe full that there is hardly room left for myself to lye, I therefore intend to have a vaute or vault made in Richmon churchyard to be made just behind the Communion table which will be very neer whear my family and children are and which I intend shall all be in the valt with myself . . . . lett great care be taken of my dear Harry's cofin, it had a crack on the side when my sister Winde was burryed, it was very neer my brother Cicel Howard cofin, it is a littel one—he was but nine years old." On the original Will is a note in the handwriting of the testatrix to this effect: "I desire the marble stones that are to be layed upon myself and children be white marble." There is, on the same document, an official memorandum stating that Lady Howard died on December 19th, in the parish of St. James, Westminster.

Lady Howard and Magdalen Winde were daughters of Sir James Bridgeman (brother to Sir Orlando, the Lord-Keeper), and the incised Arms on the slab are respectively—on the lozenge, Howard impaling Bridgeman; and on the smaller shields, Howard (alone), and Winde (a fesse betw. 3 mascles) impaling Bridgeman.

The parish Registers of Richmond contain between 1661 and 1725 entries of the names of Howard and Winde as follow:—

## BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 7, 1666. Anne, d. of Sir Cicile Howard, Kt., and y<sup>e</sup> la.  
Frances, his wife.  
Jan. 1, 1678-9. William, s. of William Howard.

## BURIALS.

- \*May 3, 1666. Mr. William Howard, a child.  
May 7, 1666. Mr. Francis Howard, a child.  
\*Aug. 7, 1666. Mr. Edward Howard, a child.  
\*Jan. 7, 1668-9. Mrs. Frances Howard, a child.  
Aug. 8, 1673. Emanuel Howard, a child.  
Jan. 10, 1678-9. Sir Ciele Howard, Knt.<sup>1</sup>  
\*Feb. 2, 1679-80. Mr. Henry Howard.  
Feb. 27, 1681-2. Henry Winde, a child.<sup>2</sup>  
Aug. 26, 1685. Elizabeth Howard.  
Jan. 30, 1685-6. Mrs. Magdalen Winde, a child.  
Jan. 8, 1708-9. Mad<sup>m</sup> Magdalen Wind of the par. of St. Martin.  
\*May 3, 1715. The Honourable Tho ; L<sup>d</sup> Cha. Howard and Mrs.  
Mary, bur<sup>l</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> middle of the chancell.<sup>3</sup>  
Dec. 24, 1716. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lady Eliz. Howard.<sup>4</sup>  
Dec. 12, 1718. Tho (*sic*) Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lady Cecil Howard.<sup>5</sup>

\* The extracts to which an asterisk is prefixed relate to the children of Lady Howard.

It will be observed that Lady Howard survived the whole of her children. A note in a "Work-book" at the College of Arms, under date December 30th, 1703, and referring to escutcheons supplied for the funeral of "Mrs. Howard, daughter of Lady Howard of Eserick," presented some difficulty to me, inasmuch as the above

<sup>1</sup> Son of the first Lord Howard of Eserick.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently "Henry" is an error for "John;" compare the M. I.

<sup>3</sup> Lysons (*Environs*, 1, 463) gives, in inverted commas, a copy of this entry, but he amplifies the word "Tho;" into "Thomas Howard," thus introducing a fictitious personage. The scribe who was employed upon the Register at this period wrote neatly but spelt vilely; *e.g.*, he tells us, Jan. 19, 1707-8, "Tho. Hobbs hanged himself and was found *non poso menties*." There is little doubt that the word "Tho" in this entry = "The," as it likewise does in the last of the extracts above given.

<sup>4</sup> "Eliz.," an error for Frances.

<sup>5</sup> Frances, widow of Sir Cecil Howard, above named.

list of burials at Richmond includes the whole of Lady Howard's children, but does not contain a burial of corresponding date to this note in the "Work-book." Also, it struck me as a singular circumstance that the last Lord Howard and Mary his sister, who must both have been some thirty or forty years of age, should have been buried in one day. But a possible explanation suggested itself, viz., that Lady Howard's daughter, Mary, died in December, 1703, and was buried, perhaps, somewhere in London, and that subsequently, on the death of her brother, who was the last surviving child, her remains were removed to Richmond. I have, fortunately, been able to convert this theory into a strong probability, for the register of St. James' Church, Westminster, has an entry of burial which corresponds in date with the Herald's College note, thus: "Jan. 1, 1703-4, Lady Mary Howard." These facts, taken in conjunction with Lady Howard's evident desire that the family should all lye together, afford a fair inference that Mary Howard buried at St. James' and Mary Howard who was buried at Richmond (on the same day as was her brother Charles) were identical.

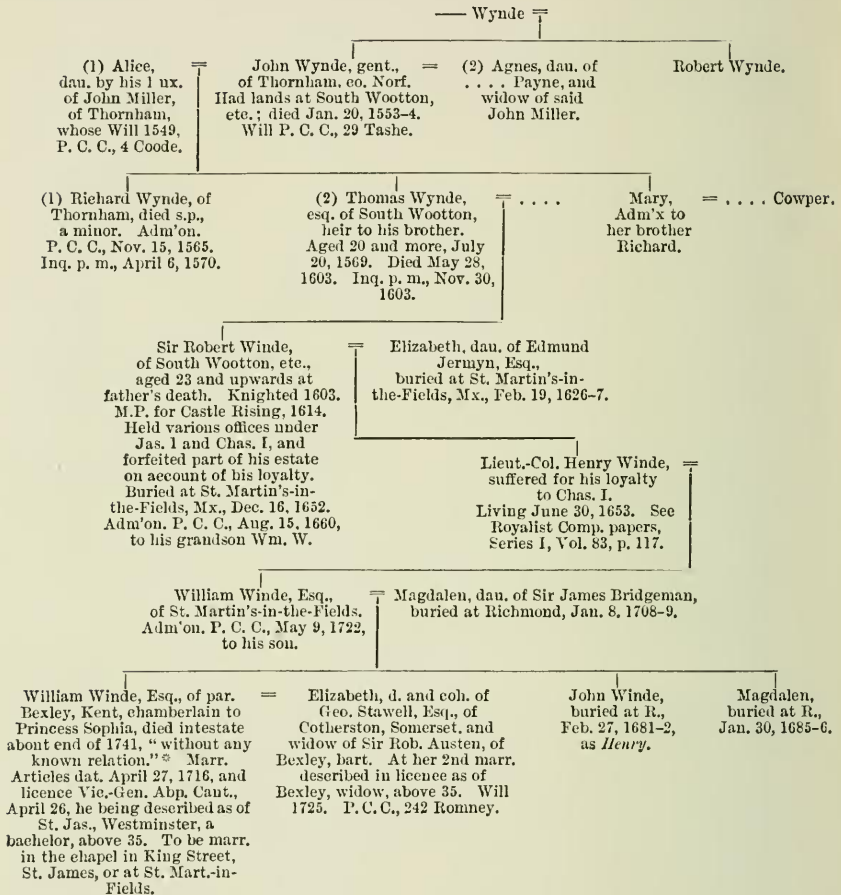
The Will of this Charles, the last Lord Howard of Escrick, dated April 17th, 1704 (with codicil April 14th, 1715), proved June 25th, 1715 (P. C. C., 114 Fagg), contains an allusion to the testator's unhappy domestic life. After bequeathing to his daughter Charlotte, whom he had by Mrs. Pyke, a legacy of £200 at twenty-one or marriage, he says: "And I do hereby in the presence of God Almighty declare as I hope for mercy from him that I never was married to the said Mrs. Pyke nor any other woman but my most wicked wife the Lady Insequin whom God forgive and grant her repentance for her horrible subornation and perjury against me."

A short time previous to the date of this Will, Lady Inchiquin, the testator's wife, commenced an action for bigamy against him, but she afterwards abandoned the case.

I have had some difficulty in tracing the descent of William Winde, husband of Magdalen, whose name



is on the monument, but the pedigree appears to be as below:—



\* So sworn in connection with Adm'on. to Lady Howard, 1833, but he left several relations on the mother's side.

In conclusion, I have to acknowledge the kind assistance that I have received from Dr. Jessopp, the Rev. C. R. Manning, Mr. Walter Rye, Mr. J. J. Muskett, Mr. A. O. Barron, and especially from our member, Mr. G. E. Cokayne, *Norroy*.