

## HIGH WYCOMBE PARISH CHURCH.

### PART II.

#### BRASSES, MONUMENTS, AND INSCRIPTIONS.

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#### IN THE CHURCHYARD.

THE oldest tombstone in the churchyard is opposite the door of the south transept, and bears the date 1685. The inscription is now illegible, but concludes with these lines:—

Here lies one whose reste  
Gives me a restlesse life,  
Because I've lost a kinde  
And verteuous wyfe.

Near the Bower Chapel is the following inscription on a tombstone:—

In memory of  
Mr. THOMAS ALDRIDGE  
Alderman of this Corporation,  
who departed this Life  
the 28th of August 1783,  
in the 90th year of his Age.  
Of no distemper,  
of no blast he died  
but fell  
like Autumn fruit  
that's mellow'd long,  
even wonder'd at  
because he dropt no sooner.  
Providence seem'd to wind him up  
for fourscore years  
yet ran he on nine Winters more,  
till like a Clock  
worn out with beating time  
the Wheels of weary life  
at last stood still.

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Reader reflect.  
The longest life will quickly fly  
And launch thee in eternity.

In the part of the churchyard cut off by Castle Street,  
on an upright stone :—

AHMUTY MAYNE,  
A Native of Ardcarne  
near Carrick on Shannon  
In the Kingdom of Ireland  
Thirty years an Inhabitant  
of this Town  
where he died Jany 17<sup>th</sup> 1814  
Aged 76 years.

On the other side :—

Beneath  
lie the Wives of  
AHMUTY MAYNE  
MARY, died Augst 10<sup>th</sup> 1793,  
Aged 60 years.

JANE AMELIA,  
died Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1801.  
Aged 38 years.

LYDIA,  
died Nov. 2<sup>d</sup> 1808  
Aged 50 years.

Ahmuty Mayne was a gentleman of means who came to live in Wycombe in 1784. His experience of matters conjugal was more extensive and varied than that which falls to the lot of most mortals. Upon the death of his first wife, being at that time above sixty years old, he married secondly a youthful damsel a little more than half his own age. In about two years he again found himself all forlorn, and took unto himself a third spouse ; but she likewise went the way of all flesh, and once more he was left desolate. Not daunted, however, by these reverses, he determined, although now past the threescore years and ten allotted to man, to venture once more to embark upon the sea of matrimony, and on espousing his fourth wife this facetious notability caused to be engraved upon the wedding ring :—

I've buried three  
To marry thee ;  
If I survive,  
I'll marry five.

But he didn't.

In the same part of the churchyard is another upright stone upon which is engraved :—

MARY HAVERGAL,  
died February 24th 1850.  
Aged 78.

Her husband  
WILLIAM HAVERGAL  
died September 2nd 1854 ;  
Aged 89.

Their only children,  
The Rev. W. H. Havergal, A.M.  
and Mrs. Prestage,  
erect this tablet to their  
memory.

“Blessed be the name of the Lord”

Job i. 21.

On a stone in the north part of the churchyard :—  
On the east side :—

The Revd JOHN SMITHSON  
who preached the Gospel  
to the dissenting congregation  
in this Town upwards of forty years,  
Died January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1789 :  
Aged 64 years.

Also of JOHN CARTER,  
Upwards of Fifty Years an Elder and  
Deacon of the Church assembling in  
Crendon Lane Meeting House,  
(of which the before mentioned were  
Pastors) who died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1817. Aged 90 years.

“He purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness  
in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”—1 Tim. iii. 15.

Also of MARY CARTER  
widow of the above  
who died the 3rd day of June 1839 :  
Aged 84 years.

On the west side :—

Hic sepultus est  
JOHANNES POWNALL  
Sacri Evangelii in hoc Oppido Minister  
Annos circiter quadraginta.  
Vir in sacris Literisque humanis  
Admodum eruditus :  
Concionator eximius :  
Pastor fidelis & vigilans :  
Insignis vere ad Laudem  
Pietatis Exemplum.  
Obiit Die Decembris ij  
Anno Dom. 1742. Etatis 70.

In the same part of the churchyard, near the chancel, are a couple of stones thus inscribed :—

Here  
lies the Body of  
RALPH DEAN  
one of the  
Aldermen of this  
Corporation  
who died in his fifth  
Mayoralty  
upon the 15th day of Jan.  
1766 in the lxxxii year  
of his Age.

In memory  
of Mr. RALPH DEAN  
who died Sept. the 9th  
1775

Aged 49 years.

The following anecdote is related concerning the above: On Sept. 25, 1746, John Wesley came to Wycombe and preached to a vast concourse of people, and it being the day for the election of mayor, the preacher was frequently interrupted by those who had made too free with the good cheer provided for them on that occasion. The mayor was applied to by the divine to bring one of the rabble to justice as a common swearer for breaking the law. His worship inquired who he was, and what was his name. On being informed that it was Ralph Dean, he exclaimed in astonishment: "Ralph Dean! Ralph Dean! Why, that's my son. Well, I have nothing to say in his defence; if he breaks the law he must take what follows."

#### IN THE CHURCH.

##### BRASSES.

There was formerly a large number of brasses in this church, the figures belonging to which were ruthlessly torn away during the period of the Great Rebellion. Before the last restoration there were in different parts of the church several ancient slabs, containing the matrices wherein the figures had been fixed. In the Bower Chapel was a stone with the impressions of two brasses upon it, and within the sanctuary another slab, from which three figures and their inscriptions had been torn off. In the north transept were three very old slabs,

on which there had been at one time six brasses. These and some other ancient slabs were removed to the church-yard at the time of the last restoration.

The stone containing the matrices of three brasses is probably the one referred to in the following extract from the will of John Wilcocks, of Chipping Wycombe, dated July 5, 1506 :—" My body to be buried in the church of All Hallondon, in Wyḥ, before the Rood. To repair our Lady's Chapel of my Grant, xxijjs. ivd. I will that my executors pay the charge of new glazing the window in the said chapel ; also I will that an obit be kept yearly. I will that my executors buy a marble stone to lay on my grave, with the picture of my two wives, of vii. foot in length, the stones mentioning their sons Thomas and Michael Wilcocks. I appoint Walter, my son, my executor, and also Robert Ashebrooke and Robert Brampton, Priest, and John Alley, my executors."

Robert Ashebrooke and John Alley were both of them Mayors of Wycombe, temp. Henry VII. and Henry VIII.

In Willis's MSS. is an Indulgence from Richard de Gravesend, Bishop of Lincoln, dated at Fingest in 1273, for the reparation of St. Mary's Chapel in the church-yard of Wycombe.

There remain at present three inscriptions in brass affixed to the south wall of the Bower Chapel, whither they were removed when the interior of the church was last restored. The following inscription in old English characters was formerly in the floor of the south aisle of the nave :—

**Here under lyeth buried the bodye  
of Margaret Trone, the daughter  
of — Trone and An his wife.  
who deceased ye first of Nobemb— 1588.**

The brass plate, inscribed as follows, was originally inside the rails in front of the altar :—

Heere leyeth the body of Robert Kempe, whoe departed this life the 28th November, Ano. Dni. 1621.  
Wife, children, wealth, this world & life forsaken,  
In silent dust I sleepe, whence once awaken,  
My Sauour's might a glorious change shall giue,  
So, loosing all, I gayne, and dying, liue.  
My fame I trust the world with, for 'tis true,  
Posterity giues euery man his due.

Another brass, formerly in the floor of the Bower Chapel, is thus inscribed:—

In memory of ye trvly vertvovs & faithfvll  
wifes of Iohn Lane,\* of this towne, Margery & Mary.

As earth to bodyes soe heaven to sacred sovles the center  
Though this ye one by death yet yt ye other by heavenly life doth  
enter.

As when all finite times by God's decree are spent,  
Then shall svch sovles most gloriovsly resvme what natvre lent ;  
Undovbtedly svch is & svche shalbe the blisse of these two saints ;  
Svch piovs actors of faith & religion's frvits noe sin attains,  
As there by grace in Christ yov live in glorye's lasting fame,  
So here by love yovr honord vertves gaine a never-dying name.

In various parts of the chancel and its aisles—chiefly  
in the Bower Chapel—there used to be several small  
diamond-shaped slabs, measuring about a foot across.  
They were all of the eighteenth century, and bore such  
short inscriptions as the following:—

“E. Smith, 1792 ;” “A. B. ;” “M. R., 1740 ;” “W. W. ;” “F.  
S., Mar. ye 18th, 1733, D. S. ;” “M. T., January ye 10th, 1756.”

#### MURAL TABLETS.

South aisle, beginning from west end.

In Memory of  
SUSANNAH wife of  
The Revd THOS JONES of Dinton  
in this County and only Daughter of  
The Revd James Price  
Late Vicar of this Parish.  
Obt 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1802 ;  
Æt. 40.

Also of SUSANNAH PHILIPPA,  
only Child of  
The Revd Thomas Jones  
and the above Susannah, his  
late wife.  
Ob. 6<sup>th</sup> Oter, 1806. Æ. 18.

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Near this place  
lies the Body of  
Mr ROBERT PECK  
an eminent Attorney at Law  
who died October the 1<sup>st</sup> 1756 Aged 72.

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\* Mayor 36 and 37 Charles II.

Also the Body of  
 Mrs ELIZABETH PECK,  
 Wife of the aforesaid  
 Mr. Robert Peck,  
 who died September the 14<sup>th</sup> 1749 Aged 59.

And also the Body of  
 ROBERT PECK  
 son of theirs who died  
 November 22<sup>d</sup> 1721 Aged 8 months.

Also the Bodies of  
 SUSANNAH PRICE Dr of their's  
 Obt 6<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1780 Æt. 57,  
 and the Revd JAMES PRICE  
 24 yrs Vicar of this Parish  
 Obt 6<sup>th</sup> Jany 1788 Æt. 63

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In a vault near are deposited  
 the remains of  
 MARTHA HAYWARD NASH  
 the beloved wife of  
 John Nash  
 of this town gentleman,  
 who departed this life, the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 1829.  
 Ætatis 47.  
 She lived respected, and died lamented.

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Near this place are deposited  
 the Remains of JOHN BATES Esqr  
 late Alderman of this Borough,  
 who departed this Life August 11<sup>th</sup> 1795.  
 Aged 72 years.

In the same vault lie the remains  
 of JOHN and RICHARD BATES,  
 Father and brother of the above.  
 John died September 27<sup>th</sup> 1760.  
 Aged 71 Years.  
 Richard died October 6<sup>th</sup> 1755.  
 Aged 36 Years.

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Sacred to the Memory of  
 MARY ANN HAKEVILL NASH  
 only child of  
 John and Martha Hayward Nash.  
 Obiit the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1808.  
 Aged 7 Years 11 Months.  
 JOHN LOVE, son of  
 John and Martha Hayward Nash,  
 died 14<sup>th</sup> March 1813. Aged 6 Months.

Sacred to the Memory of  
 JANE, Daughter of  
 John and Martha Hayward Nash,  
 Obiit 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1825,  
 Ætatis 10 Years.

To the Memory of  
 ELIZABETH KING  
 who died December 7<sup>th</sup> 1782. Aged 24 Years.

Go, happy Spirit, freed from Sin and care,  
 Go claim the Palm which patient Sufferers wear ;  
 Enjoy the Meed victorious Meekness gains,  
 Go take the Crown triumphant Faith obtains.

What artful Vice and humble Worth conceal,  
 The Day of Dread disclosure shall reveal ;  
 Then shall thy Life in sweet Memorial rise,  
 And God himself the Judge award the Prize.

*H. Moore.*

Near this place  
 lies buried the body of  
 Mrs MARY WINGROVE  
 Wife of  
 Mr. George Wingrove  
 of this Town,  
 and Daughter of  
 Christopher Newell  
 of Poscomb in the  
 Parish of Lukener, in the  
 County of Oxon, Gentleman.  
 She died  
 the 23<sup>d</sup> of Sep. 1758  
 Aged 53 Years.

Sacred  
 to the memory of  
 WILLIAM ROSE Esq<sup>re</sup>  
 who departed this life July 1<sup>st</sup> 1846,  
 Aged 70 years.  
 having exercised after his Father and Grandfather  
 the profession of Medicine and Surgery  
 forty years in this place ;  
 Valued throughout for his care and skill ;  
 Respected for his unblemished integrity,  
 and beloved for his Kindness.  
 Resting solely on the merits of his Saviour,  
 his walk and conversation were humble  
 and have left to his affectionate and grateful family  
 a precious example of Christian Spirit and Character,  
 the most unostentatious and self-denying.  
 " The Memory of the Just is blessed."



Also  
 CHARLOTTE  
 the beloved wife of the above  
 William Rose Esqre  
 Died August 1<sup>st</sup> 1869. Aged 84 years.  
 "By Grace ye are saved"  
 Eph. ii. 5.

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A Memoriall  
 For JACOB WHEELER late of ye Par-  
 ishe of St Andrewes in Holborne, Shoo-  
 maker, deceased, who was borne in  
 this Towne and gave by will yearly to  
 ye Poore of this Towne for ye space  
 of 47 years yet to come theis cha-  
 ritable benevolences following :—

{ 5 gownes to 5 poore men.  
 { 100<sup>s</sup> to 100 poore people  
 { 52<sup>s</sup> yearlie for bread weekly to  
 be given in this place to 13 other  
 poore folkes of this Towne, and  
 20<sup>s</sup> for a sermon anually to  
 be made in this chvrche.

All weh are to be performed by ye  
 Company of Inholders of ye citie  
 of London during the said  
 terme of 47 years.

He died ye 10 day Ivne 1621, being  
 aged 54 & is bvried in St Andrewes  
 parishe above saide.

Vivit p<sup>ost</sup> funera Virtus.

Nere this Place lies buried  
 the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> ELIZABETH  
 ROBERTS Wife of Richard  
 Roberts of London Gent :  
 Daughter of Mr. John Sherley  
 of this Parish who died  
 the 26 of Ivne 1689  
 Aged 34 years.



Sacred to the memory of  
 ELIZABETH MURRAY  
 wife of Maurice Alfred Chilton,\*  
 who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day July 1888,  
 at Manaia, Taranaki, New Zealand, Aged 32 years.  
 "And now, Lord, what is my hope : Truly my  
 hope is even in Thee." — Psalm xxxix. 8.

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\* Eldest son of the Rev. R. Chilton, the late Vicar.

The Mortal Remains  
of HENRY ALLEN a native of this Towne  
were deposited with military honors  
at Secunderabad, in the East Indies,  
where he had served six years as an Ensign  
in the 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry  
on the Madras Establishment.  
In the bloom of his youth, after a short illness  
he died beloved and regretted,  
June 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1814,  
Aged 22 years.

In remembrance of whom his surviving  
father, John Allen, dedicates this tablet.

In sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life,  
near this tablet reposes the mortal remains  
of HENRY ALLNUTT Esq<sup>r</sup>  
who died April 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1813,  
Aged 67.

Also of THOMAS ALLNUTT, his youngest son,  
who departed this life September 15, A.D. 1812,  
Aged 20 years.

To the memory of  
ALFRED HERRING,  
who for many years was the  
trusted and valued servant  
of the second and third  
Lords Carrington,  
by the latter of whom this tablet  
is erected as a mark of sincere  
esteem, and deep regret.  
Died January 21<sup>st</sup>. 1876,  
Aged 54 years.

Arms : Gules, a fess or inter 3 hands coupéd at the wrist or.  
Crest, a naked hand holding a sword.

Near this Place lies Interred the  
Body of JOSEPH PEYTEVER alias PETTI-  
PHER, Gent. one of the Aldermen  
of this Burrough who departed  
this life the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno  
Dom. 1739, aged 50 years.

It is remarkable that one or  
more of this name or family have  
served publick Offices in this Burrough  
in every King or queen's reigne  
since the reign of King Henry the sixth  
except the short reign of King Richard  
the third, as appears by the  
Ledger-book of this Corporation.

Left surviving one son, JOSEPH,  
who departed this life, Aug<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>.  
1748, aged 19 years.

## IN THE BOWER AISLE.

On the west wall, north side of the entrance from the South Transept:—

M. S.

Hon<sup>lis</sup> ALOYSÆ MARÆ SMITH  
Omnibus vitæ officiis eximia  
virile ingenium fœminæ venustate  
consociavit.

Literis non mediocriter versata  
Maluit doctam esse quam videri  
Propinquis et amicis carissima  
citro abrepta funere

Die vi. Aprilis A.D. 1830.

Desiderium sui reliquit inexplabile.

Hocce monumentum

Robertus Baro De Carrington ponendum curavit  
optimæ filiae,  
Pater mœrens.

In memory of

ANN, the beloved Wife of  
THOMAS WESTWOOD Esq<sup>re</sup> of this town  
and eldest daughter  
of Samuel and Isabella Welles,  
Died January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1839, aged 83 years.

Also

Of the said THOMAS WESTWOOD, Esq<sup>re</sup>  
who died July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839,  
Aged 64 years.

Many years an Alderman of this Borogh.

Devoted

by Ann Bigg to ye lasting memory of her dear  
husband JOHN BIGG, Doctor of Physick, who was  
a constant and true Member of ye Church of England, a prudent  
and Loyal Subject, very temperate, perfectly chaste, a maker of  
peace both in his private capacity & in his public offices both in  
the Borrough and County; of a charitable & even temper, never  
uttering a word like an oath or a curse; very ingenious; eminent  
& successfull in his profession, a most affectionate husband, a  
tender father, whose example thro' all ye stages of life is  
most worthy of ye imitation of succeeding generations.

He dyed the 15<sup>th</sup> of Iune 1701. Aged 58.

Survived by one son & two daughters,  
John, Ann, and Catharine.

Arms: Azure, a maunch ermine, over all a bend gules. Bearing argent a chevron inter 3 croslets' gules in pretence. (Formerly in the sanctuary.)

Near this Place lies interred  
the Body of FERDINANDO NORTON, Gent<sup>n</sup>  
formerly one of his Majesty's band of Musicians  
and many years an inhabitant of this Borough.

He died Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1773, aged 74 years;

Leaving many large legacys to the poor,  
and to the Magdalen and St Luke's Hospital 300*l*. each.

Also of BRIDGET his wife, Daughter of  
Mr. Thos. Woodroffe, Linen-draper  
of London.

She died June 25<sup>th</sup> 1771, Aged 64 years.

to commemorate such valuable characters,  
so much esteemed through life  
for their honesty, religion and charity,  
this monument is erected by their Nephews  
and Neices as a small mark of gratitude  
and affection.

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A square tablet of white marble affixed to the south wall contains the following brief inscription:—

JOHN  
HAMILTON MORTIMER  
Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Obt Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1779  
Ætatis Suae 38.

Mortimer was the painter of the large picture, "St. Paul preaching to the Britons," now in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, High Wycombe. It was presented to Wycombe Church, in 1778, by an intimate friend of the artist, Dr. Bates, of Little Missenden, and formed the altar-piece until the insertion of the present east window to the memory of the late Lord Carrington, when it was removed to the position it now occupies. Mortimer was first interred at Aylesbury, and subsequently removed to Wycombe, and his remains placed beneath the chancel in front of the altar. They were afterwards removed into the family vault of the Welles' by permission of Mr. and Mrs. Westwood, when the Carrington vault was being constructed.

## BOWER CHAPEL.

East Wall.

On a base of variegated marble a white marble tablet,  
thus inscribed :—

This monument is erected  
To perpetuate the memory of  
Mrs. SARAH SHRIMPTON,  
The beloved Wife of Thomas Shrimpton Esqr  
A Native of this Borough.  
She departed this life  
On the twenty-eighth day of May,  
In the year of our Lord MDCCCLXXXIII  
And in the xlv<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age.  
To the inexpressible Grief  
Of her Family and Friends.  
“Blessed are dead that die in the Lord.”

1. Hear what a Voice from Heaven proclaims,  
For all the pious Dead ;  
Sweet is the Saviour of their Names,  
And soft their sleeping Bed.
2. They die in Jesus, and are bless'd  
How kind their slumbers are ;  
From Sufferings and from Sins releas'd ;  
And free from every Snare.
3. Far from this World of Toil and Strife,  
They're present with the Lord ;  
The Labours of their mortal Life,  
End in a large reward.
4. Peace all our angry Passions then !  
Let each rebellious Sigh  
Be silent at the Sovereign Will,  
And every murmur die.—*Watts.*

This is surmounted by a sarcophagus, standing on lion's feet, and having a plain medallion in front. Above is an inverted flambeau, and a winged female figure, standing by a funereal urn, holding a portrait medallion in her left hand, and pointing to a crown fixed near the apex of a triangular piece of dark marble which forms the background of the upper portion of the monument, which was erected by Rd. Westmacott, of London, in 1784.

On a neat tablet, surmounted by a funereal urn partly covered with a winding sheet, by A. Moore, sculptor, of Paddington, London :—

Sacred  
To the Memory of  
ELIZA,  
the beloved wife of  
HENRY WHEELER, Esquire,  
of Wycombe Marsh,  
who departed this life Aug<sup>t</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> 1852,  
Aged 38 years.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 Come unto Me and rest ;  
 Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
 Thy head upon My breast.  
 I came to Jesus as I was,  
 Weary, and worn, and sad,  
 I found in Him a resting place,  
 And He has made me glad.

On a white marble tablet, enriched with decorative emblems of his profession, a casque or helmet, sword, and banner, and within a wreath of laurel, the words "Ladocira," "Salamanca," is this inscription :—

Captain WILLIAM WHITE of His  
 Majesty's 13 regt of Light Dragoons,  
 and D.A.Q.M.G. of Cavalry,  
 under his Grace the Duke of Wellington,  
 was mortally wounded at the battle  
 of Salamanca, the 22nd of July, 1812,  
 in the 30th year of his age.  
 Of whom his brave companions in arms  
 have borne honourable testimony  
 that "he fell nobly, acting with distinguished  
 bravery in a glorious cause, with a  
 character unblemished as a man,  
 and, as a soldier, adorned with  
 unsullied integrity and undaunted courage !"  
 a testimony amply corroborated  
 by the official Gazettes of  
 Sept. 18th, 1810, and May 9th, 1812.  
 He survived until the night of the  
 23rd, and ere he breathed his last  
 had the satisfaction of knowing that  
 he died as he had lived,  
 the companion of victory !

Lieutenant GILLESPIE WHITE,  
 of the same regiment,  
 twin brother of the above,  
 and holding similar rank  
 on the staff of the army in Egypt,  
 commanded by Sir Ralph Abercrombie, K.B.,  
 died at Damietta October 15th 1801,  
 at the age of 20 years.

MARY  
 Relict of  
 Capt<sup>n</sup> WILLIAM WHITE  
 Died Sept. 26  
 1848  
 Aged 71 years.

On a white marble tablet :—

“ Lord, I have loved the  
Habitation of Thy House, and the  
Place where Thine honour dwelleth.”



To the glory of God  
and in memory of  
WILLIAM VINCENT BAINES,  
J.P. of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe,  
And for twenty years  
A Warden of this Church,  
The exterior wall of the  
Bower Chapel was restored by  
his children,  
Martha, Charles, & Alfred.  
“ So built we the wall.”—*Neh.* iv. 6.  
The work was commenced in the Jubilee year of  
Queen Victoria, 1887,  
and was completed in the twentieth  
year of the vicariate of  
Rev. R. Chilton, 1889.

On another tablet of white marble :—

Sacred  
to the memory of  
WILLIAM SPROSTON  
of High Wycombe, Gentleman,  
who departed this life  
the 26th day of January, 1841,  
In his 78th year.

A faithful director of  
The Royal Free Grammar School,  
in this Borough  
for 47 years.

“ Go and do thou likewise.”

This tablet is erected  
by his only surviving  
and beloved brother  
Samuel Sproston, Esquire,  
of Sproston Wood, Wrenbury,  
in the County of Chester.

On a white marble tablet, by R. Westmacott, surmounted by a funereal urn partly covered by a winding sheet :—

Sacred  
to the memory of  
SAMUEL MANNING, Esq<sup>re</sup>  
Alderman of this Borough.  
He died the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1811 ;  
Aged 57 years.

Also  
ANN, the beloved wife of the above ;  
who died the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1828.  
Aged 67 years.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”

Beneath, on a white marble sarcophagus, adorned with a sculptured figure of a serpent coiled, emblematic of wisdom and eternity :—

Sacred to the Memory of  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> JOHN MANNING, LL.B.  
Formerly of St Mary Hall, Oxford,  
and Alderman of this Borough.  
He died the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1822,  
Aged 67 years.

On the floor of the Bower Chapel.

Mors mihi lucrum.

ection  
Here in hope of a blessed resvrr-  
lyeth ye body of EDMUND PETTY Esq.  
Covnseller at Law Recorder of  
this Corporation who departed  
this life December the 16 : 1661.  
To whose deare memory his loving  
wife Frances Petty devoted this  
marble.

Hac conditione intravi ut exirem.

Here also lyeth ye body of  
ANN OKELEY daughter of ye above  
said Edmund Petty Esq., who  
departed this life April ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Here also lyety ye body of  
Mrs ANN BIGG granddaughter to ye  
above said Gent. who departed  
this life November ye 11th 1717 :  
Aged 46 years.



In hope of a blessed Resurrection  
unto Eternal Life,

Here lyeth the body of  
Mr THOMAS STEVENS, Gent.  
One of the Aldermen & four  
times Mayor of ys Corperation  
he departed this life ye 10th day  
of Novr 1724, Aged 74 years.

Also ye Body of ANNA ye  
Wife of ye above THOMAS  
STEVENS who died Febry ye 1  
1732 Aged 81.

Also ye Body of MARY ye  
daughter of ye above Tho.  
and Annar Stevens who died  
March ye 5th 1746.

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Here Lyeth The Body of  
JOHN RUSSELL who was Clark  
of this Parish 46 years. He  
departed this life Sepr ye 7  
in the 80th Year of his age.

Arms: Per pale ermine, &c., a lion passant guardant crowned  
with a bordure engrailed charged with fleur de lis.

Impaling: Argent 2 bends sable.

Crest: A leopard's head cabossed.

Hic Dormit.

In spe resurgendi ad gloriam Iohan Bigg M.D. filius natu  
t r i u s , ac post fratres solus superstes Iacobi Bigg M.B. ex hocce  
nuper municipio, et uxoris Annæ. Annam filiam natu minorem  
Nicolai Bradshaw Geni et uxoris Catherinæ ex hoc quoq nuper  
municipio, uxorem Auxit, ex qua filium et tres filias suscepit  
prolem.

58 Anno ætatis }  
15 Die Iunij } obdormivit  
1701 Anº Salutis }

Hand delenda manet cujus post funera Virtus  
Fatorum manibus, nec edacis dentibus Ævi.

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Here lies in hope of a Blessed  
Resurrection of the just to  
Eternal Life the Body of RICHARD  
SHRIMPTON Gent. Alderman and thrice

Mayor of this Corporation and  
justice when he died,  
he departed this life June ye 20  
1727. Aged 77.

For being Just unto his Friend  
his Enemies hasten'd his End.

Here lyeth the Body of  
Mr. THOMAS BEDDER Junr  
who died Sepr ye 24<sup>th</sup> 1754  
Aged 41 years.

RICHARD WELLES Died  
May ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1744. Aged 84.

SARAH WELLES Daughter  
of ye above said Richard  
Died Ianry ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1745. Aged.

Underneath this stone is a vault  
wherein lies ye Body of Mrs. MARY  
EWER Wife of Mr. Daniel Ewer  
who departed this life on the  
24 day of January 1728<sup>8</sup>  
Aged 51 years.

Here also lies the Body of  
Mr. DANIEL EWER Citizen and  
Mercer of London Husband  
of the abovesaid Mrs. Mary  
Ewer. He was the son of Isaac  
Ewer Esqr Senr a Benchor of  
Lincoln's Inn and departed this  
life Feby ye 24 1744. Aged 62 years.

Here lyeth intered the Body of Mrs  
DOROTHY IVES Widdow late  
Wife to Mr. Thomas Ives of Great  
Misendon in the County of Bucks  
and Daughter of Edward Sparks  
and Elizabeth his wife of ye parish  
of Cheping Wycombe who departed  
this Life March the 9<sup>th</sup> Ano Domini 1718  
Aged 76 years and upwards.

In the north chancel aisle, on the north wall.

Near this place  
lyeth the Body of  
Mr. AMBROSE ELDRIDGE  
an eminent Attorney att Law.  
He dyed July 12<sup>th</sup> 1739, aged 63.

Also the Body of  
Mrs MARY ELDRIDGE  
of a pious, modest, sweet, Disposition  
Wife of the Aforesaid  
Mr. Ambrose Eldridge  
She dyed January 29, 1732, aged 33.

And also of the Body of  
a female infant of theirs  
She dyed November 17<sup>th</sup> 1730  
aged 3 Days.

Arms in a lozenge :—Oz. a lion ramp. or debruised with an inescutcheon, Gu. three Catharine Wheels or ; on a Chief of the last a Bull's head embossed, S. Below, this inscription :—

Devoted  
By Mary Elizabeth Hazard,  
Of Tarriers House, in this Parish,  
To the Memory of the best of Mothers,  
JANE,  
Relict of the Rev<sup>d</sup> George Lewis, A.M.  
Rector of Echingham,  
in the bishoprick of Chichester,  
and vicar of Westerham,  
in the diocese of Rochester,  
She died May xxvi A.D. M.DCCXCIV.  
Aged lxiii years.

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Sacred to the memory of  
JOSEPH SHRIMPTON Esqr.  
of this Borough  
who died April 16<sup>th</sup> 1783  
in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

Also of ESTHER SHRIMPTON  
wife of the above Joseph Shrimpton  
who died March 8<sup>th</sup> 1782, Aged 71 years.

The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

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Near this place are deposited  
the remains of GEORGE CLAVERING, Esq.  
of Greencroft, in the parish of Lanchester,  
and County of Durham.

He was the second son of  
Sir James Clavering, of Axwell Park,  
in the said County, Bart.  
and died at High Wycombe  
on his journey from Bath,  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1794,  
Aged 73 years.

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The large monument in the north chancel aisle is to the memory of Henry Petty, Earl of Shelburne, and was erected at a cost of about £2,000, which sum was bequeathed by the Earl's will for that purpose. It is a splendid work of art by the celebrated sculptor Scheemakers, about 26 feet high, reaching from the floor to the roof. It consists of an altar pedestal, bearing a large sarcophagus of grey marble, upon which reclines

the statue of the Earl with the figure of Religion by his side, holding an open book in her left hand. The front of the sarcophagus bears a medallion containing a bust inscribed to Sir William Petty, the Earl's father, and founder of the family. On each side of the monument there are two circular columns with richly ornamented capitals, supporting a pointed architrave, upon the apex of which is a large vase filled with delicately sculptured foliage and flowers, and upon one side reclines the figure of Justice, and upon the other side that of Truth. Immediately under the arch is a shield bearing the family arms, ermine, on a bend azure, a magnetic needle pointing to the Polar star, and a little below two cherubs among clouds of white marble, holding a crown over the head of the expiring nobleman. Standing upon the pedestal to the left of the sarcophagus is the figure of a male in Roman senatorial robes by the side of a statue of Charity, seated and holding an infant at her breast. To the right are statues of Virtue and Wisdom guiding a child in front of them. The monument is composed entirely of marble, the sarcophagus, pillars, arch, &c., being of variously coloured stone, and the twelve figures of white marble—all life size. There is a long inscription on the lower portion of the monument, which reads as follows :—

To the Memory  
of HENRY PETTY, Earl of Shelburne,  
Son of Sir William Petty.

His Lordship married Arabella Boyle, Daughter of Charles Lord Clifford, Son and Heir-Apparent of Charles Earl of Cork & Burlington, by whom he had Issue, Julia, who died unmarried, aged xxiii years ; Charles, who died at the age of xii years. Anne, who married Francis Bernard, Esq., of Castle Bernard, in the Kingdom of Ireland, and died at the age of xxx years, leaving no issue. James, Lord Viscount Dunkerron, who married Elizabeth Clavering, Daughter and Coheirress of Sir John Clavering, in the bishoprick of Durham ; William-Henry, and Mary, who both died in their infancy. James, Lord Viscount Dunkerron, died in the fortieth year of his age ; Elizabeth, his wife, in the thirty-second, and with their only Son, who died an infant, lie buried beneath this Monument. Henry, Earl of Shelburne, having survived his Wife & Children, bequeathed his Fortune to John Fitzmaurice, second Son of his sister Anne Countess of Kerry, on condition of his taking the surname of Petty, and died in the lxxviii<sup>th</sup> year of

his age. He and Arabella his Wife lie buried also under this monument.

This monument was erected  
by Slingsby Bethel, Esq., Alderman of London,  
& William Monck, of the Middle temple, London, Esq.,  
his lordship's executors, 1754.

John, Earl of Shelburne caused the monument to be enclosed by an iron railing in the following year.

The subjoined pedigree will afford an explanation of this monument and also of the one in the Bower Chapel. It is somewhat curious to note that although the Earl of Shelburne, who was Prime Minister in 1782, was buried in Wycombe Church, there is neither monument nor inscription to his memory. This may have been owing to the fact that the family had removed from Wycombe before his death. His achievement, however, at one time hung in the church, but has been removed now for some years.

In the south chancel aisle against the south wall there is a finely sculptured monument by Carlini to Lady Shelburne, first wife of the Prime Minister. The inscription runs as follows:—

SOPHIA  
Daughter  
of John and Sophia Earl and Countess Granville,  
Wife  
of William Earl of Shelburne, Baron Wycombe,  
Mother  
of John-Henry Viscount Fitz-Maurice  
and William Granville Petty,  
Died in the twenty-sixth year of her age,  
On the sixth of January, MDCCLXXI.

“ Her price was far above rubies.  
Her children arise up and call her blessed ;  
Her husband also, and praiseth her.”  
Solomon.

Above are figures of her Ladyship standing by an urn with a child in her arms and an older boy in front. The whole group is thrown into relief by a background of dark marble, pyramidal in shape and having a coronet projecting from the apex over her Ladyship's head. The monument is protected by an iron railing of the same description as that round Lord Shelburne's in the north chancel aisle.

# PEDIGREE OF THE PETTY FAMILY.

SIR WILLIAM PETTY, = ELIZABETH, vid. Sir M. Fenton,  
ob. 1687, cr. Baroness Shelburne by James II., 1688,  
bur. at Romsey. ob. 1708.

CHARLES LD. SHELburne (Attainted by Parliament held in Dublin by King James, 1689), ob. s. p. 1696.	HENRY (Title revived 1699) . . . = . . . ARABELLA BOYLE, Visc. Dunkerron: E. of Shelburne, 1709. M.P. for Wycombe: Pr. Councillor: Had re-grant of Irish estates (135 sq. mi.) after death of Charles. Left all to nephew, John Fitzmaurice. Purchased Wycombe Abbey estate of Thomas Archdale, Esq., 1700, ob. 1751.	ANNE. = THOMAS, 1st E. of Kerry.  [Mon. in N. Chan. Aisle.]
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JULIA, ob. unmard., æt. 23.	CHARLES, ob. æt. 12.	ANN, = FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq., ob. s. p.   of Castle Bernard.	JAMES, = ELIZABETH, dau. of Vis. Dunkerron,   Sir John Clavering, ob. 1750. ob. 1742.	WILLIAM HENRY and MARY, ob. inf.
A Son, ob. inf.				

WILLIAM, E. of Kerry.

JOHN FITZMAURICE (assumed name of Petty)  
cr. Visc. Fitzmaurice, 1751: E. of Shelburne, 1753:  
Baron of Wycombe, 1760:  
ob. 1761.

(t) SOPHIA, d. of John, E. Granville, = . . . . . WILLIAM, . . . . . ob. 1771. Visc. Calne and Causton: E. of Shelburne:	= (2) LOUISA, sis. of E. of Upper Ossory, ob. 1789. HENRY PETTY-FITZMAURICE, 3rd Marq. of Lansdowne ob. 1863. HENRY, 4th Marq., ob. 1866. CHARLES HENRY KEITH, 5th Marq.	THOMAS. = LADY MARY ob. O'BRIEN, 1793. Countess of Orkney.  EARLS OF ORKNEY.
JOHN HENRY, Visc. Fitzmaurice: E. of Wycombe: 2nd Marq. of Lansdowne, ob. s. p. 1809. [Mon. in S. Chan. Aisle.]	WILLIAM GRANVILLE, ob. inf. 1778. 1st Marq. of Lansdowne, K.G., 1784: Prime Minister, 1782. Sold Wycombe Abbey estate to 1st Baron Carrington, 1798, ob. 1805.	

In the popular *Memoirs* of Mrs. Schimmelpenninck, the well-known authoress, a curious story connected with Bowood, the seat of the Marquis of Lansdowne, is related as having occurred whilst the celebrated Dr. Priestley was librarian there to Lord Shelburne.

"One day," says Mrs. Schimmelpenninck, "Mr. Petty, the precocious and gifted youth, sent for Dr. Priestley, Lord Shelburne, Mr. Petty's father, being then absent, I think, in London. When the Doctor entered, Mr. Petty told him he had passed a very restless night, and had been very much disturbed by uncomfortable dreams, which he wished to relate to Dr. Priestley, hoping that by so doing, the painful impression would pass away.

"He then said he dreamed he had been very unwell, when suddenly the whole household was in preparation for a journey. He was too ill to sit up, but was carried lying down in the carriage. His surprise was extreme in seeing carriage after carriage in an almost interminable procession. He was alone, and could not speak; he could only gaze in astonishment. The procession at last wound slowly off. After pursuing the road for many miles towards London it at last appeared to stop at the door of a church. It was the church at High Wycombe, which is the burial place of the Shelburne family. It seemed in Mr. Petty's dream that he entered, or rather was carried into the church. He looked back; he saw the procession which followed him was in black, and the carriage from which he had been taken bore the resemblance of a hearse. Here the dream ended, and he awoke.

"Dr. Priestley told him that his dream was the result of a feverish cold, and that the impression would soon pass off. Nevertheless, he thought it best to send for the family medical attendant. The next day Mr. Petty was much better; and the third day he was completely convalescent, so that the Doctor permitted him to leave his room; but as it was in January, and illness was prevalent, he desired him on no account to leave the house, and, with that precaution, took his leave. Late the next afternoon the medical man was returning from his other patients, his road lay by the gates of Bowood, and as Lord Shelburne was away he thought he might as well

call to see Mr. Petty and enforce his directions, what was his surprise, when he had passed the lodge, to see the youth himself without his hat playfully running to meet him! The Doctor was much astonished, as it was bitterly cold and the ground covered with snow. He rode towards Mr. Petty to rebuke him for his imprudence, when suddenly he disappeared—whither he knew not, but he seemed instantaneously to vanish. The Doctor thought it very extraordinary, but that probably the youth had not wished to be found transgressing orders, and he rode on to the house. There he learned that Mr. Petty had just expired."

This story, I take it, relates to the Hon. William Granville Petty, the second son of William, Earl of Shelburne, named in the above inscription, who was buried at Wycombe, Feb. 5, 1778.

#### IN THE NORTH PART OF THE CHURCH.

On the floor in the north aisle lies the upper portion of a slab formerly in the north chancel aisle. It contains a remarkably well cut portrait of a gentleman of the Stuart period; but unfortunately it got accidentally broken in 1895, and although it has been since very carefully pieced together again, the fracture has somewhat destroyed the beauty of the features. The lower portion of the slab has been lost, and it is therefore impossible to give a copy of the inscription; but it is supposed to commemorate William Coombe, Alderman of the Borough, 1657.

Under the west window of the north aisle there was formerly a square slab which contained the following brief announcement:—

GEORGE CLEWER  
is dead.  
March 19, 1701.  
Aged 55.

The person thus briefly commemorated died during his Mayoralty under the following curious circumstances. He was a native of Wycombe, and just previous to his death he went to London, and seeing a piece of stone in a mason's yard, and thinking it would do very well for his gravestone, he purchased it, and ordered the words



“ George Clewer is dead ” to be engraved upon it. The next day he started home to Wycombe, and arrived as far as Uxbridge, when he was taken ill and died in a few hours.

The identical stone, with the date of his death added, marked the spot where his remains were deposited ; but what has become of it no one appears to know.

On the east wall of the north chancel aisle is a neat tablet, thus worded :—

Sacred to the memory of  
The Revd. ISAAC KING, LL.B.  
Twenty-five years vicar of West Wycombe  
in the County of Bucks,  
who

“ After he had served his own generation by the  
Will of God, Fell on Sleep.”

Born March the 21<sup>st</sup> 1776. Died January the 20<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This tablet is erected by  
his sorrowing widow and children  
As a testimony of their affliction.

In the north aisle beginning from the west end :—

Beneath the Font  
Near this Place lie the Remains of  
CHARLES HARRIS Esqr.  
late of Chelsea  
Who departed this Life  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1801.  
Aged 68.

Also of Anne, his Widow,  
Daughter of Joshua Morris  
(Formerly of this Borough Gentleman)  
Who departed this Life  
20<sup>th</sup> August 1816 :  
Aged 78.

In Mr. Wilkinson's family vault near this Place  
are deposited the Remains of Mrs. MARY SPENCER  
of Cherey Walk Chelsea,  
who died April 22<sup>d</sup> 1795, Aged 57 years.

Also of Mrs. ANN DEWES, Relict of  
Mr. John Dewes of London,  
who died the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1808, Aged 70 years.

Sacred to the Memory of  
Mr. JOSHUA MORRIS  
late of this Borough.

Also of  
Four of his Grandchildren  
by Anne his Daughter,  
Wife of Charles Harris Esq<sup>r</sup>  
of Chelsea

viz.  
Charlotte, Eliza, Frederick,  
and Charles their eldest son  
who departed this Life  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1781  
Aged 11 years.

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Sacred  
to the Memory of  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> THOMAS JONES, A.M.  
Rector of Radnage, and vicar of Ilmer in this County  
who departed this life on  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1858;  
in the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of his age.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the  
Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit,  
that they may rest from their labours,  
and their works do follow them.”

Also to the memory of MARY,  
Wife of the above Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Jones A.M.  
who died Febr<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1844:  
Aged 71 years. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15<sup>th</sup>, 56, 57, 58<sup>h</sup>

Also to the Memory of  
MARY SUSAN, the beloved and only child  
of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thomas Jones and Mary his wife,  
who departed this life after a short illness  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1822, in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of her age.  
“Gone but not lost.”

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To the Memory of  
ROBERT NASH Esq<sup>r</sup>  
who departed this life  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1831  
Aged 75.  
Having for upwards of fifty years  
practised as a solicitor.  
Such was his calling  
he was honest, kind, forgiving, meek,  
Easy to be entreated, gracious, mild,  
And with all patience and affection, taught,  
Rebuked, persuaded, solaced, counsel'd, warn'd.

Also of  
 Mrs. CHARLOTTE NASH,  
 his widow, who died  
 on the 13th of Sept. 1835, Aged 76.  
 The "Ornament of a Meek and Quiet Spirit."

A Memorial  
 For HENRY GRANGE, formerly of Aston  
 Clinton in this county, who died  
 in the 67th year of his age on the  
 1st of April 1755 ; and Rachel  
 his wife who departed this life  
 the 31st of August 1746. Aged 63 years.  
 Rachel, their daughter died  
 June 29th 1774 : Aged 55 years.  
 Martha died Jan<sup>y</sup> 5th 1780 : Aged 55 years.

Also HENRY GRANGE their only son  
 who died April 19th 1796  
 in the 76th Year of his Age.  
 And Ann his widow who to the  
 inexpressible grief of her surviving  
 daughter closed this mortal life  
 the 27th day of April 1807. Aged 61 years.

To the Memory of  
 JOHN HOLLIS Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 who during a long life unremittingly  
 practised the benevolent virtues  
 of his ancestors.  
 He expired at his residence in this town,  
 On the 26th day of November 1824.  
 Aged 81.

"He delivered the poor that cried:  
 the fatherless, and him  
 that had none to help him."

John Hollis was the son of Isaac Hollis and the last descendant in the male line of an opulent family well-known in Buckinghamshire, in which county they settled after removing from Yorkshire about the middle of the seventeenth century. He was born in Easton Street, Wycombe, in 1745. As a country gentleman possessed of considerable property few could have led a less unostentatious life, or pursued a more fervent or heartfelt course in the charitable distribution of his wealth than did John Hollis. He had received a liberal education, and was on intimate terms with many eminent men of his day, particularly the celebrated Dr. Samuel Parr ; and he was also in close friendship with that distinguished artist, John Opie, of the Royal Academy, and the intimacy

continued until that painter's death in 1807. Mr. Opie often visited his friend at Wycombe, and was entertained with the hospitality befitting a gentleman. In early life Mr. Hollis published anonymously a small volume of poems with no other acknowledgment prefixed to the title-page than that they were the production of "A Young Man." In more mature years the author appears to have regretted this effort of the Muse; for in a copy of the poems belonging to a friend of his he penned the following remark—"A simple young man indeed!" After leading a long life of genuine benevolence he died at Wycombe in the 81st of his age.

In a vault in the chancel of this church is deposited

FANNY

Relict of John Stone James Esq.

Barrister at Law,

in which profession his upright conduct  
and ability distinguished him.

After a beneficent, pious,  
and truly Christian life

tranquilly resigned for immortality  
and endless bliss, the 7th of July 1831,  
in the 85th year of her age.

She rests here in "holy hope" with  
three beloved daughters and two sons :

Fanny, who died in the 21st

Harriet, in the 18th, John, in the 16th,

Robert in the 14th, and Mary,  
in the 12th year of their ages.

Lovely as seraphs and as cherubs bright,  
Pure as the dew—brilliant as morning light,  
Thy native goodness and thy mental grace,  
On fond remembrance leave a lasting trace.  
Like rare exotics, whose attractive bloom,  
Unfolds to captivate—but withers soon.  
So thou ! with nature's choicest gifts replete,  
In higher climes thy full perfection meet.  
Lamented is thy transient sojourn here,  
Ye watchful angels, guard their precious dust,  
Still o'er thy ashes falls affection's tear !  
Till raised by "faith," from earth's surrendering trust ;  
And heaven ! do thou, the miscreant's arm arrest  
That impious would that sacred spot molest.  
Fierce let thine anger pour, in vengeance shed  
Thy wrath upon invaders of the dead.  
This consecrated pile, which sure should prove  
The resting-place of piety and love.  
Let none e'er enter that would dare  
Disturb those ashes in this "House of Prayer."

On a plain slab in the north chancel aisle is the following inscription :—

Near to this spot, long unrecorded, lie  
Ashes and dust; all that of Clark could die,  
Student and critic of the sacred page,  
E'en from a child he wrought, to hoary age.

For Christ he laboured, as his work attests;  
In Christ he trusted, and with Christ he rests.  
These lines his far removed grandson doth indite,  
Though late, yet better thus, than to be silent quite.

SAMUEL CLARK, M.A.

Sometimes Fellow of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge,  
and rector Grendon-Underwood in this county.

B. 12 Nov. 1626, D. 24 Feb. 1701.

Also of SARAH his wife

Daughter of the Reverend Nathaniel Lancaster, D.D.

Rector of Torporley.

D. 5 Nov. 1694, *Æt.* 66.

Samuel Clarke, author of "Biblical Annotations and Concordance," was presented to the Rectory of Grendon Underwood in 1657, and ejected by the Act of Uniformity in 1661. He died at High Wycombe.

On the west wall of the north chancel aisle :—

This Tablet  
is designed to perpetuate  
The Memory  
of SAMUEL ROTTON Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Alderman of this Borough,  
Who died in his first Mayoralty  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1796.  
In the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his age

Also  
Of SARAH, his wife  
who died  
5<sup>th</sup> of December 1827 :  
In the 86<sup>th</sup> year of her Age.

The above named Sarah Rotton was a great-granddaughter of Richard Cromwell. Her maiden name was Clarke, the surname assumed by R. Cromwell after he retired into private life.

On a slab fixed to the east wall is an inscription in Latin to the memory of William Bradshaw, to which are appended verses contributed by his four surviving sons.

Arms: Argent, two bends sable.

Epitaphium in obitum Gulielmi Bradshaw, qui obiit 19 Julii 1614, anno ætatis 103; et Margeriæ uxoris ejus, quæ obiit 15 Julii 1620 an. æt. 76; et Gulielmi filii ipsorum, qui obiit Sept. 9, 1596 an. ætat. 29.

Junxit amor vivos, defunctos jungit et urna;  
Jungit cœlum animos, corpora jungit humus.  
Ista manent stabili semper connubia nexu  
Et mors ipsa nequit solvere vincla Dei.

F. B. sac. theol. doct.

Aliud

Quæ genuere vorant *Kporos* et *Xporos* almaque Tellus,  
Sed (mirum est) iterum quæ vorat ista parit.

N. B. sac. theol. bac.

Aliud

Mors, tibi jam stimulum moriens Salvator ademit:  
Mors vitam, at mortem vita secunda fugat.

R. B. art. m<sup>r</sup>.

Aliud

In damno lucrum est, injuria fœnore ditat:  
Corpore quæ recipit mortua, viva dabit.

I. B. art. m<sup>r</sup>.

On a large mural slab surmounted by an urn and affixed to the west wall of the north chancel aisle is the following inscription:—

Sacred

To the Memory of

SAMUEL WELLES Esqr. of Wycombe,  
Obiit Die Martii 13th. A.D. 1685, Ætatis 65.

He was descended from the family  
of Hugh De Welles, who was Bishop  
of Lincoln in the reign of King  
John A.D. 1209, and who died  
Anno Domini 1234.

MARTHA, wife of Samuel Welles Esqr  
died April 4th A.D. 1696. Aged 58,

SAMUEL WELLES Esqr. Son of Samuel  
and Martha, Lay Impropiator of Wycombe  
Obiit Die Septembris 5th A.D. 1712  
Anno Ætatis 47.

MARY, wife of Samuel Welles Esqr.  
died April 4th 1710. Aged 40.

JOHN, son of Samuel and Mary Welles,  
died June 15th A.D. 1719. Aged 18.

SARAH WELLES, daughter of Samuel  
and Mary, died 1727. Aged 18.

SAMUEL WELLES Esqr Son of Samuel  
& Mary, Lay Impropiator of  
Wycombe, Obiit Octobris A.D. 1750.  
Anno Ætatis 45.

ANN, wife of Samuel Welles Esqr  
Daughter and Heiress of Edward  
Sparkes Esqr of this Borough  
died August 6th 1736. Aged 27.

SAMUEL WELLES Esqr Son of Samuel  
and Ann, Lay Impropiator of  
Wycombe, Obiit Die Augusti 15th  
A.D. 1807. Anno Ætatis 78.

ISABELLA, wife of Samuel Welles Esqr  
Daught and Heiress of Thomas Welch Esqr  
of Great Hampden in this County  
Obiit Die Martii 13th A.D. 1792.  
Anno Ætatis 56.

RICHARD WELLES Esqr Son of Samuel  
and Ann died March 10th 1803, Aged 67.

SAMUEL WELLES, son of Samuel and  
Isabella, died July 14th 1776. Aged 10.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> RICHARD WELLES A.M. of  
University College, Oxford, Son of  
Samuel and Isabella, died March 17th  
1803. Aged 33.

MARIA CONSTANTIA, daughter of Samuel  
and Isabella Welles, died March 9th  
A.D. 1773. Aged 13, and was buried  
at Bray in the County of Berks.

ISABELLA WELLES, died August 4th 1776,  
aged 5. SARAH WELLES, daughter of  
Samuel and Isabella, died March  
2<sup>d</sup> 1790. Aged 23.

CHARLOTTE, wife of Henry Fraser M.D.  
of Bath, and youngest daughter of  
Samuel and Isabella Welles, died  
March 1816

Resurgant.

R. S. DOWNS.

# PEDIGREE OF THE WELLES FAMILY.

