

Benjamin Webb, the Miser, of Devizes.

This noted miser is referred to in the Memoirs of Dr. Trusler as a wealthy relative of the Doctor's. Trusler says that being "left executor to his own son, a batchelor, who lived under the same roof with him, and who bequeathed to an aunt of mine £1,000, £500 to be paid six days after his funeral, he carried his love of money so far that he would not bury his son, but kept him six months above ground, supported in his coffin on a pair of tressels, standing in his hall, through which he passed ten times a day; where the body would have continued till the old man's death had not the parish threatened him with a prosecution. "Dr. Trusler himself was, when first ordained, appointed curate of Enford, Wiltshire. The Doctor was a man of many parts, and his Memoirs are now very rare, as he destroyed all the copies he could meet with; some further information both as to Trusler and his relative Webb would no doubt be interesting reading.

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