

MURAL TABLETS IN WILTSHIRE CHURCHES

The "Holy Cross," Seend

North Aisle

To the memory of a mother – AMELIA, widow of Isaac Schomberg, Esquire, Captain, Royal Navy, daughter of John Brodrick, D.D., and Jane his wife, & granddaughter of the Honble, St. John Brodrick, eldest son of Alan, Viscount Middleton, Baron Brodrick, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. She died 19th April, MDVVVVL, Aged 74. This humble tribute of respect, love, gratitude is erected by her surviving children, Alexander William, Henry Charles & Joseph Triggs Schomberg.

In memory of ISAAC SCHOMBERG, a Captain, and Commissioner of the Royal Navy; died 20th January 1813, aged 59. His remains are interred in the family vault at St. George's in the East, Middlesex.

In memory of HEBRY CHARLES SCHOMBERG, of Wans House, Chittoe, Wilts, & of this parish, a magistrate for the County. He died Feb. 28, 1850, aged 45.

In memory of ALEXANDER WILLIAM SCHOMBERG, M.A., Rector of Elburton cum Falking, in the county of Sussex. He died 6th July 1840, aged 41. His remains are interred in the Chancel of that Church, & a monument erected to his memory by the parishioners.

To the memory of THOMAS DUGDALE, second of that same name in the parish of Seend, gentleman, who lyeth underneath interr'd, & of PROSPER, his vertuous, only, * beloved wife, daughter & heire of the learned, & pious Mr. John Awdry, of Melksham, minister of the gospel, & KATHERINE his Wife, daughter of William & Prosper had issue five sons, & five daughters. Thomas Dugdale was interr'd the 16 of Feb 1684, æt. 51. Prosper Dugdale was interr'd (entering into the chancel) the 17th March 1676, æt. 44. Prov, Ch. 10, v.7.

Near this place is interred the body of WILLIAM SOMNER, of this parish (senior) who departed this life the 15 of April, in ye yeare of our Lord God 1654. Also the body of Elinor, his wife, who departed this life the 22d of December, in ye yere of our Lord 1653.

ANN (the wife of Henrey Gowin) their daughter: she departed this life the 12 of February, anno D: 1650.

Neare this place also lyeth the body of WILLIAM SOMNER (Groser) their 3d son, who departed this life the 10th of March, anno Do: 1681.

Continuation of the above (now hidden by pew):-

Also the Body of ELIZABETH his Wife, who departed this life the 13th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1687.

A memorial window of three lights, is erected to the memory of W.H. Ludlow-Bruges, Esquire, by Agnes his second wife.

BRASSES

Here ly the bodye of Mrs FLORENCE DEVERELL, wife of Richard Deverell, Gent., who departed this the 2d day of January, ano Domini 1699. And Mrs. Frances Croose, who departed this life the jt day of February, ano Domini 1701.

Neare this place lyeth the body of RICHARD DEVERELL, Son of Mr. Richard Deverell, and Florence his wife. He departed this life the 13th of September 1690, æt. 11 weeks. Also the body of JOHN their son, who departed this life ye 29th day of March 1691, æt. 2 years and 18 weeks.

In the family vault in this church lie the mortal remains of WADHAM LOCKE, Esqre., of Rowdeford House in this County. He married Anna Maria Selina, only daughter of Francis Powell, of Hurdcott Esqre, by whom he had 10 children, and whose affectionate conduct greatly contributed to his happiness through life. In the different situations, which he filled as an officer of the militia, & of the yeomanry, as a magistrate, & as a deputy lieutenant, he ever endeavoured to render himself useful to the public: sustaining from an early life in uniform and consistent character for uprightness and integrity. And during three successive parliaments, in which by the almost unanimous suffrages of the inhabitants of Devizes, he represented that borough, he fulfilled the trust confided to him, with strict regard to the principles he had ever professed, advocating the necessity of a safe & reasonable reform in the political, moral, & religious institutions of his country, and promoting at all times the public good in preference to his own private interest. In fulfilling the duties of domestic life, as husband and father, he watched with tender solicitude over the welfare & happiness of his family, to all of whom he bore the most affectionate regard; and in the firm faith & humble hope of a Christian, he departed this life on the 21st of October 1835, aged 55 years.

In the same vault repose the remains of ELIZABETH SARAH, his second daughter, who died 14th Nov. 1833, in the 23rd year of her age.

And of JOHN, his third son, who died in infancy, 17th Jan, 1806.

Also of ANNA MARIA SELINA his wife, who died the 6th July 1838, aged 53 years.

To the memory of AUGUSTA, the wife of William Heald Ludlow, of this Chapelry, Esq., & youngest daughter of the late Samuel Heathcote, of Shaw Hill House in the County, Esq.. She died the 5th day of May 1832, aged 34.

Also in memory of EDMUND LOWTHER, second son of William Heald Ludlow-Bruges Esq., & AGNES his second wife. He died at Eton on the fifteenth day of May 1854, in the 15th year of his age. His remains are interred in the cemetery belonging to Eton College.

Also in the memory of WILLIAM HEALD LUDLOW-BRUGES, of this chapelry Esq., who died September 25th 1855, aged 59 years. He was M.P. for Bath & Devizes, & Chairman of Quarter Sessions for North Wilts, & Recorder of Devizes. Also in memory of GERTRUDE ELIZA, third daughter of William Heald Ludlow-Bruges Esq., & AGNES his second wife, she died Nov. 6th 1859, aged 47 years.

Sacred to the memory of the Rev. JOHN BATHURST SCHOMBERG, B.A., rector of Belton, Suffolk (where his mortal remains are interred), and Chaplain to his Majesty King William the 4th, & to the Right Hon Hungerford, Lord Crewe. He died suddenly while in perfect health on the 9th of Feb, 1837, aged 33 years, leaving Margaret Mary (youngest daughter of Rob. Ashworth, Esq.) his widow, by whom this monument is erected, as a trifling testimony of affection for a beloved husband.

Sacred to the memory of ADAM WRAGG, who departed this life December 4th 1835. Also of ANN, daughter of Adam & Mary Wragg, who died January 26th 1821, in the 26th year of her age. Also of PHOEBE their daughter, who died January 22nd 1848, aged 80 years.

Underneath are placed the remains of CHARLES BYTHESEA, of Shaw House, & Hayes, near Melksham. He died in February 1829, aged 54. He was the third son of the late Thomas Bythesea of Week House, near Trowbridge, Esquire, a magistrate for the County. Also to MARY his wife, who died in July 1816, aged 41. This tablet is erected by his cousin Samuel William Bythesea of the Hill, Freshford, Esquire.

Near this place lie interr'd the remains of CATHERINE PRICE, wife of the REVd. Robert Price, LL.D. prebendary of Durham, Canon Residentiary of Sarum, & Vicar of this parish, who departed this life the 11th day of February 1793 in the 31st year of her age.

South Wall of Nave

Near this place, in a vault lie interr'd the remains of ROBERT USHER, who died 4th January 1774, aged 30 years, to whose memory this monument is erected. Also in the same vault lie interr'd the remains of JAMES USHER, who died 5th March 1775, aged 23 years

Near this place lieth the body of MARY wife of Laurence Baker, who departed this life ye 31 of January 1692. Also near this place lieth the body of LAURENCE BAKER, who died ye 26th of May, 1736.

A cross plate is inscribed as follows:-

In memory of AGNES, second wife of the late William Ludlow-Bruges, Esq., of Seend, and third daughter of Thomas Penruddocke Esq. (late Captain of Scots Fusilier Guards), who died on the 1st day of December 1889, aged 78.

South Aisle

A brass is thus inscribed:-

Here lie interr'd AMBROSE AWDRY, obt. The 14th of May 1766, æt. 73. And JANE AWDRY his wife, obt. The 22nd day of Augt. 1769, æt. 78. Also ELIZTH. AWDRY, their granddaughter, obt. The 7th of April 1778, æt. 8.

Near this place are deposited the remains of WADHAM LOCKE, late of Devizes in this County, who departed this life 28th June 1799, aged 53 years. This stone is erected with filial respect by his only son, to perpetuate the memory of an affectionate Husband, a good Father, & a sincere Friend. Also to the memory of ANNE his widow, who died in the Faith of Christ, July 31st 1839, in the 86 year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of WADHAM LOCKE, the beloved and only son of Wadham and Caroline Locke. He died on the 7th of December 1841, aged 12 years. Also of CAROLINE MARY, wife of Wadham Locke, Esqre. She died in the Faith of Christ Jesus on the 18th May 1842, aged 39 years. Also of NORCLIFFE ROBERT SUTTON youngest son of Wadham Locke Esqre., and ALBINIA, his wife. He died on the 11th of March 1858, aged 14 months. "his rest shall be glorious".

In a vault near this spot are deposited the mortal remains of the Rev. THOMAS ANDREW, of Seend Row House, who died 30th July 1753. And of MARY his wife, who died 11th April 1762. Also of THOMAS their son, who died 21st Novr. 1739. Likewise WADHAM LOCKE, of Devizes, Gent; who died 27th July 1776, and of Rachael his wife, daughter & heiress of the said Revd. Thos. Andrews, who died 18th April 1774.

Chancel Arch

Near this place lie the bodies of WILLIAM TIPPER of this parish, Gent. and of ELIZABETH is Wife. He dyed May 28th 1651. She dy'd Oct. 7th 1660. Near this place lie also the Bodies of JOHN SOMNER, son of EDWARD SOMNER, of this parish, Gent: and of MARY his wife, Daughter of William and Elizabeth Tipper. He Dy'd Decr. 26th 1673. She Dy'd May 30th, 1666. To them were 7 children. Vvz: Mary, Jane, Elizabeth, Joan, Edward, Joan, Ann.

Joan Dy'd Sepr. 5th 1683 aged 10months

Jane Dy'd July 25th 1672 aged 20 years

Ann Dy'd Novr. 20th 1681 aged 23 years

Joan Dy'd April 17th 1684 aged 23 years

Mary Dy'd July 4th 1696 aged 46 years

Also near this Place lieth the Body of EDWARD SOMNER, of this parish, Esqre., who Departed this Life the 9th day of August, In the year of our Lord 1719 his age 53.

Chancel

Near this place lyeth ye body of JOHN HOULTON, of this parish, Esquire, who departed this life August 1st A.D. 1704, aged 36. Whose excellent nature and obliging demeanour have left him a Monument in the hearts of his friends more durabis than of marble.. Near this place also lieth the body of Mary, the wife of John Houlton, who departed this life the 30th June 1730, æt. 51.

In memory of AMBROSE AWDRY, Esq., of this Chapelry, who died 22nd January 1782, aged 50 years. Also of CHRISTIANA his wife, daughter of Peter Delmé of Erlestoke Park, in the County, Esq., who died 7th May 1783, aged 39 years. Also of CHRISTIAN, their daughter, who died 8th May 1841, aged 76 years. Also of AMBROSE AWDRY Esq., eldest son of the above named Ambrose & Christiana Awdry, who died 15th of June 1842, aged 79 years. Also HANNAH, widow of the last named Ambrose Awdry, who died 11th March 1852, aged 84 years.

Sacred to the memory of HESTER, wife of Peter Awdry, Esqre., & only daughter of Lord William Seymour, who died November 1795 at Taunton, Somersetshire (where her remains repose), in her 25th year. Beneath this tablet are deposited the remains of FREDERICK SEYMOUR AWDRY, who died August 8th 1803, aged 8 years. Also in memory of PETER AWDRY, who died June 1st 1826, aged 51 years. Also of ELIZABETH his widow, who died March 29th 1852, aged 75 years.

Here rest the remains of VINCENT JOHN BISCON, Esq., an eminent West India Merchant, who departed this life April 29th 1770, aged 49. He first married Lady Mary Seymour, only daughter of Edward, late Duke of Somerset, by whom he left a son and daughter, and by his 2nd wife, daughter of Mattw. Shiffner, Esq., 3 sons and 1 daughter. Indued with a good understanding and most sociable Disposition. He exercised the former in discovering, the latter in rewriting merit, Uniformly exemplary in all the Duties and Relations of Life and particularly eminent in those of his profession, uniting the Christian, the Man of ? , and the Gentleman, He gained general Esteem and Affection. The manner of his Death exalted his Character: Patient and submitting to the Divine Will, he died much lamented, as he liv'd most belov'd. Those nearly connected with him are best able to illustrate his Virtues, but the Heart-feeling Sigh, the dropping Tear and generous Emulation are the most grateful Tribute to his Memory.

To the Memory of the Right Honourable Lady MARY BISCOE, only daughter of Edward, late, Duke of Somerset and wife of Vincent Biscoe Esq., of London, who dyed July 21st 1762, aged ? Years, leaving Two Children, Mary , born the 13th August 1769, and Joseph Seymour, born 5th September 1761. This monument was erected by her Affectionate and Afflicted Husband.

Within this Sacred Tomb, the last Retreat,
The Peaceful Haven of the Good and Great,
Lyes One, who rise in every Female Graves,
And Blessed with evr'y Honest Art to please,
And Found the way to be esteemed and lov'd,
Oh! Had Exalted Virtue a long Date!
Longer for us to Love and imitate!
But cease that Wish, taught by this silent Urn,
That all its vain, but to Admire and Mourn.

Near this Marble are interred the remains of GEORGE HUSEY, B.D., Formerly Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge, Chaplain to His Grace the Duke of Somerset, &c. Rector of Trowbridge in Wilts, where he died ye 14th of July 1741 in ye 40th year of his age. Also of GEORGE HUSEY, his only son, who having attained to the age of 19 died June 6th 1758, Having merited the Esteem of all that knew him. By a Temper and Deportment Truly Affable and Humane, He died unacquainted with a Foe, and much lamented by all his Friends. Mary Husey the inconsoluate Widow caused this monument to be erected in the year 17?, to preserve amongst others the Memory of a most affectionate Husband and a very dutiful Son, near this place lyeth the Body of MARY, wife of the Revd. George Husey, only daughter of John Houlton Esq. And Mary his wife.

Under the west window of the north aisle is a very ancient brass, on which the following inscription is inscribed:-
Here lyth JOHN STOXYS and ALYS his wiff whiche Johne deceased the xxxiii day of June in the year of our Lord God thousand cccclxxxviii on whom soulys Jhu have mercy. Amen

West Gallery

This Gallery and Sule-ila were erected in the years 1726, Bohun Fox, Vicar, William Rawlings & Daniel Sumner, Chapel Wardens.

On the west wall there is a brass to John Stokes

Inter Mural Tablets

ANNE, Dau. of Thomas Andrews, Clerk, ob. 11 June 1714, THOMAS ANDREWS junr., gent, ob. 21 Nov. 1739, THOMAS ANDREWS, Clerk, ob. 30 July 1753. MARIA ANDREWS, ob. Ap, 1762, RACHAEL, conjux William Lock, ob. 22 March, 1774.

G.P. ob. 11 Feb. 1795, Etat 31.

FRANCES, wife of John Paradise, Gent: ob. 24 Decr. 1675. JOHN PARADISE, Gent: ob. 19 Aug: 1685. JOHN, son of Amb. Paradise, Gent: ob: 20 1685. FRANCES, dar. Of Ambrose Paradise, ob: 30 Oct: 1693. JANE, dar. Of Ambrose Paradise, ob: 20 Sep 1701.

Underneath Mrs. JANE HICKS, who died Jan. 10th, 1787, aged 65. Also Mr. JEFERY HICKS, her Husband, also of their children, namely Jane, John and Thomas.

Here lyeth the body of JANE SOMNER (daughter of John Somner, Gent. And Mary his Wife). She departed this life the 25 day of July 1672. Ætatis sum 20.

Here lyeth the body of MARTHA TIPPER (daughter of William Tipper) who died the 7th day of May 1635, Ætatis sum . . .

Here lyeth the body of JOHN SOMNER, Gent., who departed this life the 26th day of December, Ano. 1670, Alsoe here ly Joan Somner (daughter of John Somner) who departed this life the 5th of September 1665. Aged 10 months.

Here lyeth the body of WILLIAM TIPPER, who departed this life the 28 day of May 1651.

The Rt. Hon. Lady MARY BISCOE, Obt. July 21st 1762, Æt.33.

Here lyeth the body of ANE SOMNER daughter of John Somner and of Mary his wife. Who departed this life the XX of Nov. Ano. Dom. 1683, Ætatis suæ XXIII.

Here lyeth the body of JOANE SOMNER who departed this life the 17th of April 1681. Ætatis suæ XXIII

Underneath this stone lyeth ELIZABETH TIPPER (wife of William Tipper) who died the 7th day of . . . Ætatis suæ . . .

THOMAS DUGDALE de Seend Head, Gan. Qui primus ex antiqua ejusdean cognominis familia de Clithero, apud Lancastriensis, in hae Parochia seem fixit; filius orat Revrendi Christopheri Dugdale, olim de Polshot, et Ecclesias ibidem Rectoris, oui Christophero ex fratra nepos fuit Gulielmus Dugdale, Eques Auratus, do Blytha Hall iu Comicatu Warwicensi, Rei Antiquariæ peritia Illustris. A quo ortus est Johannes Dugdale Eques de Coventry in prædict. Com. Thomas Dugdale Uxorem habuit Elizabetham. Johannis Trimnel de Earlstock in hoc Comitatu Wiltoniensi Filiam, undenatus est Thomas Dugdale, Gen. Qui pater fuit Thomas Dugdale civis Londinensis. THOMAS DUGDALE, senior, sepulchro conditus est Aprilis 3 Anno Dom, 1669, Ætatis 85. ELIZABETHA, Uxor, Aprilis 26, 1664, Ætatis 70. Ann the first Wife of Thomas Dugdale of the City of London, Sole Daughter of Mr. Jacob Selby of Bradford, was Underneath interred Dec. 5, 1682. Æt. 23. Also the Son of the said Thomas and Ann Dugdale, was interred Dec., 1682 (Et. 30Days).

M.S. Augustæ, Guleielmi Heald Ludlow, Arm Conjugis Dilectæ, Ob. 5. Maii, A.D. 1832. Ætatis 31.

GEORGE HUSY, died June 6th, 1778, aged 19 years.

GEORGE HUSY, died July 14th, 1741, aged 40 years.

MARY HUSY, died Nov. 2nd, 1778, aged 76 years.

JOHN HOULTON, died June 30th, 1730, aged 51 years.

JOHN HOULTON, died Nov. 16th, 1764, aged 66 years.

Under Communion Table

Here lyeth the body of AMELIA JANE SCHOMBERG, died Feb. 9th, 1798, aged 3 years and 9 months.

Flat Stones in Chancel

Hæc sub lapide requiescunt cinerea JOHANNIS HOULTON Armigeri, Qui obiit 1 Augusti Anno Dom 1704, Ætatis 36.

Hic jacet corpus Mariæ Uxoris JOHANNIS HOULTON Quæ Obijt 30 Janij 1730, Ætatis 21

PROSPER DUGDALE, Wife of Thomas Dugdale, of this Parish Gent., was underneath interred March the 17, 1676. Ætatis XLIII.

Flat Stones in Nave

Underneath lyeth Interred the Body of Mrs. PHILIPPA JERVIS of this Place, Widow. She was Baptised March ye 1, 1639, and died March ye 11, 1735.

Under this Stone lyeth the Body of Mr. PHINEAS JAMES BROWN who departed this life June the 6, 1781, aged 54 years. Also Lydia the Wife of P.J. Brown, who died Dec. 30. 1791, aged 67 years.

Stained Glass Windows

Stained glass window are erected in remembrance of the following: - Mrs. Daubeny, Fred. Awdry, J.T, Schomberg, Ludlow-Bruges, Mrs. Ludlow-Bruges (second wife), W. Wiltshire.

The pulpit is in memory of Mrs. Daubeny, and the lectern to B.F.Schomberg.

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