



Rood Ashton House

Richard Godolphin Long

Richard Godolphin Long was born 2 October 1761 and baptized at West Lavington on 12 November 1761. He was the son of Richard Long, Esq. and his wife Meliora, a descendant of Sir John Lambe. On 27 March 1786 he married Florentina Wrey. He died on 1 July 1835 and was buried at Steeple Ashton.

In 1799 he purchased Steeple Ashton Manor House and Farm and in 1808 commissioned the building of Rood Ashton House.

In 1794 he was appointed High Sheriff of Wiltshire and entered the House of Commons in 1806, sitting for Wiltshire until 1816. He was the founder of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.