

THE HEADSTONES & GRAVES OF THE
DRAKE STONEMASONS & THEIR FAMILIES
IN THE CHURCHYARD OF
St. PETER & St. PAUL CHURCH



UPPINGHAM

FOREWORD

The aim of this document is to record for future generations the Memorial Inscriptions on the headstones of the Drake Stonemasons and their families, both in written and photographic forms.

These headstones are in the churchyard of St. Peter and St. Paul Church which is in the town of Uppingham in the county of Rutland.

The churchyard is split into two sections, the original section which is known as the St. Peter and St. Paul Upper Churchyard is in the grounds of the church and rolls steeply down to South View road, which separates the two sections. The second and lower section is known as Lower Cemetery or South View.

The ULHSG records for the Upper Churchyard and Lower Cemetery indicated there were eleven Drake family headstones at Uppingham. Since 2010 all eleven headstones have been progressively located, recorded and photographed.

In this guide each headstone or grave has been identified by the name of the most senior Drake who is either recorded in the burial records, or inscribed on the headstone. Starting first with John Drake (first generation stonemason), the headstones and graves are listed in order of each descending generation.

Not all these headstones mark graves, as I unexpectedly discovered when I found a memorial only for my great-great grandmother Frances Ann Morgan (nee Drake) who is buried at Ely.

A second headstone also acts as a memorial for John James & Mary Drake who are buried at Bristol. This same headstone also marks the grave of two of their children who are buried here in Uppingham.

On my first visit to Uppingham in 2010, I was unable to find the headstones of Robert Drake c1751 - 1833 and Francis Drake 1776 - 1855.

During my second visit in 2011, I used a copy of the ULHSG Upper Churchyard recordings for section 5.29 - 5.45 to carry out a comparison check to establish where the two headstones of Robert and Francis Drake could be found.

By plotting the 2011 positions of legible and illegible headstones and comparing them to the ULHSG circa 2000 recordings, I have been able to determine the actual locations of both Robert and Francis Drake's headstones and graves. (Ref: Appendix 2)

The Uppingham Parish and Rutland County Burial records suggest there are more Drake family members buried at Uppingham than recorded on the headstones. Some of these Drake's may have been buried in unmarked graves, whilst others could have been buried in a grave without having their name recorded on the headstone, or the headstone is now illegible.

For the purpose of this document any Drake family members who are known to have been buried in Uppingham and who are not referred to on any of the headstones, have been included in either their partner or parent's written memorial inscription.

An exception to this is **John Drake 1707-1780**, who as the senior Drake stonemason (and the only one without a known headstone or grave) warrants his own individual write up.

Also worthy of a mention is **Ann Drake buried 4th June 1819 age 32**, initially she was a mystery. However further research indicates she was the wife of Robert Drake of Oakham. The brother of Uppingham stonemasons Francis & John Drake.

Finally the headstone of **William Drake 1831 - 1851** has also been included in this document. Following further research indicating William may *possible* have been the great-grandson of John Drake 1707-1780. (Ref. Appendix 1: Drake Burials)

Unless otherwise stated, all memorial inscriptions and photographs were recorded and photographed by David Morgan either in September 2010 or May 2011.

Photograph: Drake Headstones in Upper Churchyard



John Drake [left hand of tree] Francis Drake [3rd from the right]

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Sources

The Uppingham Local Historical Society Group (ULHSG)

- : List of recorded Drake headstones in the Upper Churchyard & Lower Cemetery.
- : Bishop's Transcripts register of Baptism and Burials for Uppingham 1748-1811.

The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (ROLLR)

- : Parish Records for Uppingham & Lyddington.
- : Uppingham Settlement Certificates.

Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society (LRFHS)

- : CD 77 Leicestershire & Rutland County Burial Index 1813 - 1990's

Ely City Council (ECC)

- : Grave reference and burial date for Frances Ann Morgan formerly Curtis nee Drake

Drake Headstones in the Lower Cemetery




L to R: Ann Drake, Henry Drake, J.J Drake and Mary Field nee Drake

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Uppingham Settlement Certificate of 1757 for John Drake [1707 - 1780]



Rutland to wit **WE** *James Hill and Walter Stokes*
Church-wardens, and we *Jos. Priddy and Robert*
Collwill
Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Liddington*
in the County of *Rutland*
aforesaid, do hereby own and acknowledge *John Drake and*
Janet his wife & four children
to be *our* Inhabitants legally settled
in the Parish of *Liddington*
aforesaid. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands
and Seals this *21st* Day of *Decem^r* in the *30th* Year
of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George 2^d*, by
the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King
Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Dom: *1757*

Attested by
Henry Thorpe
J. Sejer Thorpe

James Hill
Walter Stokes
Joseph Priddy
his
Robert & Collwill
Marke

Church Wardens
Overseers of the Poor

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of
the Poor of the Parish of *Uppingham*
in the County of *Rutland*
or to any, or either of them.

WE whose Names are hereunto subscribed; two of his Maje-
sty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Rutland*
aforesaid, do allow of the above-written Certificate. And we do
also certify that *Hen^y & Joseph Sharpe* the Witnesses
who attested the Execution of the said Certificate; have
made Oath before us that *they* did see the Church-wardens and
Overseers, whose Names and Seals are to the said Certificate sub-
scribed and set, severally sign and seal the said Certificate, and
that the Names of the said *James Hill, Walter Stokes, Joseph Priddy,*
whose Names are above subscribed, as Witnesses to the Execution
of the said Certificate, are of their own proper Hand-Writing.
Dated the *21st* Day of *Decem^r* in the Year *1757*
1750 — *Ex^{te}*
Sam^l Ruppardson

John Drake aged 15
Thomas Drake — 14
Wm Drake — 9
Robert Drake — 7 } *Children*

Uppingham settlement certificate DE1912/30/105: courtesy of ROLLR

Grave of John Drake [1707 – 1780]

Location of Grave: John Drake's headstone / grave is not listed in the ULHSG register for the Upper Churchyard. This leaves him as the only Drake stonemason whose headstone and grave whereabouts are lost in the mists of time.

John Drake was baptised in Rattlesden, Suffolk, on the 1st December 1707. He would have been 50 years old, when he and his family moved to Uppingham in the December of 1757.

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [ROLLR]

John Drake was buried on the 19th March 1780 age 73 [ULHSG Bishop's Transcripts]

Drake Headstones in the Upper Churchyard Plot 5.29 to 5.38



**Front row: Robert Drake [far left] John Drake [far right]
Back row: Francis Drake [2nd from the right, in front of the house window]**

Photograph is taken looking towards the London Road

Headstone and Grave of Robert Drake [c1751 - 1833]



Inscription on the Headstone of Robert Drake c1751 – 1833

ROBERT DRAKE DIED 6 AUGUST 1833, AGED 82 YEARS

Memorial Inscription: recorded by ULHSG (circa 2000).

The date of death on the memorial conflicts with the date of burial which I recorded at ROLLR, as the 1st? August 1833. The ? in my notes suggests that it was difficult to read the actual date on the parish record. It's *almost certain* that the 1st? should in fact be the ??th, which would confer with the headstone inscription.

Robert Drake stonemason (son of John and Jane Drake)

Location of Headstone & Grave: ULHSG Ref: Plot 5.38 Upper Churchyard, see appendices 2/3 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone *probably* faced east away from the London Road.

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [ROLLR]

Robert Drake: buried on the ??th August 1833 age 82. [DE1784/10 fiche 2 page 80]

Frances Drake (wife): buried on the 7th January 1831 age 81 [DE1784/10 fiche 2 p71], she *most likely* preceded her husband Robert into the same grave?

At least two of their daughters were *almost certainly* buried at an unknown location in the Upper Churchyard.

Mary Drake (daughter): buried on the 25th October 1786 Infant. [DE1784/8 fiche 1]

Elizabeth Drake (daughter): buried on the 3rd April 1791 age 9. [DE1784/8 fiche 1]

It's *most likely* a third daughter Frances was also buried at an unknown location in the Upper Churchyard. However, assuming she was born in the same year as her baptism date of the 7th November 1783, she would have only been 17 rather than the *most likely* incorrect 24 years recorded in the parish records.

Frances Drake (daughter?): buried on the 21st May 1801 age 24? [DE1784/8 fiche 2]

Condition of Headstone: Has suffered severe surface erosion and considerable lichen discolouration, rendering the inscriptions totally illegible.

Note: It is also rather small, being about half of the height of the other two Drake graves in this section.

Headstone and Grave of Francis Drake [1776 - 1855]



Inscription on the Headstone of Francis Drake 1776 – 1855

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
FRANCIS DRAKE
DIED 79 YEARS
AND ALSO [ANN] HIS WIFE

Memorial Inscription: recorded by ULHSG (circa 2000).

Location of Headstone & Grave: ULHSG Ref: Plot 5.31 Upper Churchyard, see appendices 2/3 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road.

Francis Drake stonemason (son of Robert and Frances Drake)

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [ROLLR]

Francis Drake: buried on the 8th May 1855 age 79. [DE1784/10 fiche 3 page 170]

Ann Drake (wife): died 3rd quarter of 1858 in Uppingham, age 74. [Civil BMD]

Three of their children were *almost certainly* buried in the Upper Churchyard at an unknown location(s). There is however, the *possibility* that plot 5.31 was a family grave and the children had preceded their parents into this grave?

Robert Drake (son): buried on the 16th November 1829 age 17. [DE1784/10 f2 p68]

Frances Drake (daughter): buried on the 9th March 1830 age 16. [DE1784/10 f2 p69]

Francis Drake (son): buried on the 22nd January 1838 age 18. [DE1784/10 f2 p97]

Condition of Headstone: Although the headstone has suffered severe surface erosion and to all intent and purposes is illegible, however, when the photograph is enlarged by 50% it is still possible to make out some of the individual lettering.

Headstone and Grave of John Drake 1788 - 1870



Inscription on the Headstone of John Drake 1788 - 1870

In [] Loving Remembrance []
JOHN DRAKE
WHO DIED NOV 20 1870
IN THE 83 YEAR OF HIS LIFE
+
ALSO MARY HIS WIFE
WHO DIED [OCTOBER 7] 1867
[IN THE] 77 YEAR [OF HER]

[LIKEWISE ELIZABETH Daughter]
DIED JUNE [16] 1833
[AGED] 7 YEARS

[ALSO JOHN &] CHARLES []
INFANCY

[]

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Headstone & Grave: ULHSG Ref: Plot 5.33 Upper Churchyard, see appendices 2/3 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road.

John Drake stonemason (son of Robert and Frances Drake).

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [ROLLR & LRFHS]

John Drake: buried on the 3rd December 1870 age 82. [LRFHS]

Mary Drake (wife): buried on the 11th October 1867 age 77. [LRFHS]

John Drake (son): buried on the 17th June 1819, Infant. [DE1784/10 fiche 1 page26]

Charles Drake (son): buried on the 25th July 1821, Infant. [DE1784/10 fiche 1 page33]

Elizabeth Drake (daughter): buried on the 15th June 1833 age 7. [DE1784/10 f2 p79]

Condition of stone: The inscription face of the stone is quite grimy, however, if the face was cleaned the inscriptions would probably all be legible. This huge headstone is leaning over at a very severe angle, if you stand behind the headstone, it leans both to the right and also forwards. The magnitude of the lean, can be gauged by looking at the soil and grass in the photograph, both of which should be almost horizontal.

Headstone and Grave of Henry Drake 1813 - 1890



Inscription on the Headstone of Henry Drake 1813 – 1890

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
ANN
THE WIFE OF
HENRY DRAKE
WHO DIED MARCH 3RD 1886
AGED 69 YEARS

ALSO OF
HENRY DRAKE
WHO DIED DEC 9TH 1890
AGED 77 YEARS

SO HE BRINGETH THEM INTO THEIR DESIRED HAVEN

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

The date of Henry Drake's death inscribed on the memorial is incorrect and is actually the date of his burial. His death duty and probate records confirm he died on the 6th December.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road, this is the second of four Drake graves in a row (see photograph on Acknowledgements page).

Henry Drake stonemason (son of John and Mary Drake)

Ann Drake nee Bricknell was Henry Drake's second wife, they were married on the 26th March 1872, and at the time of her death they had been married for nearly 14 years.

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Henry Drake: buried on the 9th December 1890 age 77. [LRFHS]

Ann Drake (wife): buried on the 7th March 1886 age 69. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The inscription face of the stone suffers with some form of lichen, however, if the face was cleaned, all the inscriptions would be legible and the headstone itself would look almost as good as new.

Headstone and Grave of Ann Drake c1809 – 1870



Inscription on the Headstone of Ann Drake c1809 – 1870

IN
[]
[]
ANN THE BELOVED WIFE OF
HENRY DRAKE
[] March 16 []
[]
ALSO OF THEIR DAUGHTER
MARY ANN DRAKE
Who died feb 23rd 1936 [Age] 86
ONE WHO LIVED FOR OTHERS

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road, this is the first of four Drake graves in a row (see photograph on Acknowledgements page).

Ann Drake nee Canan, was Henry Drake's first wife and the mother of their two children John James & Mary Ann Drake.

Ann & Henry Drake married on the 2nd May 1844 and at the time of her death they had been married for 25 years.

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Ann Drake: buried on the 21st March 1870 age 61. [LRFHS]

Mary Ann Drake (daughter): buried on the 27th February 1936 age 86. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The top and the bottom of the inscription face of the headstone suffers with some form of lichen and would benefit from a general clean. The italic inscriptions for Ann Drake appear to have been applied rather lightly, and even if the face was cleaned these inscriptions may possibly still be illegible.

Headstone and Grave of Mary Field formerly Bell nee Drake 1815 - 1901



Inscription on the Headstone of Mary Field (Bell) nee Drake 1815 - 1901

IN
LOVING
MEMORY OF
JOHN FIELD
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
OCTOBER 18TH 1881
IN THE
85TH YEAR OF HIS AGE

AND EVEN TO YOUR OLD AGE I AM
HE, AND EVEN TO HOAR HAIRS WILL
I CARRY YOU ISAIAH XLVI . 4

ALSO OF
MARY HIS WIFE
WHO DIED JAN 7 1901
AGED 85 YEARS

PEACE PERFECT PEACE

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road, this is the fourth of four Drake graves in a row (see photograph on Acknowledgements page).

Mary Field formerly Bell nee Drake was the daughter of John & Mary Drake. In 1838 she married the Rev John Bell, in the July of 1839 she gave birth to their son John Henry Bell. A month later she was widowed when her husband died.

In 1872 Mary married John Field, they had been married almost 10 years when he died

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Mary Field formerly Bell nee Drake: buried on the ?? January 1901 age 85.

John Field (husband): buried on the 22nd October 1881 age 84. [LRFHS]

John Henry Bell (son): buried at an unknown location in the Lower Cemetery on the 5th December 1911 age 72. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The top and the left hand side of the inscription face of the headstone suffers with some form of lichen, and would benefit from a general clean.

Memorial of Frances Ann Morgan formerly Curtis nee Drake 1822 - 1903



**Inscription on the Memorial Headstone of Frances Ann Morgan formerly Curtis
nee Drake 1822 - 1903**

**IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCES ANN MORGAN
DIED DEC. 11 1903
AGED 81 YEARS
INTERRED IN ELY CEMETERY CAMBS.**

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2011.

Location of Memorial Headstone only: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face east away from the London Road.

Frances Ann Morgan formerly Curtis nee Drake was the daughter of John & Mary Drake. In 1844 she married Edwin Curtis, later that year she gave birth to their son, who they also named Edwin Curtis. In 1846 she was widowed when her husband Edwin Curtis died in the early part of that year.

In 1852 Frances Ann married Richard Morgan, they had been married 45 years when he died in 1898.

Date of Ely & Uppingham Burials: [ECC], [ROLLR] & [LRFHS]

Frances Ann Morgan formerly Curtis nee Drake: buried on the 15th December 1903 at Ely Cemetery [ECC]

Frances Ann Morgan: her memorial was *probably* erected in the Lower Cemetery, Uppingham in circa 1904, it's not known by whom.

Richard Morgan (husband): buried in the Lower Cemetery on the 8th September 1898 age 74 [ROLLR], at an unknown location.

Two of Richard & Frances Morgan's children were also *most likely* buried in the Lower Churchyard at an unknown location[s].

Fanny Morgan (daughter): buried on the 19th May 1853 age Infant. [LRFHS]

Edward Morgan (son): buried on the 26th August 1859 age 2 weeks. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The headstone should sit upright between two stone rails, as per the photograph, it is however currently lying on the ground, face upwards. This has caused a considerable amount of surface discolouration on the lower face. Lettering is a mixture of lead infills and engraving.

Headstone and Grave of Martha Drake 1837 - 1914



View from the path of Martha Drake Grave (Ref: Appendices 4 & 5)

Photographs: courtesy of Margaret Stacey

Inscription on the Headstone of Martha Drake 1837 – 1914

IN LOVING MEMORY MARTHA DRAKE WHO FELL ASLEEP JULY 28th 1914

Memorial Inscription: recorded by Margaret Stacey 2014.

The date of death on the memorial of the 28th July conflicts with the LRFHS burial date of the 25th. This suggests her date of death was *most likely* 27th of July.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions are on the inside edges of the east and south sides of the kerbstone edging. The gravestone faces east away from the London Road.

Martha Drake was the wife of Charles Drake one of the earliest photographers in Uppingham.

Sometime between 1861 and 1871 Charles and Martha Drake moved to Uppingham where they set up their photographic business in the High Street.

After Charles died in 1882, his wife Martha continued running the business until their eldest son Harry Drake was able to take over.

Date of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Martha Drake: buried on the 25th July 1914 age 86. [LRFHS]

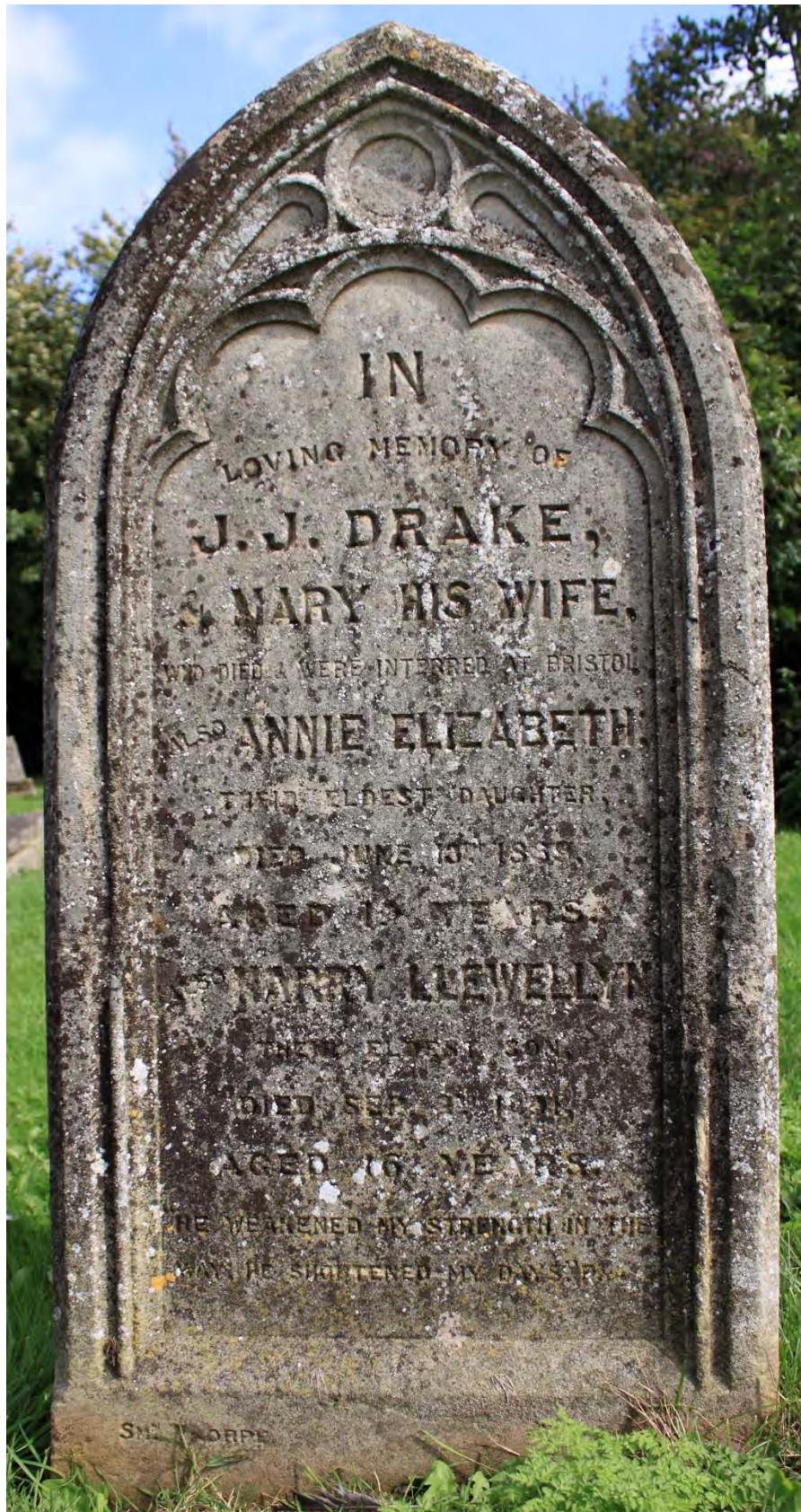
Charles Drake (husband): buried on the 20th November 1882 age 44 [LRFHS], *possible* preceded his wife Martha into the same grave?

Two of Charles & Martha Drake's seven children were also *most likely* buried in the Lower Cemetery, at an unknown location.

Elizabeth Drake & Emma Drake (twin daughters) were buried on the 24th November 1862 Infants. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: In poor condition, maybe a missing central feature, suffers from surface discolouration and is gradually being overgrown.

Memorial of John James Drake 1845 - 1886 and the
Headstone & Grave for Anne Elizabeth & Harry Llewellyn Drake



**Inscription on the Memorial to John James Drake 1845 – 1886 and the
Headstone of Anne Elizabeth & Harry Llewellyn Drake**

**IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
J.J. DRAKE
& MARY HIS WIFE
WHO DIED & WERE INTERRED AT BRISTOL
ALSO ANNIE ELIZABETH
THEIR ELDEST DAUGHTER
DIED JUNE [10TH] 1889
AGED [19] YEARS
[ALSO] HARRY LLEWELLYN
[THEIR] ELDEST SON
DIED [SEPT 3RD 1891]
AGED 16 YEARS
HE WEAKENED MY STRENGTH IN THE
WAY HE SHORTENED MY DAYS**

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Memorial Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for location. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west, this is the third of four Drake graves in a row (see photograph on Acknowledgements page).

Memorial to John James Drake (Stonemason) and his wife Mary Drake: After the deaths of his son John James and daughter in law Mary Drake nee Edwards, John's father Henry Drake had this headstone erected as a memorial to them.

Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol Burials:

Mary Drake: died on the 8th December 1885, buried later that month. [BDM]

John James Drake: died on the 17th April 1886, buried later that month. [BMD]

Two of John James and Mary Drake's children died a few years later. They are buried in the same plot which is marked by the memorial headstone dedicated to their parents.

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Anne Elizabeth Drake: buried on the 18th June 1889 age 19. [LRFHS]

Harry Llewellyn Drake: buried on the 6th September 1891 age 16. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The inscription face of the stone suffers with some form of lichen, and would benefit from a general clean.

Headstone and Grave of Harry Drake 1861 - 1937



Photograph: courtesy of Margaret Stacey

Inscription on the Headstone of Harry Drake 1861 – 1937

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HARRY DRAKE
WHO FELL ASLEEP
DEC. 1ST 1937.
AGED 76 YEARS
ALSO OF HIS WIFE
LIZZIE
WHO DIED APRIL 2ND 1939
AGED 75 YEARS

*LIFES WORK WELL DONE.
THEN REST. AND PERFECT P[EACE]*

Memorial Inscription: recorded by Margaret Stacey 2011.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The inscriptions on the headstone face, east away from the London Road.

Harry Drake was the son of Charles and Martha Drake, and the great-grandson of Francis Drake (Stonemason)

Dates of Uppingham Burials: [LRFHS]

Harry Drake: buried on the 4th December 1937 age 76. [LRFHS]

Lizzie Drake (wife): buried on the 5th April 1939 age 75. [LRFHS]

William Drake (son): almost certainly buried in the Lower Cemetery, at an unknown location on the 20th June 1887 Infant. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The inscription face would benefit from a general clean, this would improve the clarity of the lead in-fill lettering.

Headstone and Grave of Lily Frances Drake 1884 - 1953



Inscription on the Headstone of Lily Frances Drake 1884 – 1953

**LOVING MEMORY OF
LILY FRANCES DRAKE
23RD DECEMBER 1884
19TH OCTOBER 1953**

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Memorial & Grave: Lower Cemetery, see appendices 4 and 5 for the location. The grave is in the last row at the very bottom of the churchyard, the inscriptions on the headstone, face east away from the London Road.

Lily Frances Drake was the youngest child of John James & Mary Drake, and the last of 6 generations of Drake's who have been buried in either the Upper Churchyard or Lower Cemetery.

Date of Uppingham Burial:

Lily Frances Drake: buried on the ?? October 1953 age 68.

Condition of Headstone: Due to rather small engraving the inscriptions lack clarity and are quite difficult to read. The stone face also suffers with some form of lichen, and would benefit from a general clean, if cleaned the inscriptions would be clear and legible.

Headstone and Grave of William Drake of Harringworth 1831 - 1851



**Inscription on the Headstone of William Drake of Harringworth
1831 - 1851**

**SACRED
IN THE MEMORY OF
WILLIAM DRAKE
OF HARRINGWORTH
WHO DIED [] 1851
AGED 20 YEARS**

[]

Memorial Inscription: recorded by David Morgan 2010.

Location of Headstone & Grave: Upper Churchyard, see appendices 3 and 5 for the location, the headstone is about 8 'paces' due south from the S.E corner of the church. The inscriptions on the headstone, face west towards the London Road.

There was initially no evidence to suggest William Drake was a direct descendant of John Drake 1707-1780. However, recent research has indicated William may *possibly* have been his great-grandson, which is valid reason for his inclusion.

William Drake was baptised on the 18th November 1831 at Harringworth, the son of William and Sarah Drake.

William moved to Uppingham circa 1843, where he is recorded in the 1851 census as an apprentice draper working for Elizabeth Seaton and residing at the High Street, Uppingham.

Date of Uppingham Burial: [LRFHS]

William Drake: buried on the 4th November 1851 age 20. [LRFHS]

Condition of Headstone: The inscription face of the headstone has a horizontal line about 1/3 up from the bottom, which suggest there are possibly two people recorded on this stone.

The inscription face of the headstone suffers with some form of lichen, and would benefit from a general clean, if cleaned the upper 2/3 inscriptions which record William Drake would become clear and completely legible. The lower 1/3 section would probably still remain illegible.

Drake Stonemasons of Uppingham

The Drake stonemasons of Uppingham consisted of six individuals spread over five generations who from the 21st December 1757 until the 6th December 1890 (a period of almost 133 years) plied their trade in the town. The following brief biographies of each of these stonemason records the main known events of their lives.

John Drake 1707-1780: Uppingham stonemason from 1757 – 1780

John Drake was baptised on the **1st December 1707** at Rattlesden, Suffolk, the son of John and Ann Drake nee Stern [IGI]. He *probably* learnt his trade as a stonemason in Rattlesden, *possibly* from his father?

John Drake married Elizabeth *possibly* nee Bally in **1739** at Great Barton, Suffolk [FMP].

After their marriage John and Elizabeth Drake *most likely* lived in Rattlesden, where they had two children Mary [c1742] and John [c1743] who were both baptised there.

Almost certainly in **c1744** John and Elizabeth Drake and their family moved to Lyddington, Rutland, where John *most likely* worked with or for a local stonemason by the name of Thomas Drake.

: Thomas Drake (Mason) was buried at Lyddington on the 7th August 1748 [ROLLR].

John & Elizabeth Drake had two more children Thomas [c1744] and Francis [c1746] who were both baptised in Lyddington. Thomas baptism record is of particular interest as this informs us that his father, John Drake was a stonemason.

: Thomas son of John (Mason) and Elizabeth Drake baptised 18th June 1744 [ROLLR].

Sometime in the period between **1746** and **1749** John Drake's wife Elizabeth died, date and place unknown. In this same period John married (date and place unknown) his second wife Jane, whose surname is unknown.

John & Jane Drake had two children, William [c1750] who was baptised in Lyddington and **Robert** (future Uppingham stonemason) who was born in [c1751] (date and place unknown).

John Drake became the first member of this family to settle in Uppingham, when on the **21st December 1757** he, his second wife Jane along with four of his sons John [15], Thomas [14], William [9] and Robert [6] moved from Lyddington to Uppingham.

: Settlement Certificate for John Drake [DE1912/30/105 ROLLR].

John Drake died in **1780** aged 73, he was buried at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham on the 19th of March [ULHSG Bishop's Transcripts].

Robert Drake c1751-1833, son of John: Uppingham stonemason from 1779 – 1833

Robert Drake the son of John and Jane Drake was born **circa 1751**, date and place unknown.

Robert lived with his family in Uppingham from the age of 6 and *probably* learnt his trade as a stonemason from his father John. Sometime *possibly* after **circa 1773** he took up residency in Bourne, Lincolnshire, where he *almost certainly* worked as a stonemason.

Robert Drake (of the parish of Bourne) married Frances Taylor on the **16th April 1775** at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Uppingham [ROLLR].

After their marriage Robert and Frances Drake lived in Bourne, where they had two children **Francis** (future Uppingham stonemason) [1776] and Ann [1777] who were both baptised in Bourne.

On the **11th October 1779** Robert Drake, Frances his wife, his son Francis and daughter Ann left Bourne and moved to Uppingham. He *most likely* came to Uppingham to take over from his aging father John who died four months after Robert arrived. : Settlement Certificate for Robert Drake [DE1912/30/138 ROLLR].

Robert & Frances Drake had six more children Robert [1780], Elizabeth [1781], Frances [1783], Mary [1786], **John** (future Uppingham stonemason) [1788] and Elizabeth [1792] all of whom were baptised in Uppingham.

From **circa 1810** Robert Drake worked in Uppingham as a stonemason with his two sons Francis and John.

Robert's wife, Frances Drake *most likely* died in **1831** aged 81, she was buried at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham on the **7th of January** [ROLLR].

Robert Drake died in **1833** aged 83, he was buried at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham on the **??th of August** [ROLLR].

Francis Drake 1776-1855, son of Robert: Uppingham stonemason c1811 - 1845

Francis Drake was baptised on the **24th March 1776** at Bourne, Lincolnshire, the son of Robert and Frances Drake nee Taylor [FreeReg].

Francis lived with his family in Uppingham from the age of 3 and *probably* learnt his trade as a stonemason from his father Robert. Sometime *most likely* after **circa 1798** he took up residency in St. Margaret's Leicester, where he *almost certainly* worked as a stonemason.

Francis Drake (of the parish of St. Margaret's Leicester) married Ann Hart on the **12th May 1806** at All Saints Church, Oakham [ROLLR].

After their marriage Francis and Ann Drake lived in Leicester, where they had two children Charles [1807] and Ann [1809] who were both baptised in Leicester.

In **circa 1811** Francis Drake and his family left Leicester and moved to Uppingham, where he *almost certainly* worked with his father Robert and brother John.

Francis & Ann Drake had three more children Robert [1812], Frances [1815] and Francis [1820] all of whom were baptised in Uppingham.

Francis Drake is recorded on the censuses of **1841 and 1851** as a stonemason living in Horn Lane, Uppingham with his wife Ann and daughter Ann.

Francis Drake died in **1855** aged 79, he was buried on the **8th of August** at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

Ann Drake, Francis's wife died in **1858** aged 74, she was buried in the 3rd quarter of 1858 [BMD], at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

John Drake 1788-1870, son of Robert: Uppingham stonemason c1809 - 1870

John Drake was baptised on the **22nd June 1788** at St Peter and St Paul Church, Uppingham, the son of Robert and Frances Drake nee Taylor [ROLLR].

John grew up in Uppingham where he lived with his family, he *most likely* learnt his trade as a stonemason from his father Robert. On completion of his training in **circa 1809** John remained in Uppingham where he *almost certainly* worked for his father as a stonemason.

John Drake (of the parish of Uppingham) married Mary Catling on the **28th January 1812** at All Saints Church, Oakham [ROLLR].

After their marriage John and Mary Drake lived in Uppingham, where they had six children **Henry** (future Uppingham stonemason) [1813], Mary [1815], John [1819], Charles [1821], Frances Ann [1823] and Elizabeth [1825] who were all baptised in Uppingham.

The **1841, 1851 and 1861** censuses record John Drake as a stonemason living in North Street with his wife Mary, in a house that he built in **circa 1835**.

John's wife, Mary Drake died in **1867** aged 76, she was buried on the **11th of October** at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

John Drake died on the **20th November 1870** aged 82, he was buried on the 3rd of December at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

Henry Drake 1813-1890, son of John: Uppingham stonemason/builder c1834 - 1890

Henry Drake was baptised on the **10th September 1813** at St Peter and St Paul Church, Uppingham, the son of John and Mary Drake nee Catling [Parish Record].

Henry grew up in Uppingham where he lived with his family, he *almost certainly* learnt his trade as a stonemason from his father John. On completion of his training in **circa 1834** Henry remained in Uppingham, where he continued working for the family business of Drake & Sons.

Henry Drake married Ann Canan on the **2nd May 1844** at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham [BMD].

After their marriage Henry and Ann Drake lived in Uppingham, where they had two children **John James Drake** (future Uppingham stonemason) [**1845**] and Mary Ann Drake [**1849**] who were both baptised at the Methodist Chapel in Uppingham.

The censuses of **1851 and 1861** record Henry Drake and his family living in the High Street, Henry describes himself as a master mason in the latter census.

By now Henry was the driving force of Drake and Son's, and in the ten year period between the next census his son John James Drake joined the family business which was now placing a greater emphasis on building work.

Henry was *almost certainly* the most successful of all the Drake stonemasons, building many prominent buildings in the town, including his own large house in Ayston Road, which the family moved into in 1867 and named Wisteria House.

Henry's wife, Ann Drake nee Canan died on the **16th March 1870** aged 61, she was buried on the 21st of March at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

Henry is described in the **1871** census as a widower and a mason living in Ayston Road with his daughter Mary Ann who is now also his housekeeper.

One year later Henry married Ann Bricknell on the **26th March 1872** at Shoreditch, London.

The **1881** census lists Henry his second wife Ann and his daughter Mary Ann living at Wisteria House in Ayston Road, Henry now refers to himself as a mason.

In **circa 1883** Henry is informed by his son John James Drake that he and his family are going leave Uppingham and plan to live in Clifton, Bristol. This must have saddened Henry, who at 70 years old would surely have been gradually handing over more of the day to day work of the business to his son.

Henry's second wife, Ann Drake nee Bricknell died on the **3rd March 1886** aged 69, she was buried on the 7th of March at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

This was a tragic time for Henry, his daughter in law Mary Drake had died 3 months before his wife's death, whilst his son John James Drake died 6 weeks after his step mothers death.

Following the death of his only son John James Drake, Henry continued to run the family business until his own death in 1890, when the business past into other hands.

Henry Drake died on the **6th December 1890** aged 77, he was buried on the 9th of December at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Uppingham.

John James Drake 1845-1886, son of Henry: Uppingham mason/builder c1862 - 1883

John James Drake was born on the **18th May 1845** *most likely* in the family home in Uppingham, the son of Henry and Ann Drake nee Canan. [BMD].

John James grew up in Uppingham where he is recorded in the **1851** census living there with his parents.

John James later attended Wolvey Boarding School, Rugby Road, Wolvey, Leicestershire, where he can be found in the **1861** census as a 15 year old scholar.

After finishing boarding school *probably* in **circa 1862** John James returned home to Uppingham, where he joined his father in the family business. He would have *most likely* started out by serving a form of training or an apprenticeship in stonemasonry and building.

John James Drake married Mary Edwards on the **22nd July 1869** at St Gwynog's Church, Llanwnnog, Montgomeryshire. [BMD]

After their marriage John James and Mary Drake lived in Uppingham where they had five children Anne Elizabeth Drake [**1870**], Florence Elizabeth Drake [**1872**], Harry Llewellyn Drake [**1875**], Ethel Mary Drake [**1877**] and George Drake [**1878**].

The **1871** census records John James Drake as a mason and bricklayer living at Orange Lane, Uppingham, along with his wife Mary Drake and their 10 months old daughter Anne Elizabeth Drake.

When the **1881** census is taken ten years later, John James his wife Mary and their 5 children were still living in Orange Lane, in this census John James is now described as a builder.

Sometime between the beginning of **1883** and end of **1884**, John James Drake and his wife and family moved to the Clifton [which was then in the Barton Regis registration district] area of Bristol.

Why did they leave Uppingham? It appears John James had received or applied for a position of a builder's foreman at Clifton, which was too good to refuse.

After they moved to Clifton, John James and Mary Drake had one more child Lily Frances Drake who was born on the **23rd December 1884** at Clifton [Barton Regis], Bristol. [BMD]

John James wife, Mary Drake nee Edwards died on the **8th December 1885** aged 40, she was buried at Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol later that month. [BDM]

Mary had died at 27 Victoria Street, Clifton, which was *most likely* the family home.

John James Drake died (just over 18 weeks after his wife) on the **17th April 1886** aged 40, he was buried at Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol later that month. [BMD]

Following the death of their parents, this left a family of six children to mourn their loss, with none of them being in a position to earn their own living.

It would have doubtlessly fallen to their grandfather Henry Drake, to decide how the children would now be cared for. Any plan to try to keep the children together and bring them back too Uppingham, would *almost certainly*, due to his age, have required his daughter Mary Ann Drake to accept full responsibility too look after and raise the children as if they were her own.

Based on where the children can be found living in the 1891 census it seems *almost certainly* the two Drake boys remained in Bristol. Whilst the four Drake girls all returned to Uppingham, where they lived with their grandfather Henry Drake and his daughter their Aunt Mary at Wisteria House.

"One who lived for others", this is part of Mary Ann Drake's memorial inscription which is recorded on page 12 of this document. This surely is a very appropriate epitaph, one which describes the single lady who dedicated her life, looking after her father (twice a widower) and her brother's orphaned children.

Uppingham Burials: List of Drake Families

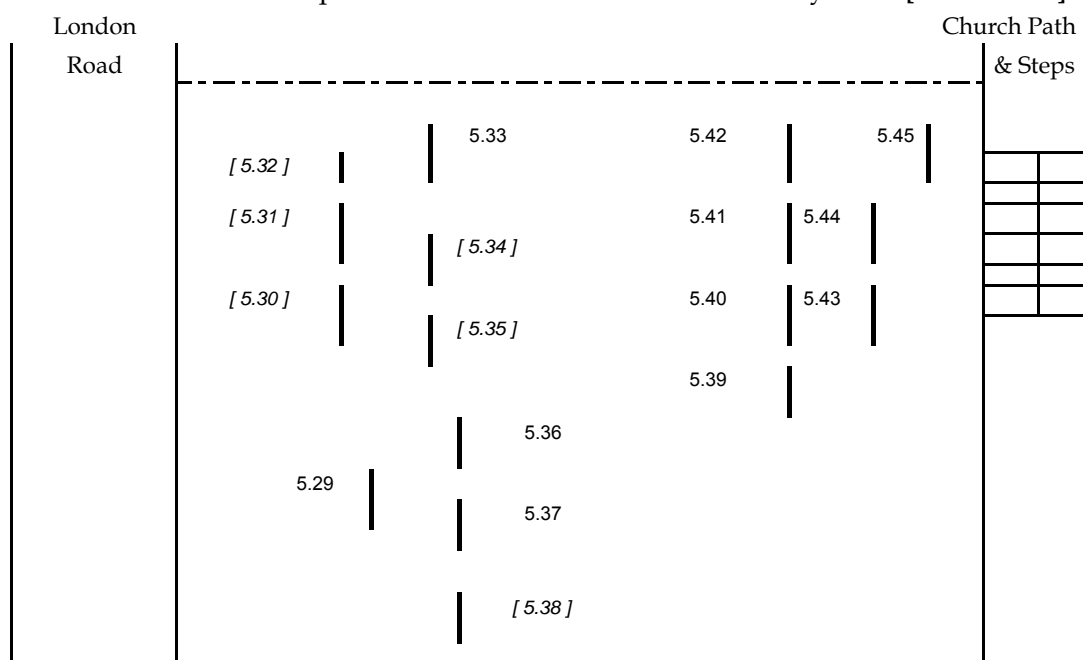
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John	Drake	1707	father of Robert Drake	19-03-1780	73	2
Robert	Drake	c1751	son of John & Jane Drake	??-08-1833	83	4
Frances	Drake	1750	wife of Robert Drake	07-01-1831	81	4
Mary	Drake	1786	daughter of Robert & Frances Drake	25-10-1786	Infant	4
Elizabeth	Drake	1781	daughter of Robert & Frances Drake	03-04-1791	9	4
Frances	Drake	1783	daughter of Robert & Frances Drake	21-05-1801	17 ?	4
Francis	Drake	1776	son of Robert & Frances Drake	08-05-1855	79	6
Ann	Drake	c1784	wife of Francis Drake	1853	74	6
Robert	Drake	1812	son of Francis & Ann Drake	16-11-1829	17	6
Frances	Drake	1815	daughter of Francis & Ann Drake	09-03-1830	16	6
Francis	Drake	1820	son of Francis & Ann Drake	22-01-1838	18	6
John	Drake	1788	son of Robert & Frances Drake	03-12-1870	82	8
Mary	Drake	1790	wife of John Drake	11-10-1867	77	8
John	Drake	1819	son of John & Mary Drake	17-06-1819	Infant	8
Charles	Drake	1821	son of John & Mary Drake	25-07-1821	Infant	8
Elizabeth	Drake	1825	daughter of John & Mary Drake	15-06-1833	7	8
Ann	Drake	c1787	wife of Robert Drake born 1780	04-06-1819	32	Foreword
Henry	Drake	1813	son of John & Mary Drake	09-12-1890	77	10
Ann	Drake	c1809	wife of Henry Drake	21-03-1870	61	12
Mary Ann	Drake	1849	daughter of Henry & Ann Drake	27-02-1936	86	12
Ann	Drake	c1817	second with of Heny Drake	07-03-1866	69	10
Mary	Field	1815	formerly Bell daughter of John & Mary Drake	??-01-1901	85	14
John	Field	c1798	husband of Mary Field	22-10-1881	84	14
John Henry	Bell	1839	son of Mary Bell (later Mary Field)	05-12-1911	72	14
Frances Ann	Morgan	1822	formerly Curtis daughter of John & Mary Drake	Memorial Only		16
Richard	Morgan	c1825	husband of Frances Ann Morgan	08-09-1898	74	16
Fanny	Morgan	1853	daughter of Richard & Frances Ann Morgan	19-05-1853	Infant	16
Edward	Morgan	1859	son of Richard & Frances Ann Morgan	26-08-1859	Infant	16
Charles	Drake	1838	grandson of Francis & Ann Drake	20-11-1882	44	17
Martha	Drake	1837	wife of Charles Drake	25-07-1914	86	17
Elizabeth	Drake	1862	daughter of Charles & Martha Drake	24-11-1862	Infant	17
Emma	Drake	1862	daughter of Charles & Martha Drake	24-11-1862	Infant	17
John James	Drake	1845	son of Henry & Ann Drake	Memorial Only		19
Mary	Drake	1845	wife of John James Drake	Memorial Only		19
Anne Elizabeth	Drake	1870	daughter of John James & Mary Drake	18-06-1889	19	19
Harry Llewellyn	Drake	1875	son of John James & Mary Drake	06-09-1891	16	19
Harry	Drake	1861	son of Charles & Martha Drake	04-12-1937	76	21
Lizzie	Drake	1865	wife of Harry Drake	05-04-1939	75	21
William	Drake	1887	son of Harry & Lizzie Drake	20-06-1887	Infant	21
Lily Frances	Drake	1884	daughter of John James & Mary Drake	??-10-1953	68	23
William	Drake	1831	son of William (born 1799) & Sarah Drake grandson of John (<i>possibly born Rattlestone c1743</i>) & Frances Drake <i>possibly</i> great-grandson of John Drake (Uppingham Stonemason) born 1707	04-11-1851	20	25

Upper Churchyard Headstone Comparison Check: ULHSG (circa 2000) - DRM (May 2011)

ULHSG: Upper Churchyard Recordings Plot 5 section 5.29 to 5.45 circa 2000

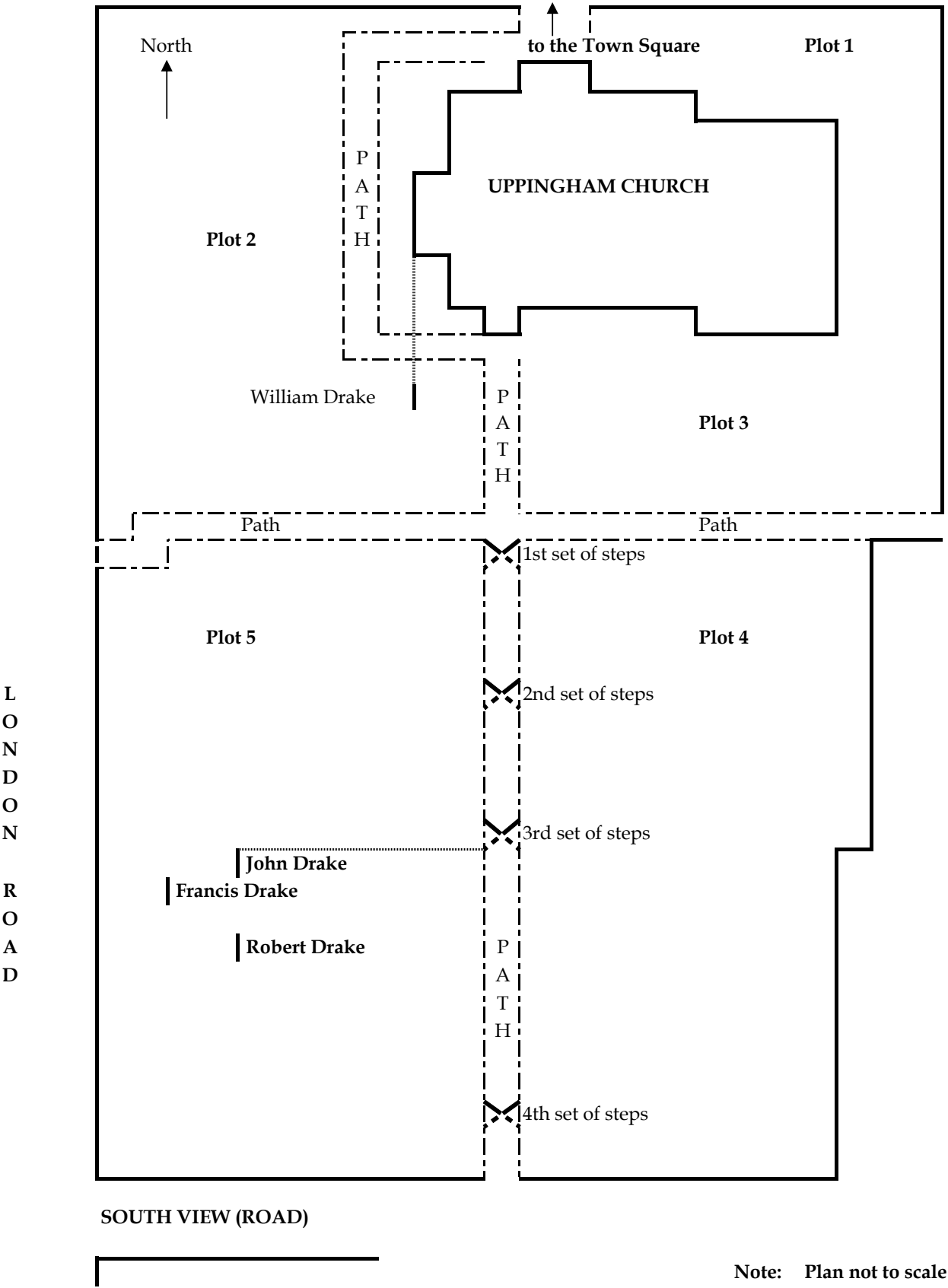
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5.31	Francis Drake and his wife		illegible
5.32	<i>illegible</i>		illegible
5.33	John and Mary Drake	legible	
5.34	William Bramley / Bradley?		illegible
5.35	<i>illegible</i>		illegible
5.36	William Robinson	legible	
5.37	Robert Robinson	legible	
5.38	Robert Drake		illegible
5.39	Winifred Iliffe	legible	
5.40	William Mossendew, son	legible	
5.41	William Mossendew, father	legible	
5.42	John Freeman	legible	
5.43	Hugh Sewell	legible	
5.44	Fay Sewell	legible	
5.45	Edward Ingram	legible	

DRM Comparison Plot for section 5.29 to 5.45 May 2011. [not to scale]

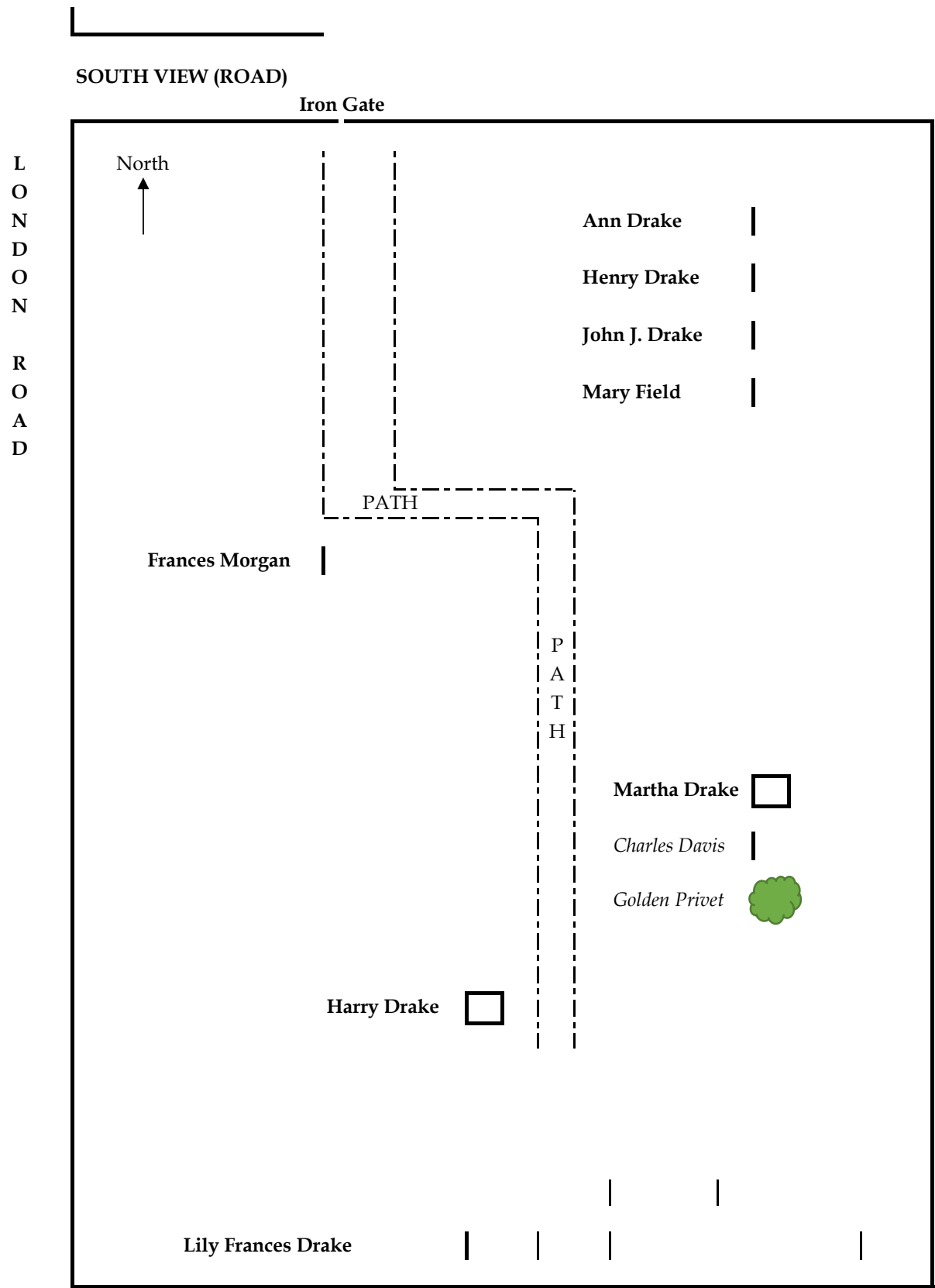


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Upper Churchyard Plan for Drake Graves



Lower Cemetery Plan for Drake Graves



Note: Plan not to scale

How to find the Drake Headstones and Graves

Enter the Upper Churchyard from the town.

Walk in from the town square and turn right at the north porch of the Church to face the path.

Headstone of William Drake (Ref: Appendix 3)

On entering the churchyard walk along the path until you reach the far S.W corner of the church.
From the S.W corner walk south, about 8 'paces' straight down to William's headstone and grave.

Headstone of John Drake (Ref: Appendices 2 & 3)

On entering the churchyard, follow the path around the church and down the steps towards South View, at the bottom of the third set of steps stop and turn right to face the London Road.
Walk west, about 19 'paces' towards the London Road to the headstone & grave of John Drake
The inscription is on London Road side.

Headstone of Francis Drake (Ref: Appendices 2 & 3)

Starting at the grave of John Drake walk 2 'paces' towards the London Road, slightly to the left, and the middle one of three headstones is the headstone & grave of Francis Drake.

Headstone of Robert Drake (Ref: Appendices 2 & 3)

Starting at the grave of John Drake walk about 8 'paces' south towards South View road.
Robert Drake's headstone and grave is the fifth headstone in a line, past John Drake's.

Enter the Lower Cemetery from South View road.

Enter the Lower Cemetery by the iron gate in South View road.

Headstones of Ann Drake / Henry Drake / John James Drake / Mary Field (Ref: Appendix 4)

Enter by the iron gate, walk about 10 'paces' down the path and turn left 90 degrees to face the Yew tree.
Walk about 23 'paces' towards and past the Yew tree to this group of 4 Drake headstones in a row.

Headstone of Frances Morgan (Ref: Appendix 4)

Enter by the iron gate, walk about 36 'paces' straight down the path until your way is blocked by the kerb stone of a grave, walk around this grave and continue off path for a further 3 'paces'. Slightly to the right and lying on the ground is the headstone of Frances Morgan.

Headstone of Martha Drake (Ref: Appendix 4)

Enter by the iron gate, walk about 36 'paces' straight down the path and turn left 90 degrees to face east, walk 12 'paces' east and stop, now turn right 90 degrees and walk 28 'paces' towards the bottom of the cemetery and stop. Turn left 90 degrees to face east, Martha Drake grave is 15 'paces' away. To help find this grave there is a photograph on page 17 taken from this position on the path, which clearly shows the location of Martha's grave. There are also 2 reference points due south from Martha's grave. 1: Grave of Charles Davis, and 2: Golden Privet bush, which may also be helpful in locating her grave.

Headstone of Harry Drake (Ref: Appendix 4)

Enter by the iron gate, walk about 36 'paces' straight down the path and turn left 90 degrees to face east, walk 12 'paces' east and stop, now turn right 90 degrees and walk 44 'paces' towards the bottom of the cemetery and stop. Turn right 90 degrees to face London Road, Harry Drake grave is 3 'paces' away in the second row.

Headstone of Lily Frances Drake (Ref: Appendix 4)

From the iron gate follow the path right down to the bottom of the cemetery, turn and face east, and walk to the grave which is closest to the S.E corner of the cemetery. Turn around, facing west, walk about 20 'paces' towards the London Road, until you come to the headstone and grave of Lily Frances Drake.

Note: 1 'pace' = about 3 feet or 0.91 metres