

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SS PETER AND PAUL
UPPINGHAM**

THE FUNERARY MONUMENTS



Here lie I at the Church's door
Here lie I because I'm poor
The farther in the more you pay
Here lie I as cold as they.

Anon.

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Introduction

As is the custom Uppingham's Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul contains a number of funerary monuments, tablets and grave slabs. These, together with three more found outside the building, are described here. The majority of people commemorated are believed to have been buried within the Church though in some cases inscriptions are imprecise on this point. Where the deceased was interred in the adjoining churchyard and provided a gravestone has survived, the information will have been recorded in ULHSG's Churchyard Survey.

Descriptions of the monuments draws liberally on both Dr Simon Cotton's *Guide to the Parish Church* and the *Rutland Magazine*, supplemented by information about those commemorated provided by members of the Study Group. No attempt is made here to discuss the imagery of the monuments or their symbolism concerning which readers are referred to *English Churchyard Memorials* by Frederick Burgess and similar publications.

Only those monuments presently found in the Church and their wording are described. Whether that information is correct may need to be checked with the Burial Registers¹ now deposited at the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland in Wigston Magna, Leicester. Whether and how many other monuments were once contained in the Church we do not know. Puritan iconoclasm in the 17th century and major restoration works in the 19th and 21st centuries have made fundamental alterations to the Church's interior, but we have few details what may have been removed or destroyed in earlier times.

References in the monuments to the position of graves should be accepted with caution. The restoration of the Church in 1861 lengthened the nave and aisles by one bay and also widened the north aisle. The restorations of both 1861 and 2001-5 involved moving some tablets and grave slabs from their earlier but quite possibly not original locations.

Without doubt there exist many more now unmarked interments beneath the floor of the Church. Tomb slabs from two such can be seen, one leaning against the outside of the west wall and another at the steps leading down to London Road. Ancient wills mention perhaps two dozen other burials in the Church though whether the wishes of the testators were observed, is not recorded.

The way the memorials are grouped is a possible window to how the Stuart and Georgian church appeared to the people of Uppingham (though bearing in mind the later Victorian extension to the building) – the sacristy replacing a chapel and mausoleum for the dead of the Fawkener family, the Lady Chapel serving the same purpose for the Hotchkin family, the medieval chapel marked by the piscina half way down the south aisle where are concentrated memorials to three generations of apothecaries & physicians who appear to have been related.

A source remaining to be investigated is the recently completed catalogue of the Stamford Mercury newspaper which would have reported the deaths of prominent Uppingham citizens.

We acknowledge with thanks the help of the Rector Canon Rachel Watts and Churchwardens in preparing this record and for permission to photograph and reproduce illustrations of the different monuments.

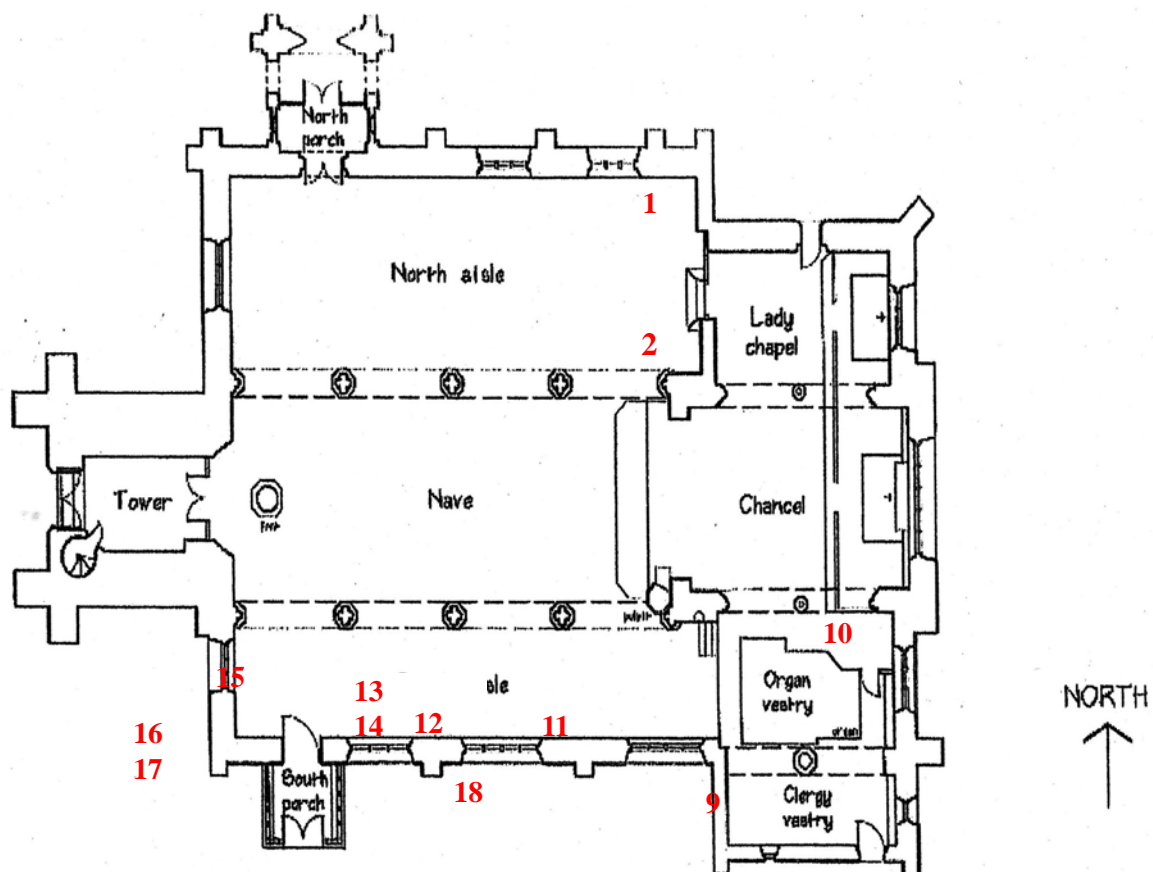
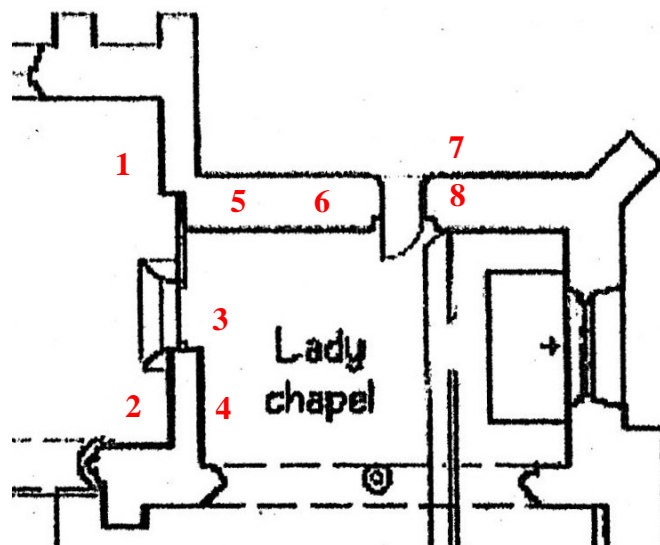
To the best of our knowledge the information is correct, but it is always advisable to crosscheck where possible. And inevitably, as research proceeds fresh discoveries will be made that may throw a different light or interpretation on the information contained here.

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¹ ROLLR acc refs DE 1784, 4862 and 4932.

THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL, UPPINGHAM



FUNERARY MONUMENTS LOCATION PLAN



The North Aisle with the Lady Chapel beyond



The Lady Chapel – West Wall



The Lady Chapel from the Chancel



The South Aisle

FUNERARY MONUMENTS



John and Elizabeth Smith



Katherine Warren

The North Aisle

1. John Smith and his wife Elizabeth

“ Sacred to the Memory of
JOHN SMITH M.D.
who after a life spent in the honest discharge
of medical, social and Christian duties
was removed from this mortal State
and put on Immortality.
August 10th 1808 Aged 74 years.
ALSO of Elizabeth the wife of Jn Smith
who died May 21st 1790. Aged 41 years. ”

John Smith described variously as MD, doctor of physics or surgeon RN, lived at No 8 High Street West now called Tudor House I. Next door he owned No 6 or Tudor House 2 thought to have been used as his surgery and accommodation for his assistant(s).

The memorial tablet designed by George Sparrow of Stamford is set on the wall to the left of the steps leading to the Lady Chapel. Other examples of Sparrow's work can be seen at Rockingham, Preston and St George's, Stamford.

Elizabeth Smith was buried on 26 May 1790 and her husband John on 14 August 1808. The burial register gives John Smith's age as 73, not 74.

The position of their grave has not been located.

2. Katherine Warren

“ Near this Place
are deposited the remains of
KATHERINE WARREN,
Wife of BENTLEY WARREN
who died on 14th of Nov 1803
in the twenty fourth year of her Age
regretted inexpressibly
by all to whom she was known.
It is humbly Hoped
that she so passed through Things temporal
as not to lose finally the Things eternal. ”

The memorial tablet is set on the wall at the right side of the steps leading to the Lady Chapel above the tryptich.

Katherine was the wife of the Uppingham attorney Bentley Warren living at No 12 High Street West now Uppingham School's Thring Centre but then called 'Green Gate Lodge' and later 'The Court'. There were two daughters – Mary Anne born 6 June 1802 and Katherine Frances born 7 November 1803. A week after the second delivery Katherine was dead leaving the infant daughters motherless. Against all the odds both survived to maturity.

Katherine died on the 14th and was buried on 19th November 1803 at Uppingham. Her husband Bentley died in about 1830.

Her grave has not been identified.



Ralph and Mary Hotchkin



Joseph and Ann Hotchkin

The Lady Chapel

Prior to the 1930s this was called the North Chapel. In the 18th and early 19th centuries it was the mausoleum of the locally prominent Hotchkin family who lived at The Hall. Their graves are not marked in the floor. These may have suffered during the 1861 restoration and as the result of the extension of the building some could now be located under the North Aisle.

3. Ralph Hotchkin Esq

“ In this Chancel
are interred the remains of
Ralph Hotchkin Esq.,
beloved and revered as a husband and father,
respected as a neighbour
valued as a friend
charitable and resigned as a Christian.
He died Feb XIII . MDCCCXVIII.
Aged LXVII.
His widow and children erected
this Monument as the last sincere tribute
of Affection and Esteem.
Mary his Widow
Died January the XVIII . MDCCCLI
Aged XCI years. ”

The parish registers record the burial of Ralph Hotchkin on 20 February 1818 and of his wife Mary on 24 January 1851.

Ralph Hotchkin owned and with his wife Mary may have lived at The Hall in High Street East. In his Will he left £100, the income to be distributed in bread to poor people of Uppingham with preference given to widows and persons with large families.

The monument is set on the wall dividing the Chapel from the North Aisle high above the entrance archway and in consequence is difficult to see clearly.

4. Joseph and Ann Hotchkin

“ Beneath this Marble
Are deposited the Remains of
M^r JOSEPH HOTCHKIN,
Sixth Son of the Rev^d JOHN HOTCHKIN,
Formerly of this Place.
He died ion the 25th day of May
MDCCLXXV,
In the 56th Year of his Age.
From a most sincere & tender Regard
To his Memory,
And to the many admirable Qualities of his Heart,
His affectionate Widow
Hath caused this Monument to be erected.
Also ANN HOTCHKIN the Wife of
M^r JOSEPH HOTCHKIN and Eldest Daughter of
M^r Rob^t Heynes of Alverchurch in Worcestershire
who died on the 19th April 1781, Aged 63 years. ”



***Robert and Mary Hotchkin
Alice Hotchkin***

Joseph Hotchkin was the sixth son of Rev'd John Hotchkin of Abbots Rippon a descendant of Jamaican slave plantation owners and an elder brother to Ralph Hotchkin previously recorded. Born in 1719 Joseph was buried at Uppingham on 28 May 1775 aged 56 and his widow Ann on 22 April 1781. The epitaph quotes Ann's age as 63 years but in the burial register it is given as 64.

The monument is set on the back wall of the Chapel that divides it from the North Aisle.

5. Robert and Mary Hotchkin and Alice Hotchkin

“ Sacred
to the Memory
of Robert Hotchkin Esq^r
who died on the 16th May 1776 ¹
Aged 64 Years.
Also of Mary his Wife
only daughter and Heiress
of William Bevil Esq^r
of Oxney
in the Country of Northampton
who was Buried
on the 2nd November, 1756
Aged 26 years.
Likewise of Alice his Mother
wife of the Rev^d John Hotchkin
who died on the 19th of May 1727.
In respect to the many Virtues
of her much honoured Parents
Mary their only Daughter
with Filial Piety
inscribes this Stone. ”

The monument is placed against the outside wall immediately on the left as one enters the Lady Chapel from the North Aisle.

Robert was a graduate of Lincoln College, Oxford. He inherited The Hall in High Street East where he lived with his wife Mary. In the year 1750 he was Sheriff of Rutland and Churchwarden from 1747 to 1758. The death of his wife Mary, buried on 2nd November 1756 at the early age of 26, was almost certainly the consequence of childbirth; their son Robert being baptised only a few days before on 29th October. Tragically Robert jnr became insane. Their other child Mary who commissioned the monument, married Charles Bowyer Adderley of Hams Hall near Birmingham.

In 1724 Robert's widowed mother Alice married Richard Smith, Rector of Allexton. She lies buried at Uppingham (18 May 1727) but whether in the family vault or elsewhere is not clear.

¹ Figures for Robert Hotchkin's age and date of death, though differing from those quoted in Rutland Magazine Vol II page 71, have been checked with the burial register.



Thomas and Mary Stockman



*Thomas and Catherine Barnes
 Caroline Ann Hotchkin
 Mary Elizabeth Adderley Griffith*

6. Rev'd Thomas Stockman MA. Rector 1682-84

Near this place lyes ye Body of
Thomas Stockman and Mary his
Wife. He was Minister of Upp
ingham and Master of ye Free
School. He dyed Feb the 13th
1684. He survived his Wife
but just 3 months. They left
three sons Thomas, Francis
and Charles, who erected
this in Memory of them.

After graduating at Oxford, Stockman moved to Cambridge becoming a Fellow of Queens College. In 1665 and 1666 he was curate at Uppingham during the incumbency of John Allington and in his second year here married Mary Meres daughter of Francis Meres, Master of the Grammar School. The following year he was instituted Rector of Wardley-with-Belton but lived there for only two years until in April 1669 he was elected Master of the Grammar School at Uppingham a post he held until his death. After his appointment Stockman retained the living of Wardley-with-Belton only relinquishing it in 1682 when he became Rector of Uppingham. He died less than three years later in 1684 while still in his mid- forties.

Stockman remains the only person to have been both Rector of Uppingham and Master of the Grammar School and at the same time.

The location of his grave is not known. It is presumed to lie within the Church as was his right as Rector, somewhere beneath the floor of the Lady Chapel but bearing in mind the alterations and extensions to the north aisle carried out in 1861.

The tablet is placed on the Chapel's outside wall above the permanently closed external doorway.

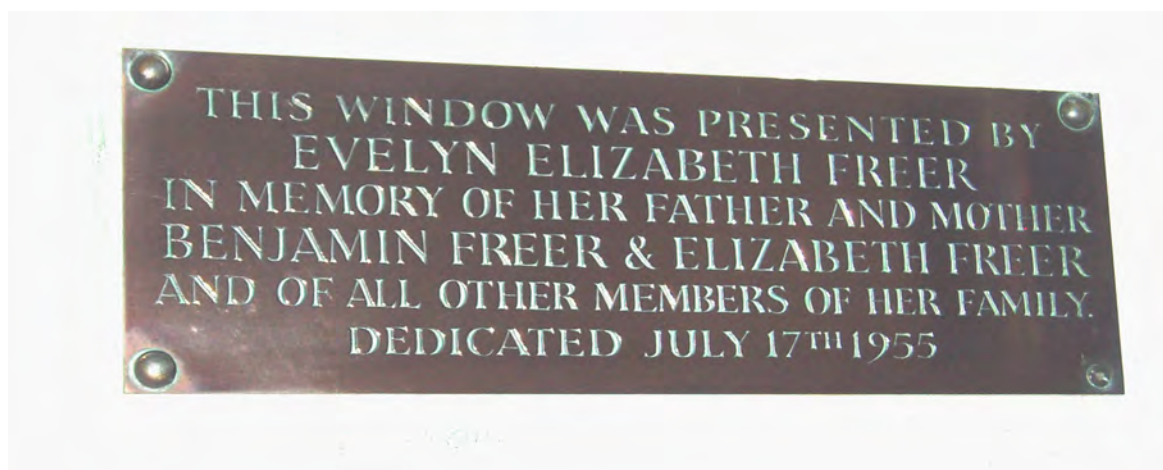
7. Thomas and Catherine Barnes and her Hotchkin Sisters

In Memory of
Thomas Barnes Esquire,
who died December 14th 1849, aged 67 years.

Also of Catherine, his wife
Daughter of the late
Ralph Hotchkin, Esquire, and Mary his wife
who died October 24th 1856, aged 58 years.

And of her Sister
Caroline Ann Hotchkin,
who died December 6th 1843, aged 44 years.

And
Mary Elizabeth Adderley,
widow of the late R C Griffiths, Clerk,
Rector of Corsley, Wilts.
who died March 24th 1846, aged 52 years.



Benjamin & Elizabeth Freer and family

No Image available

The Freer Graves. Lower Cemetery

The monument is seen at the eastern end of the north wall beyond the altar rail.

The tablet commemorates Mary Griffiths, Catherine Barnes and Caroline Hotchkin, three daughters of Ralph and Mary Hotchkin whose monument (No 3) is described earlier.

In 1841 Ralph Hotchkin's widow Mary was living at The Hall in High Street East, together with the unmarried daughter Caroline, her married daughter Catherine Barnes and the latter's husband Thomas Barnes. Mary the third daughter commemorated was absent, presumed to be with her husband Rev'd R C Griffiths of Corsley, Wiltshire. Barnes is described in the Census as a merchant but in the 1846 and 1850 Directories he appears amongst the gentry.

8. Benjamin and Elizabeth Freer

“
This Window was presented by
Evelyn Elizabeth Freer
in Memory of her Father and Mother
Benjamin and Elizabeth Freer
and of all other Members of her family
Dedicated
July 17th 1955. ”

A small brass tablet placed on the outside wall above the panelling at the left of the Lady Chapel altar. It commemorates the parents and siblings of Evelyn Elizabeth Freer of Bournemouth in whose memory she bequeathed the £445.15s cost of the Peter White window above the altar with additional money towards the furnishings of the Chapel.

Evelyn Elizabeth died 24th October 1953 aged 64. Her father Benjamin Freer MRCVS and OU was a veterinary surgeon, carriage proprietor and victualler. He practiced from the stables (now demolished) behind the former White Hart Inn in High Street West which he acquired by virtue of his marriage to Elizabeth Askew daughter of the previous owner. Benjamin Freer died on the 4th November 1909. He is buried in the Lower Churchyard together with his daughter Evelyn Elizabeth and three other children who died in infancy – Edith Mary, Helen Fannie and Benjamin jnr. Their mother, Benjamin's wife Elizabeth died on 6th May 1931 aged 78 and is buried at Littleham, Devon.

Evelyn Elizabeth was their fourth child. She never married. Perhaps hers was another of those numerous private griefs from this time; the name of whoever she might have married recorded instead on the Roll of Honour at the left side of the Tower Arch.



Everardus Fawkener *de*
London, & *de* Upping-
ham, *Vic.* Rutland, 1628.
ob. f. p. 1653.



Everard Fawkener²

²

I am indebted to David and Katharine Gaine of Uppingham School for deciphering and translation of the Latin inscription.

The South Transept - Sacristy or Priest's Vestry

9. Everard Fawkeners

“ Memoriae Sacrum

Viro honoratissimo Everado Fawkeners Armigero in hoc Comitatu olim Vicecomiti, qui obiit 2 die Maii An. Dom. 1653.

Annoque Ætat sui 75.

Clarus ab ingenuis jacet hic Fawkeners Avitis

Quem magè virtutum nobilitavit Amor.

Gestantem summos Rutlandia vidit honores

Quos ambit juris militiæque Decus.

Spectat ab Aurora quaq; Uppinghamia Templum

Sumptibus illius compita strata nitent :

Promptior at Cælum qua nos gradiamur ad altum

Et constipato fit via Munda foro.

Pauperibus Solamen erat: Juvenumque solebat

Angustam larga spem relevare manu.

Lector, ne luges; nec vos lugetis Amici,

Post hæc en superest nescia fama mori.

*In grati animi Testimonium Edvardus Fawkeners Armiger in heredem fibi as-
citus hoc mærens posuit Monumentum. ”*

“ Sacred to the Memory of

*that most honourable man Everard Fawkeners esquire of this County
and once Sheriff; who died the 2nd day of May in the year of Our Lord 1653.*

At the age of 75 years.

Here lies Fawkeners, distinguished by his noble birth,

a virtuous man whom love ennobled greatly.

Rutland saw him earning the highest honours

which encompassed legal and military service.

*Seen whatever way from the East; the Uppingham
crossroads at the Church thrive at the expense of this man :*

he was quite clear how we might go to high heaven

And he laid out a fine road in the market place.

*Which was a comfort to the poor : He was accustomed
to raise the limited hopes of young men with his generous hand.*

*Reader, do not mourn; nor should you my friends mourn,
for indeed after these deeds dying is greater than an unknown reputation.*

*In recognition of his dear life Edward Fawkeners esquire accepted as his heir
in sorrow set up this monument. ”*

The monument is set on the west wall of the Priest's Vestry.

A son of the second marriage of Kenelm Falkener of Stoke Dry, Everard made his fortune as a silk mercer and freeman of the City of London before returning to Uppingham where he bought the Manor of Preston with Uppingham. The town's most considerable citizen of his generation, amongst his many acts of charity he paid for paving Uppingham's main street. In 1628 he became High Sheriff of Rutland. Everard died in 1653 and was buried on 20 May.. He married [Mary ?] widow of Richard Stratford also a citizen and mercer of London. There is no evidence that she or a possible first wife lies buried here.



Elizabeth Jones

Coat of Arms



Today's Vestry and boiler room beneath are part of Chancellor Wales' 1861 Church rebuilding but examination of Uppingham's 1839 and 1858 maps suggest they replaced some previous construction. That the 17th century Fawkener memorial was retained and placed in this position may be indication of an earlier family chapel and mausoleum either here or where now the organ is located. Though evidence is lacking and any interments must have been seriously disturbed or destroyed in 1861, the possibility exists, if only because no other place is associated with burials of this influential and wealthy family who for five generations played such a significant role in the affairs of Uppingham and south Rutland.

The South Transept

10. Elizabeth Jones

“ This monument was placed
here by the Rector of this Parish
in Memory of his Beloved Wife
Mrs Elizabeth Jones
with whom he lived near Twenty
Five Years in y^e most perfect Friend-
ship, & all that Happiness which
a mutual love could give. She
possessed as many Virtues as ever
adorned a Private Life. She was
a most affectionate Wife, a fond
and tender Mother, a faithful
Friend, an easy and indulgent
Mistress. Being of a meek, a quiet
and an humble disposition of
Mind. She lived respected
and died universally lamented
by all her acquaintances 22nd Feb
1744, in the 54 year of her age. ”

Elizabeth Jones wife of Rev'd John Jones LLB, Headmaster of Oundle School 1718-22 and Rector of Uppingham 1743-52. Tragically on 22 February 1744 less than a year after they moved to Uppingham, Elizabeth died aged 53 years.

The tablet surmounted by coat of arms is placed between the chancel arcade and the window outside the sacristy door. This lovely eulogy commands thought, though as Simon Cotton (quoting Dr Johnson) reminds us in his Guide to the Church “In a lapidary inscription, no man is on oath.”

John Jones was buried on 20 July 1752 presumably within the Church as was his right as Rector, together with his wife Elizabeth. Their grave is not identified unless it is one of those slabs with a now illegible inscription.



Elias and Mary Lafargue



*James and Hannah Margarett Hill
William and Julia Hill*

The South Aisle

11 Elias John Lafargue

“ Sacred
to the memory of
Elias John Lafargue Esquire,
whose remains are deposited
in a vault near this place.
He died the 29th of April 1828
aged 52 years.
In pace quiescat.
Also of
Mary relict of
Elias John Lafargue Esquire
who died August 1st, 1842.
Resurgam. ”

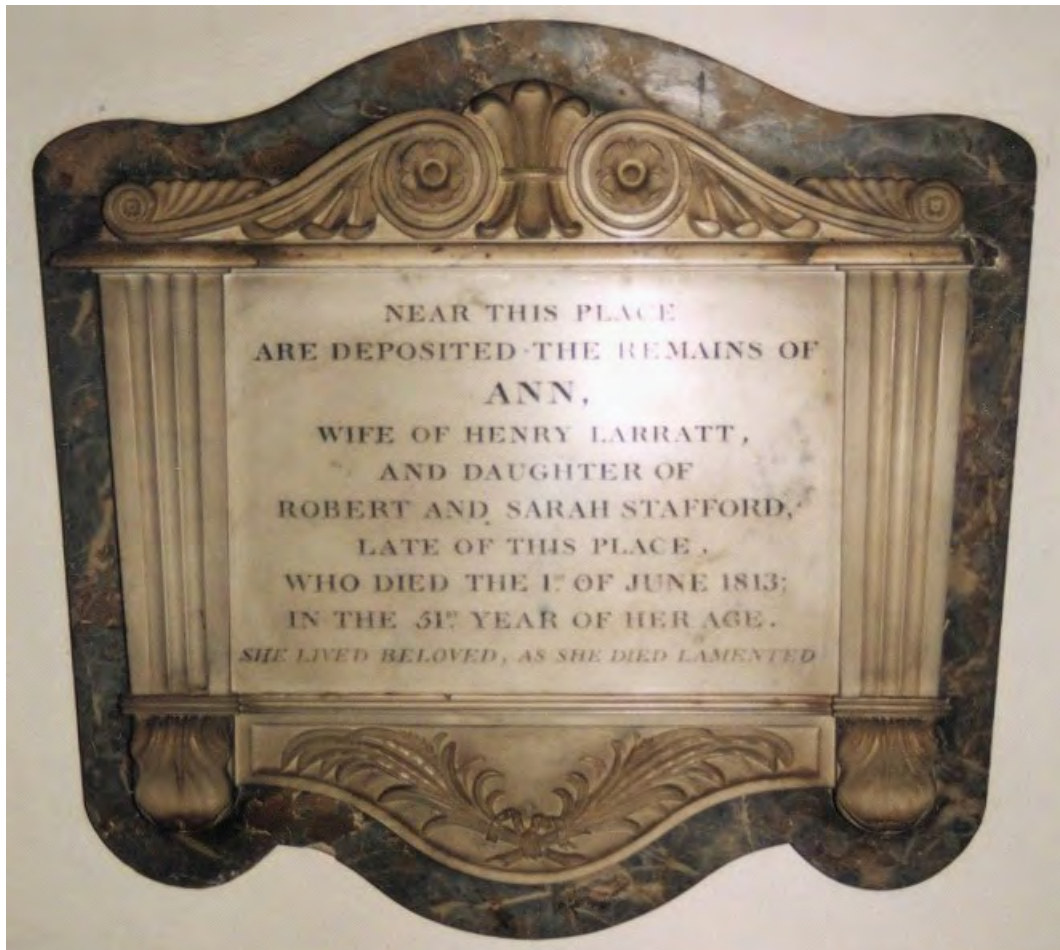
An unsigned tablet with a coat of arms at its base. It is set on the outside wall of the Church's south aisle between the east and central windows nearest the altar of the Jeremy Taylor Chapel

Elias and Mary lived at 23 High Street East. Though listed in Commercial Directories as “Gentry” it is possible he could have been a doctor, surgeon or apothecary. Over many generations their residence was associated with the medical profession - his predecessor having been a doctor and his successor an apothecary.

The location of their grave is not recorded.

12 James Hill and Family

“ NEAR THIS PLACE
ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF
JAMES HILL,
WHO DIED ON THE 16TH OF NOVEMBER, 1811;;
AGED 60 YEARS;
AND OF HIS WIFE **HANNAH MARGARETTA**
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIVE ON THE 2ND OF JUNE, 1814,
AGED 55 YEARS.
ALSO OF THEIR SON **WILLIAM HILL,** WHO DIED ON THE
20TH OF JUNE, 1810, AGED 27 YEARS:
AND OF HIS WIFE **JULIA,** THE DAUGHTER
OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH DRAGE, OF BUNTINGFORD:
WHO DIED ON THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1810,
IN THE 24TH YEAR OF HER AGE.
THIS FAMILY WERE RESPECTED INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF UPPINGHAM,
FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS.
FROM DUTIFUL AND AFFECTIONATE REGARD TO
THE MEMORIES OF THE DECEASED,
THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED
BY THE ONLY SURVIVING CHILD
OF JAMES AND HANNAH MARGARETTA HILL,
MARY, THE WIFE OF WILLIAM WYLD,
OF THE CITY OF LONDON. ”



Ann Larratt



William Herbert Power

James Hill was a prominent wine merchant with offices nearby at The Vaults which he owned together with The Swan, The Unicorn, the building now Ashdale Pharmacy and several other properties in the town. He is credited with bringing banking to Uppingham. Through his wife he owned and lived at 2 Market Place now the Uppingham Post Office .

Their monument, an oval tablet signed by H Rouw of London, is found close to the centre window in the south aisle above the 13th century piscina.

The location of their grave is not known but is assumed to lie nearby beneath the floor of the South Aisle.

13 **Ann Larratt**

“ Near this place
are deposited the remains of
Ann,
Wife of Henry Larratt,
and daughter of
Robert and Sarah Stafford,
late of this place.
Who died the 1st June 1813;
in the 51st year of her age.
She lived beloved and died lamented. ”

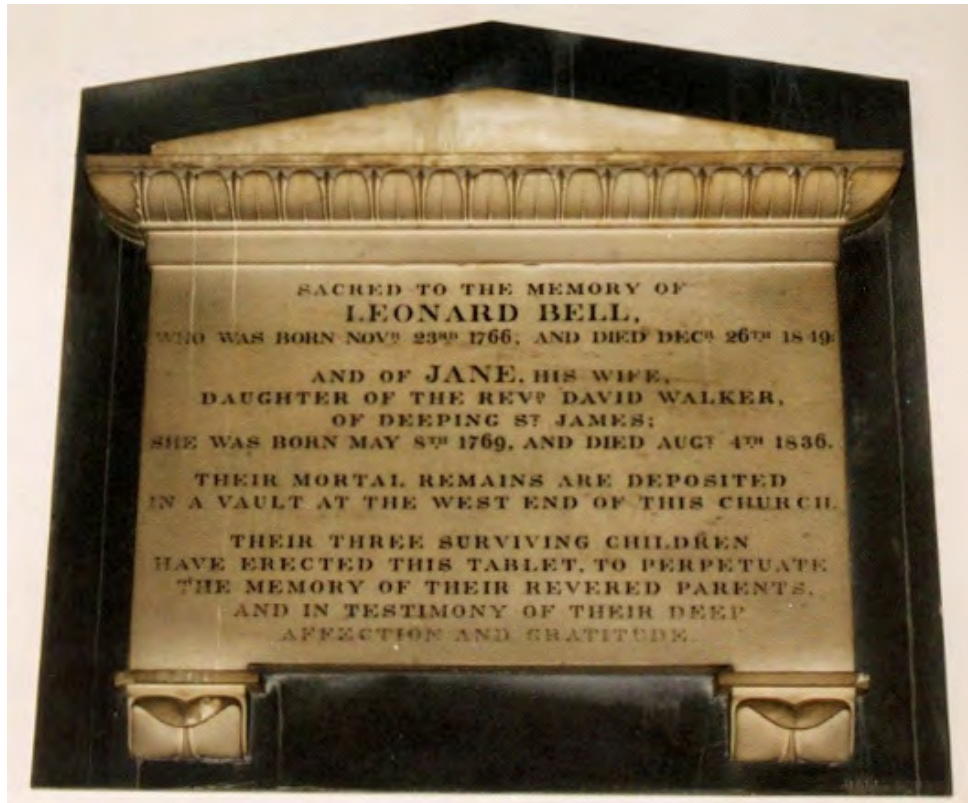
Anne, the wife of Henry Larratt surgeon, doctor and apothecary, is the only one commemorated. She was the daughter of Robert Stafford gentleman of Uppingham, who it seems lived where is now Goldmark Gallery at 14 Orange Street. Surprisingly there is no record of her marriage taking place in Uppingham nor of any possible children of the union baptised here. Although Henry erected this memorial to his wife in the parish church, her burial is not recorded in the parish registers.

They owned and lived at 23 High Street East home to several generations of Uppingham doctors, apothecaries and surgeons. In 1816/17 three years after Ann's death, Henry sold the property and it is assumed the practice, to Elias John and Mary Lafargue whose memorial tablet (No 11) can be seen on the wall near the third (Comper) window.

The graves of Henry's parents and siblings lie in the churchyard nearby [Churchyard Survey ref Area 3 no 48].

14 **William Herbert Power MA**

“ In
grateful and
loving memory of
William Herbert Power MA
Assistant Master of
Uppingham School 1892 – 1929.
Born 19th November 1869.
Died 1st February 1949.
Erected by his Widow
and Son. ”



Leonard and Jane Bell

Brass oval fixed to the south wall immediately below the memorial to Ann Larratt.

William Herbert Power MA Clare College, Cambridge, was an Assistant Master at Uppingham School from 1892 to 1929 but never a housemaster. He may have built and certainly lived in the house called "Hillside" at 7 Stockerston Road.

Power married twice. His first wife Jane Ethel died 24th June 1919 – a possible victim of the Spanish flu' epidemic – and is buried in the Lower Churchyard. Power died in 1949 leaving a widow F I Power. The place where he and his second wife are buried has not been located.

15 **Leonard and Jane Bell**

“ Sacred to the memory of Leonard Bell
who was born Nov. 23rd 1766 and died Dec. 26th 1849.

Also to Jane his wife,
daughter of the Rev^d. David Walker of Deeping St James.
She was born May 8th 1769 and died August 4th 1836.

Their mortal remains are deposited in a vault at the west end of this church.
Their three surviving children have erected this tablet
to perpetuate the memory of their revered parents
and in testimony of their deep affection and gratitude. ”

The tablet by Hall (possibly Joseph Hall of Derby) is placed high on the wall at the west end of the south aisle between the Children's Window and the corner.

Bell was a liquor merchant who owned The Vaults in Uppingham's Market Place in succession to James Hill (whose memorial is also found in the south aisle). He and Jane lived close by in today's Post Office building. Jane died aged 67 and was buried on the 6 August 1836. Leonard lived 13 years longer and was buried on the 31st December 1849 next his wife. They are commemorated in this fine funerary monument placed on the Church's south wall by the survivors of their ten children – David William, Mary Ann (Cox) and Samuel. The location of their vault is not stated.

A second memorial tablet commemorating the five of their seven children who are buried at Uppingham is found in the same position but set back to back on the outside of the south aisle wall in the angle made with the church tower³. Below it are three small headstones commemorating Leonard, Jane and their son James. The likelihood is that the vault referred to in the memorial inscription is located in this corner of the churchyard made by the angle of the church's walls and holds the remains of all members of the family excepting the two children presumed to have died in Stamford and buried there .

³ Item 16 following and ULHSG's Churchyard Survey corner 2 SW corner of tower, no 6.



Tablet commemorating the five sons of Leonard & Jane Bell



The monument to the Bell children and family headstones below.



Jane Bell



Leonard Bell



J [James] Bell

Outside

Two more funerary monuments are attached to the external walls of the Church and a possible third tablet now lies on the ground.

16 The Sons of Leonard and Jane Bell

“ In affectionate remembrance of
five of the Sons of
LEONARD and JANE BELL.
HENRY WALKER
who died 6 Dec. 1819. Aged 16 years.⁴
ROBERT
who died 20 Nov. 1820. Aged 20 Years.
CHARLES LEONARD
who died 4 Augst 1821. Aged 24 Years.
JAMES
Who died [] [] 1836. Aged 32 Years.
EDWARD GARFIELD
who died 17 July 1846. Aged 48 Years.
[.]
[.]

This second memorial to the Bell family (liquor merchants and bankers) is set high on the end wall of the south aisle in the angle south west of the tower. Its position on the outside of the wall of the south aisle back to back to the memorial to Leonard and Jane Bell inside the church, has to be deliberate⁵.

The tablet commemorates five of the seven children of Leonard and Jane who died and were buried at Uppingham during the lives of their parents. The names are listed by the year of death, not birth.

The commemorative tablet was placed by Leonard and Jane's three surviving children. The transcript included here should be treated with caution. Besides words and figures now unreadable, certain of the dates differ from those found in the Parish Registers; and not just by the few days between a death and the burial of the deceased.

The likelihood is that the vault referred to in the Bell memorial inside the Church is located in this corner of the churchyard made by the angle of the church's walls and holds their remains and those of their five children.

Below the tablet are three small headstones commemorating Leonard, Jane and their son James. Why there are no headstones for the other four sons, or if there once were, is not now known.

⁴ After two centuries of weathering the inscription is difficult to read. The date of Henry's death could be the 8th. As he was born in 1795, his age when he died should be 24, not 16 years.

⁵ See the Bell funerary monument (item 15 above) and the Churchyard Survey Corner 2 SW corner of the tower, item 6.



Jane Robinson



Elizabeth Jackson

In
memory of
 JANE ROBINSON
relict of
 WILLIAM ROBINSON ESQ
late of Ashwell
who died 19th April 1802
 AGED 81 YEARS

The tablet lies fallen on the ground in the SW angle of the Church amongst the Bell family headstones. Its shape suggests it may once have been mounted on the Church's wall but no indication now exists whether or where that might have been.

Nothing is known about Jane Robinson but the likelihood is she came from an Uppingham family. She could have returned to live here after she was widowed or arranged to be buried here after her death. Investigation is needed to find the evidence for this supposition, as also to identify her family, dates of birth, marriage, death, etc.

18 **Elizabeth Jackson⁶**

“ AT THE FOOT OF THIS WALL
 INSIDE THE CHURCH
 LIE THE REMAINS OF
 ELIZABETH JACKSON
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 ON THE 24 DAY AUGUST
 1822
 AGED 44 YEARS. ”

Elizabeth Jackson was buried 29 August 1822. If indication exists to the position of her grave, it lies hidden by the wooden floor under the pews in the south aisle. No reason is known why her memorial is placed outside, not inside the church adjacent to her grave.

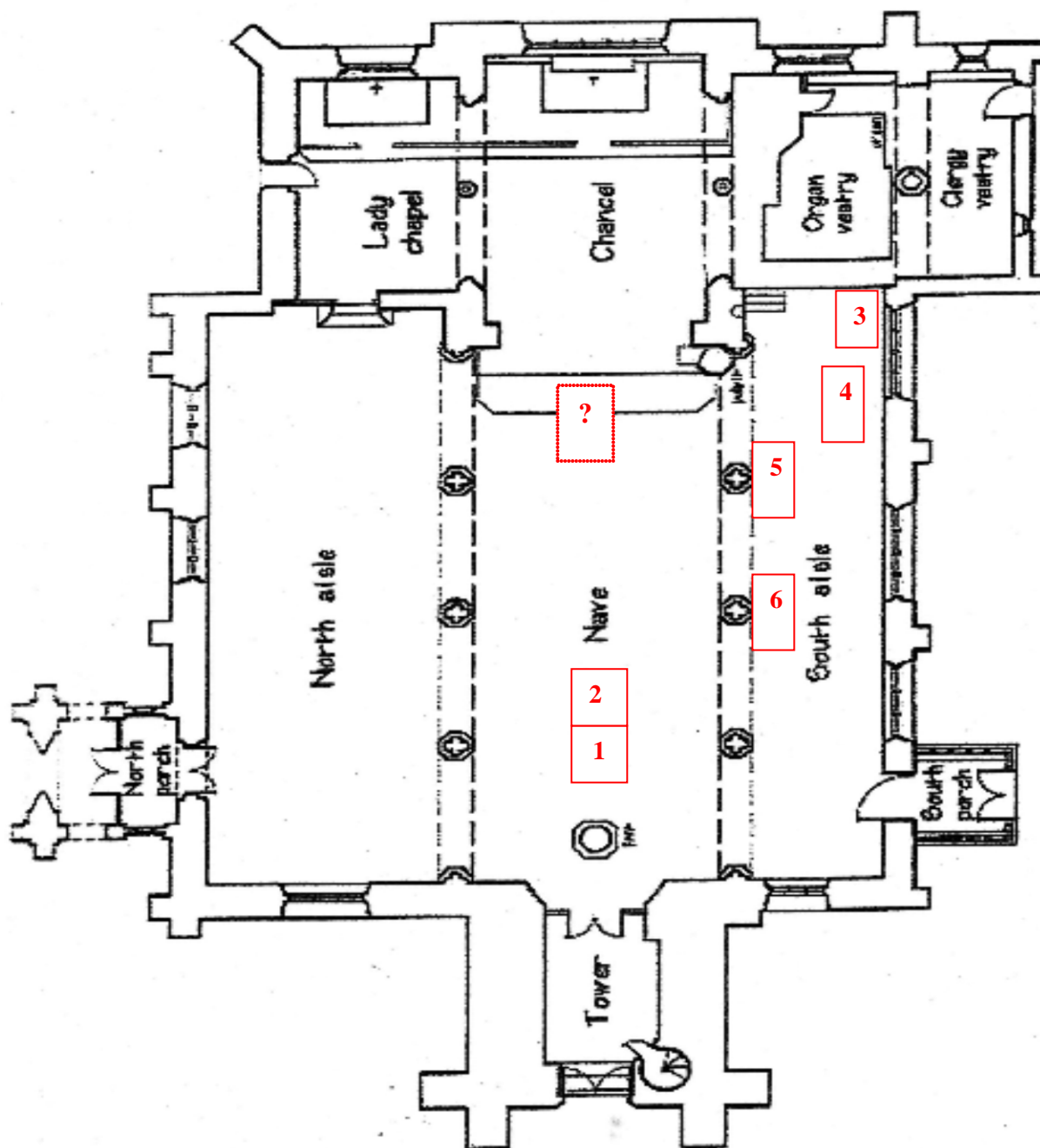
Neither has Elizabeth been identified. The burial register gives her abode as Barkway in Hertfordshire though her burial here indicates her connection with Uppingham.

At the time four or five families of this surname lived in Uppingham. A possibility is Elizabeth was a relative of the Rev'd Jeremiah Jackson, Headmaster of the Grammar School 1777-94 but no supporting evidence has been found. A more likely explanation is she was related to Edward Jackson chemist and druggist who in the next generation resided at 23 High Street East. Could it be coincidence that both the chemists & druggists Larratt and Lafargue lived at this same address, that both are commemorated in funeral monuments⁷ set in the same wall but on the inside of the Church and that Elizabeth was interred in the same area of the south aisle as they and their families ? The three families were connected by occupation, address and perhaps were related too.

⁶ Also listed at entry 3.20a under Area 3 of ULHSG's Churchyard Survey.

⁷ See earlier at items 11 and 13.

CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL, UPPINGHAM



POSITIONS OF THE GRAVE SLABS

Graves, Floor Slabs and Brasses

Little information besides the funerary monuments already described is known for the existence of burials under the floor of the Church – the record of perhaps two dozen or so wills and the six slate slabs set in the floor of the centre and south aisles are all there is. Yet, in the light of past burial customs and on the evidence of neighbouring parish churches such as All Hallows, Seaton the likelihood is that graves lie beneath most of the floor area. Burials were recorded in the parish registers but which of the deceased were interred within the Church is not indicated, though we may assume they belonged the more important and certainly wealthier Uppingham families.

Many of these graves must have been seriously disturbed by the 1861 rebuilding and installation of under floor heating. During the post 2000 renovations several of the slabs were repositioned when it was discovered they had been moved at least once previously because no graves were found beneath them.

Two of the graves are located at the west end of the Church's central aisle adjoining each other and extending beyond the pews towards the tower arch. Each is surrounded by the same chequer pattern of alternating squares of black and white marble. No connection is known to link the two interments and explain a same ornamental border which is not repeated for the slabs in the south aisle.

Until recently a third slab could be found at the eastern end of the central aisle next the chancel steps. As part of the 2001-5 reordering works it was moved to a new position in the south aisle and placed between the pews and the altar table.

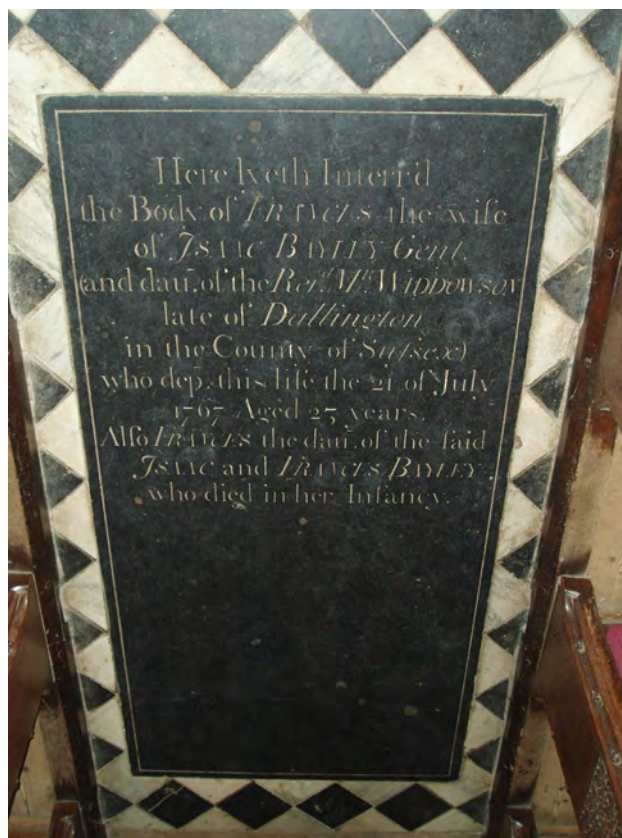
The remaining four grave slabs (including the above) are set in the floor of the South Aisle, none likely to be in their original position. Two are placed at or close to the altar table of the Jeremy Taylor Chapel between the pews and the organ. The others lie in the aisle proper adjoining the centre two columns. A ventilation grate part of the heating system lies between them, an indication of likely disturbance in the past.

A funerary monument to Elizabeth Jackson described earlier that is seen on the outside of the Church's south wall below the middle window records the existence of another interment within the South Aisle hidden under the wooden floor of the pews, and most likely unmarked.

Two centuries and more of treading and cleaning have worn the inscriptions on the grave slabs. Three are still readable, but not the others. The present generation's misfortune is that nobody seems to have made a record of what they said when the inscriptions were still legible.



Mary and Elizabeth [?]



Frances Bayley and her daughter Frances

The Nave Centre Aisle

1. Mary and Elizabeth [?]

“ In Memory of
Mary B
who died . 0
Aged 6 Years
And also of
Elizabeth
who died
Aged
s s o
Daughters of”

The grave slab of grey slate is positioned between the first pair of pews at the western end of the church's central aisle extending towards the font and tower arch. The surface is worn so that the words are now mostly unreadable. No record of the inscription has been traced nor the names discovered of the apparent sisters commemorated here. .

2. Frances Bayley and Frances her infant daughter

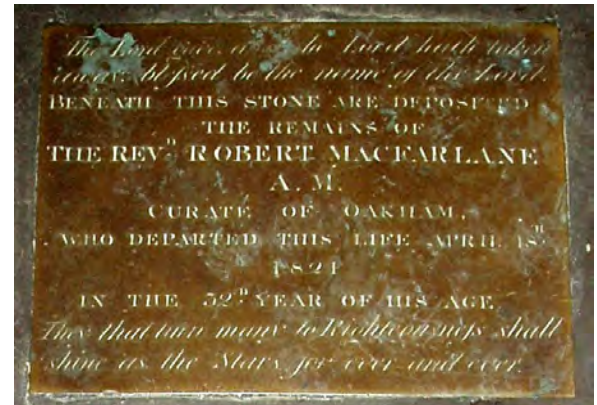
Here lyeth Interr'd
the Body of *Frances* the wife
of *Isaac Bayley Gent.*
(and dau. of the Rev^d M^r [Wibbowson]
late of Dallington
in the County of Sussex)
who dep. this life the 21 of July
1767 Aged 23 years.
Also *Frances* the dau. of the said
Isaac and Frances Bayley
who died in her infancy?

The slate slab is positioned in the centre aisle lying between the second, third and fourth rows of pews, its head pointing to the west. The inscription fills the top half of the space and is still mostly readable. The lower part of the slate remains blank ready to record her husband Isaac Bayley's later burial, but never carried out.

Frances' dowry settlement was sufficient to necessitate a Will with probate sought from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury¹. Dated 19 July 1767 the Will was made in extremis only two days before her death on 21 July and burial the same day. She was but one of 27 persons in the town who died from smallpox that year. Her 10 day old daughter also Frances buried a day earlier in the same grave as her mother was another of the victims.

Her husband Isaac was an attorney at law employed in one of the two Uppingham legal practices. There is no further mention of him at Uppingham so the absence of his inscription on the grave slab suggests he moved away after their deaths.

¹ PCC Wills catalogue ref 11/939 proved 30 June 1768. ROLLR acc ref DE 1797/4/197.



Rev'd Robert Macfarlane A M



**Former position
at the
Chancel steps**



**Barbara Bagnall
and
Dorothy Standish**

The South Aisle

3. Rev'd Robert Macfarlane

“ The Lord gives and the Lord hath taken
and blessed be the name of the Lord.

BENEATH THIS STONE ARE DEPOSITED
THE REMAINS OF
THE REVD ROBERT MACFARLANE
A.M.
CURATE OF OAKHAM
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 18TH
1821
IN THE 32ND YEAR OF HIS AGE.

They that turn many to Righteousness shall
shine as the Stars for ever and ever. ”

The memorial comprises an inscribed brass plaque set into a slate slab in the church floor adjoining the outside wall beneath the Comper Window. No more is known about Macfarlane. A possible reason for his burial here is that he was a master at Uppingham's Grammar School who, as was usual for the time, undertook the duties of curate in some neighbouring parish, in this case at All Saints, Oakham. This needs substantiating.

4. Barbara Bagnall and Dorothy Standish

“ Under this stone lyeth the Body of
Barbara Bagnall Widow
who died on the [] day of Feb 1761
Aged 66 Years.
And here [] [] lyeth the Body of
Dorothy Standish
Who died on the []th day
of Feb 1769
Aged 67 Years.
They were the daughters of the
Reverend William Standish
who was nearly 54 Years
Rector of this Parish. ”

The sisters Barbara and Dorothy were respectively the third and sixth children of William Standish Rector of Uppingham (1689-1743) and Elizabeth (née Lowth) his first wife.

The slate funerary slab with its head pointing to the west is positioned in the south aisle between the front of the pews and the Chapel altar table. There is no likelihood that the slab is now in its original position having been moved here as part of the Church's re-ordering in 2001-05. Before then it lay at the east end of the centre aisle abutting the steps to the chancel and given the lengthening of the nave in 1861 even this place is unlikely to have been its original position.



John [?] and [Ann ?] his wife



[Anon]

Barbara Standish was baptised 25 May 1694 at Uppingham. In 1717 or 1718 she married Thomas Bagnall whose grocers shop and residence was at 10 & 12 High Street East today Nelson's Butchers and the wool shop. Bagnall predeceased his wife. He was buried in woollens on the 21 September 1741, not it appears in the same grave as Barbara but in the churchyard although its location has not been identified. Barbara died in 1761 and was buried on 11 February beneath the floor of the church.

Her younger sister Dorothy was baptised 26 November 1701. She died in 1769 aged 67 and was laid to rest on 17 March next her sister. She never married. It is possible that as the youngest daughter she was expected to look after her widower father. After his death in 1743 she went to live with her by then widowed sister Barbara, perhaps staying on there with her nephew Thomas Bagnall jnr till she died.

5. John [] and [Ann ?] his wife

“ Here
lies the Body of
John [] t] Gent :
Son of [.] []
Gent :
and [Ann ?] his Wife.
He died Dec^r 7 13th 2
17 1. ”

The slab lies at the east end of the aisle between the pillar and the first pew extending into the open area. The slab is edged on three sides by a border of incised “running dog” pattern but not at the head where the slate has been cut to reduce its length; perhaps to fit some previous location.

The inscription fills the top (western end) of the slab leaving the remainder blank. Although still partly legible the surface is now too worn to discover the names of the husband and wife commemorated.

6. Anon

Other than one or two letters at the left side of the middle area of the slab, no trace of the inscription can now be read that once named the person or persons buried here,. Nor is there knowledge of any record made at some earlier time of what that inscription might have been.

² Aliter 18th.



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The Church Interior 1832 : painting by E Falkner

The lower part of the memorial to James and Margareta Hill (No 12) is visible below the gallery at the left of the column, but the shape of the corner of the next tablet at the extreme right of the picture differs from that of the present day memorial to Ann Larratt (No 13). Surviving information is insufficient to judge if this is artistic inaccuracy or whether the Larratt memorial has been moved at some time in the past.

Church Burials from Uppingham Wills

It is thought that virtually all the space under the floor of the Church is filled with interments. Lacking memorials few, if any, of the deceased are identified except for a minority by references in wills and the position of their graves not at all. Some of the wills are listed below as examples. Others can be discovered by reference to PCC Wills held at the PRO and to Diocesan Wills at the Northamptonshire Record Office. Duplicates of some of these are available at ROLLR.

Dates require confirmation. They may refer to the date of death or burial, to when a will was proved, or something else entirely, depending on the context and circumstances described.

1553 Aug 28	Henry Hill	“ My body to be buried in the Church before my seat wherein I sit.”
1580/81	Isobel Geares	“ My body to be buried in the Church of St Peter in Uppingham.”
1587	Edward Burton	“ I will that my body be buried on the south side of the Parish Church of Uppingham near unto the window called Mr Digby’s window where my wife and my four children are buried.”
1591 Aug 5	Clement Brettagne	“ My body to be buried in the Church of Uppingham.”
1616 Nov 4	Everard Bretton	“ My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Parish Church of Uppingham.”

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The Church interior after the 1860-1 Restoration

In Hawthorn's print the grave slabs (Nos 1 and 2) at the west end of the nave's centre aisle are clearly seen. The only memorial visible is that to Elias John and Jane Lafargue (No 11) in the south aisle at the extreme right of the picture.

