

From A Topographical and Historical Account of the Parish of St. Marylebone, Thomas Smith, London, John Smith, 1833

ST. JOHN'S WOOD CHAPEL

This is a substantial unpretending chapel of the Ionic order, designed by the late Thomas Hardwick, Esq. It is divided into two stories, with square windows to give light to the pews under the galleries, and with lofty semi-circular headed windows to light the galleries and body of the edifice. The portico is tetrastyle, and has a dial or clock-face in the tympanum of the pediment. Above this is a cubical tower, with steps, which forms a pedestal to a handsome lantern of the Roman Doric order. Apertures between the columns give light to the belfry, which is covered by a hemispherical cupola, ball, and vane.

The interior has a very novel and pleasing appearance, the pillars and pews being painted white, and having mahogany mouldings on the tops. The pulpit and reading desk are on opposite sides of the building ; the altar is at the north end, the usual inscriptions are painted in gold letters on a black ground : above these inscriptions is a small semi-circular stained glass window, producing a very pretty effect as seen from the entrance to the chapel. It is singular, that although the interior of this chapel has never been painted since it was consecrated in 1814, it appears as fresh and clean as at the first day, which can only be accounted for, by the purity of the atmosphere, and absence of surrounding buildings.

The present Minister is the Rev. Thomas Wharton, M. A., Master of the Clergy Orphan School.

Clerk, Mr. John Emperor.

The monumental tablets placed against the walls of this chapel, are most beautiful specimens of modern sculpture, by the most celebrated professors of the age : here may be seen the productions of Chantrey, Behnes Wyatt, Hardenberg, Rouw, Austin, Blore, C. H. Smith, Lupton, Sams, &c. and it is to be regretted, by all lovers of the Fine Arts, that the sum charged for permission to erect a monument in this chapel is so enormous, that it amounts almost to a prohibition.

In the Vaults underneath this chapel are deposited the Remains of many eminent persons ; among whom is Mrs. West, the wife of the late Benjamin West, P.R.A who promised, a short time before his death, to paint an altar-piece for presentation to this chapel, but his dissolution frustrated the carrying of his kind intention into effect.

List of Monuments in the Chapel.

North End.

Charles Reynolds, Lieutenant-General in the Service of the East India Company. He served in India from the year 1772, till 1807, with eminent advantage to the Public and honour to himself. He filled the office of Surveyor-General under the Presidency of Bombay ; and has left, for the information of the World, a map of Hindustan, constructed from actual survey by himself and assistants ; a lasting monument of his professional fame! He died at Cheltenham on the 24th of June, 1819.

Sacred to the Memory of an affectionate friend and kind father, John Tunno, Esq. of Devonshire Place, died May 15, 1819, aged 73 years. (A beautiful Monument by W. Behnes, Sculptor. Bust of the deceased on a Pillar, with a mourning figure of a young man, size of life).

Lieutenant-General Charles Morgan, many year's Senior Officer on the Bengal Establishment, in the Service of the East India Company; he died March 21, 1819, (Splendid Monument by F. Hardenberg).

Sarah Capel, daughter of John and Eleanor Capel, of Russell Square, 1822. (Splendid Monument by Chantrey).

Maria Anna, the wife of Thomas Hayward Budd, of Bedford Row, London Esq. who died on the 25th of April 1819 ; also, the Body of Thomas Hayward Budd, Esq. who died July 14, 1820. (A beautiful Monument by R.J. Wyatt).

“She is not dead but sleepeth”

William Ruddiman, Esq. M. D. formerly of Madras, who died January, 20, 1826.

Mrs. Eliza Kyd, wife of Lieutenant-General Alexander Kyd, who died Jan. 22, 1819 ; also, Lieutenant-General Kyd, of the Hon. East-India Company's Service, Chief Engineer, Bengal Establishment, who died Nov. 25, 1826.

West Side.

Sophronia Rebecca, Relict of the late Lieutenant-General G. Stibbert, who died Oct. 18, 1815.

Robert Woodmass, Esq. lat of Montagu Square, who died Jan. 28, 1820.

Charles Augustus Godfrey Pieschell, Esq. who died April 6, 1821, aged 70 years. His liberal contributions during his life to the numerous Charitable Institutions of this

Country, his munificent bequests at his death for their support, and the Establishment of an Asylum in his native city of Magdeburgh in Germany, for the Education of Poor Boys and Girls, are lasting Records of his Benevolence.

Isabella, wife of Patrick Bartlet, Esq. of Nottingham Place, who died Feb. 8, 1821.

“Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven”

Charles Binney, Esq. formerly of Madras, who died Feb. 2, 1822.

Augustus Frederick Pieschell, Esq. late of Wandsworth Common, and of Ballards in the County of Surrey ; that erected to the memory of his departed relative, by the wishes of his surviving mother, brothers and sisters, at Magdeburgh, in Germany.

South End.

Jane Arbuthnot, daughter of the late Robert Arbuthnot, Esq. Secretary to the Board of Trustees, for the Improvement of Manufactures in Scotland ; and of Mary Urquhart, of Craigston, his wife. She died in Wimpole Street, Feb. 2, 1819.

Miss Mary Alston, who died July 4, 1825.

Susannah Maria, wife of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Flint, of the 25th Regiment of Foot, who died Feb. 18, 1825.

In Memory of John Farqhar, Esq. of Fonthill Abbey, in the County of Wilts, and of this Parish, who departed this life July 6, 1826, aged 76 years. (Handsome Monument with medallion head, likeness of the deceased, by P. Rouw Sculptor)

Lieutenant-General George Deare : he commanded the Corps of Artillery on the Bengal Establishment for many years, and served as a Major-General on the Staff of the Army of that Presidency. He died March 5, 1828.

East Side.

George Cherry, Esq. late of Nottingham Place, in this Parrish, and for many years, Chairman of the Victualling Board ; who died Feb. 12, 1815.

Anna Maria Lushington, eldest daughter of William Lushington, and Anna Maria his wife ; she died with the hooping-cough, at an early age of seven years, on Sept. 24, 1816.

Peter Cherry, Esq. of Gloucester Place, New Road, who died Jan. 10, 1818; also, his wife Elizabeth, who survived him only six months.

Martha Maria, Relict of the late George Frederick Cherry, Esq. the Hon. East India Company's Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal at Benares ; she departed this life, Jan. 21, 1819.

John Williams, Esq. many years a Resident in the Island of Newfoundland, who died in this Parish, Jan, 26, 1819.

“Be thou faithful unto Death, And I will give thee a crown of life.”

Charlotte Stratton, Spinster, daughter of the late William Stratton, Esq. Member of Council at Bombay ; who departed this life on the 11th day of October, 1819, aged 43 years ; also, in Memory of her Mother, Jane Stratton, who died May 15, 1830, in her 80th year.

About 40,000 persons lie interred in the cemetery belonging to this chapel. But from the comparatively small number of memorials erected, the casual visitor would not suppose there were one half the number.

List of Persons to whom Memorials have been erected.

Sally, wife of Thomas Tomlins, who died July 9, 1815 ; also, the above named Thomas Tomlins, who died August, 1824.

In memory of Edward Foxhall, Esq. who died Oct. 29, 1815.

David Pike Watts, Esq. late of Portland Place. A name recorded by the founder himself of the Madras system of Education, as the first person, who actually introduced that system into practice in England. He died by his only surviving child Mary Watts Russell, and his son-in-law Jesse Watts Russell. (Marble Tomb by Chantrey).

Isabella, wife of Mr. John Sowerby, who died Feb. 27, 1820.

George Mowbray, Esq. who died May 16, 1825.

John Stewart, Esq. July 21, 1826.

William Raymond, Esq. Lieutenant-General in his Majesty's Service, who died June 9, 1830.

Jonathan Fiske, 1823

Mrs. Charlotte Faulkner, 1822

This Ground was bought by Mr. John Finlayson of Upper Baker Street, to deposit under this stone the mortal in Mr. Finlayson's House, on January 25, 1824.

Mary, wife of William Porden, Esq. Architect, 1819

Mrs. Sarah Pratt, 1820

John Lack, Esq. 1824

The Rev. Francis Thomas Hanson, Rector of Wydford, Herts, and of Quidenham Norfolk, 1824

Eleanora Franklin, wife of Captain John Franklin of the Royal Navy, 1825

Margaret, wife of James Walker, Esq. Collector of His Majesty's Customs, at Berbice, 1828

Philip Raine, Esq. of Gainford, in the county of Durham, 1824

Captain John Meade, of the 26th Regiment, 1827

Amelius Peach Sparkes, infant son of the late George Sparkes, Esq. of Elmfield House, Devon, 1826

Samuel Cleverly, Esq. M.D. 1824

Mr. Thomas Hogg, 1825

Walter Sumpter, Esq. 1823

The Rev. Alexander Hewatt, D.D. 1824

Dr. Robert Gordon, late Physician to His Majesty's Forces, and Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, 1822

Mr. Henry Hawkins, Lieutenant of the Royal Navy, 1821

Captain John Lutman, late of the Royal Veteran Battalion, and formerly of the 81st Regiment ; who after painfully lingering from a severe wound received on the 16th of January, 1809, in the Battle of Corunna, when serving in the latter Corps, died Jan. 20, 1821.

Matthew Evan Thomas, Architect. A Student of the Royal Academy of London, and a Member of the Academy of Rome and Florence, 1830

Margaret, 4th daughter of Donald M'Leod, Esq. 1822

William Greene, Esq. Surgeon, R.N 1822

Maria Candidade Britto, Native of Fundao, in the Kingdom of Portugal, 1824

Thomas Tredgold, Esq. Civil Engineer, 1829

Sarah Watson, wife of Thomas Watson, M.D. 1830

Gregorio Franchi Chivalier; of the Portuguese Order of the Christ, who died in London, 1828

Francis Beaty, Esq. Purser in the Royal Navy, 1822

Miss Mary S. Mackenzie, daughter of Alexander Mackenzie, Esq. Banker in Inverness, 1820

James Farley Pratt, Esq. son of George Pratt, Esq, of the Island of Antigua, 1819

Francis Skeoton, M.D. 1827

Mrs. Mary Ann Fitz Gerald, Spinster, who died Sept. 4, 1816, aged 60, she was the eldest daughter of the late Colonel Anster Fitz Gerald of the Desmond Branch of the family.

Captain Frederick Ernest De Pirch, of the 73d Regiment and son of the late Lieutenant-General De Pirch, of Stargard, in Pomerania. He died March 26, 1815.

Baron De Beaufort, 1814

Martha, wife of Donald Ross, late of the Colony of Berbice, 1820

John Francis William Rocquelin, a Native of Eu in France, 1819

Lionel Booth, of Saxmundham, Suffolk, 1815

On the West Side of this Cemetery, opposite No. 44 on the wall, and 26 feet from it, is a flat stone, underneath which are deposited the Remains of Joanna Southcott, the pretended Prophetess, with the following inscription;

In Memory of
Joanna Southcott,
Who departed this life, Dec. 27, 1814, aged 65 years.
"While through all thy wondrous days,
Heaven and Earth enraptur'd gaz'd.
While vain Sages think they know,

Secrets, Thou Alone canst show.
Time alone will tell what hour,
Thou'lt appear in "Greater" Power.
Sabineus.

On a black marble Tablet, let into the wall opposite to the above spot, is the following inscription in gilt letters, in addition to the above.

"Behold the time shall come, that these Tokens which I have told Thee, shall come to pass, and the Bride shall Appear, and She coming forth, shall be seen that now is withdraw from the Earth."

2nd of Esdras, Chap. 7th, ver. 26th.

"For the Vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, Not Lie, though it tarry, Wait for it; Because it will Surely Come, it will not tarry."

Habakkuk, Chap. 2, ver. 3d.

"And whoever is delivered from the Foresaid evils, shall see My Wonders."

2d of Esdras, Chap. 7, ver. 27th. (see her Writings.)

This Tablet was Erected

By the sincere Friends of the above,

Anno Domini, 1828.

AT ST. JOHN'S WOOD CHAPEL.

Dr. Samuel T. Bridger, late of the Hon. East India Company's Service, 1821

Janet Frances, Infant daughter of Lieutent-Colonel Colquitt, of the Grenadier Guards, 1818.

Emma Caroline Ward, daughter of James Ward, Esq. R.A. 1817

Captain George Ward Paterson, of the Hon. East India Company, Madras European Regiment, 1817

Mary Anne, wife of Charles Dupre Russell, Esq. of the Bengal Civil Service, 1831
William Meredith, Esq. 1831

George Cochrane, Esq. Family Vault.

Eliza, wife of David Henderson, Esq. 1830

Matilda, wife of Alexander John Colvin, Esq. 1830

Susan Anne, the wife, and the infant son of George Anderson, Esq. 1830

Margaret M'Leod Macqueen, elder daughter of Captain Roderick Macqueen, who died sept. 2, 1829. (This is a splendid Monument, with Inscriptions Upon white marble slab, and an iron canopy ornamented and raised on iron pillars).

Fanny, wife of Lieutenant Horatio Nelson Noble, 1829

Mrs. Frances Hughes, Relict of Robert Hughes, Esq. late of the East India Company's Civil Service, at the Presidency of Madras, 1827

William Parry, Esq. late of Montagu Square, and of Walton Hall, in the County of Suffolk, 1826

The Rev. Gilbert Parke, Minister of St. John's Wood Chapel, 1824

John Harwood, late of King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, Esq. 1824

Thomas Robertson, Esq. late of the Hon. East India Company's Naval Service, 1822

Sir William Young, K.G.C.B. Admiral of the Red Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and Vice Admiral of Great Britain.

The Rev. Millington Buckley; also, Mrs. Ann Buckley, relict of the above, 1829

Charlotte Barnett, fourth daughter of Benjamin Barnett, Esq. of London, Banker, 1821; also, Mrs. Avice Barnett, Esq. 1822.

Thomas Wheeler Milner, Esq. 1819

William Charles Hicks, Esq. 2nd son of the late J.W. Hicks, Esq. of the City of Bath, 1818

Family Vault of Sir John Coghill, Bart. Eliza Hinde, da. of Sir John Coghill, Bart. late of Coghill Hall, Yorkshire; and Wife of the Rev. Nathaniel Hinde, Rector of King's Swinford, Staffordshire, 1821

MONUMENTS IN THE CEMETERY

George Jones, Esq. 1829

Mary Richards, Relict of the Rev. Geo. Richards, of Longbredy, Dorset, 1815; also Marcia, Lady of Major-General Sir Colquhoun Grant, K.C.B. 3d daughter of the above, 1818; also of Master Marcus Richards Grant, son of the above Gen. Sir Colquhoun and Lady Grant, 1818

Robert Heathcote, Esq. 1819; Lieut. Col. George Deare Heathcote, of the East India Company's Bengal Military Establishment, son of the above.

John Manners, son of John William Calvert. M.D. 1824 Augusta Louisa Anne, 2 Daughters of the Rev. Christopher Hawkins, Rector of Kelston, in the Co. of Somerset, 1818

Lieut.- Col. Robert Monckton Grant, of the Hon. East India Company's Service, 1814 Stephen Harris, Esq. Lieut. R.N. and late Resident in the Province of Tipperah in Bengal, 1815

Mrs. Anne Truscott, widow of Richard Truscott, Esq. of the Royal Navy, 1820

Miss Eliza Okeover Heming, daughter of Capt. George Heming, 1816

John Hey, D.D. Norrisian Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, from 1780 to 1795, 1815

Richard Egan, son of Colonel, Egan, of Bombay, 1827

James Torre, Esq. of Snydale in the County of York, 1816

Mr. Robert Gillam, Secretary to the British Institution;
To the Committee of Taste, and to the Society for Bettering the Condition of the Poor, 1817

John Gray, M.D. late Physician of His Majesty's Naval Hospital at Haslar, who died in his apartment, York Buildings, 1826. During the eventful period of the French Revolution War, Dr. Gray held various responsible offices connected with the Medical Department of the Navy; St. Vincent Nelson and Collingwood, were his personal friends. It was at the direct request of the Hero of the Nile, on his return for the pursuit of the French to the West Indies in 1805, that he was appointed Physician to the Fleet, which won the Battle of Trafalgar. His merit was fully acknowledged, yet quite unobtrusive; and such was the amiableness of his character, and the conciliatoriness of his manners that though placed in some difficult situations, he made every one who knew his Friend.

Mr. William Bell, Gent. 1818

John Oliver, Esq. of Hole Hall in the County of Chester, 1832

John Jackson, Esq. R.A. 1831

Stanley, infant son of Capt. William Edward Parry, R.N. and Isabella Louisa, his wife, 1828; also Isabella Maria, Infant daughter of the same parents, 1828

George Biglands, Esq. late of Oporto, 1831

Herbert Lawrence Welch, son of M.L. Welch, Esq. 1832

Thomas Leigh Whitter, Esq. 1830

Patrick Closey, Esq 1831

William M'Dowal Robinson, Esq. Royal Navy, 1829

Adolphus Moscheles, 1829

Miss Margaret Elin, daughter of John B. Elin, Esq. of Kingston, Jamaica, 1829

Mary Saunders, Spinster, aged 60, 1829

Lieut. Col. James Shortt, late of His Majesty's 10 th, Regiment of Infantry, 1829

James Owen, Esq. 1828

Amelia, wife of Thomas Lord, Esq. 1828

Elizabeth Newbold Babington, widow of the late Rev. William Babington, Rector of Cossington in the Co. of Leicester, 1832

Thomas Creswick Watson, of the 3d Lt. Dragoons 1831

Susanna Hume, late of the Island of Trinidad, 1830.