

An internal and external audit of the memorial tablets at St. Mary's Church, Coleorton

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The following information is transcribed from the archives of John Crocker (local historian) and John Nichols 1800 volumes. Further associated information is included elsewhere in the book. Any text in italics is added for information only, and does not appear on the memorials.

On the wall of the Chancel:

- WILLIAM BURSLEM of Coleorton Esq and of JUDITH his wife (daughter of Rev JOHN CURZON, Rector of Coleorton) who had four sons - GODOLPHIN WILLIAM, PHILIP, JOHN, NATHANIEL, and three daughters MARY, JUDITH, ANN. WILLIAM BURSLEM died 12th February 1780 and his wife died 18th December 1772. Colonel NATHANIEL BURSLEM of Horwood Lodge in Hampshire the only survivor of the family erected this.
- JOSEPH BOULBEE died 25th September 1789 in his 89th year. Also ELIZABETH his wife died August 11th 1771 in her 75th year. Erected in 1794 by their son JOSEPH.

SPERO IN DEO
IN A SMALL VAULT
UNDER THESE STEPS
LIE THE REMAINS
OF JOSEPH BOULTBEE ESQ.
MANY YEARS RESIDENT OF THIS PLACE
WHO DIED UPON THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
1789, IN THE 89TH YEAR OF HIS AGE
AND OF ELIZABETH HIS WIFE
WHO DIED IN AUGUST 1771
IN THE 75TH YEAR OF HER AGE
THIS MONUMENT
WAS ERECTED IN THE YEAR 1794
BY THEIR SON'S JOSEPH BOULTBEE
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF PARENTS EMINENTLY DISTINGUISHED
BY THEIR CHRISTIAN AND MORAL VIRTUES
AND BY HIM MOST DESERVEDLY HONOURED
AND ESTEEMED

- In remembrance of FRANCES FERMOR Her remains are buried in the churchyard of Chaines in Worcester, Erected by her sister DAME MARGARET wife of SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT Esq. No date given.

The Chancel:

John Nichols volumes of 1800 recorded the following :-

- On a mural plate on the North side of the Chancel -
Near this place lies interred, the body of Gervase Yarwood (born at Shepshed in this County), who departed this life April 6th, in the year of our Lord 1759, aged upwards of 89 years, who was servant to the family of the Beaumonts here and at Stoughton upwards of 57 years
- On a flat stone in the Chancel -
In memory of the Rev. Thomas Beaumont, Rector of this place, who died January 28th, 1761, aged 32.

Brass Plate on choir stall:

- In memory of JOSEPH HAYWOOD for 62 years a member of the choir. Died 24th June 1952

North Aisle:

- FRANCIS WHIRLEDGE of Coleorton. Died 15th December 1741. Aged 61. Also his wife MARY died 12th March 1759. No age given.

John Nichols volumes of 1800 recorded the tablet as follows :-

- On a mural tablet in the North aisle, partly covered -
"Beneath lies the body of Francis Whirledge of Cole-Orton, who departed this life Dec 15th 1741, aged 61, Mary his wife died March 1759".

South Chapel:

- Sir GEORGE HOWLAND BEAUMONT Bart of Coleorton Hall, Leics. Died 7th February 1827 in his 73rd year. Also DAME MARGARET his wife died 14th July 1829 in her 73rd year.
- Sir GEORGE HOWLAND WILLOUGHBY BEAUMONT, Died 7th June 1845 Aged 45 years. Also DAME MARY ANNE BEAUMONT died 15th February 1835 aged 28 years. Also their children SUSAN MARY died 25th Sept 1827 aged 1 month, RAYMOND CURZON their second son died April 1830 aged 1 Month. WILLOGHBY HASTINGS 4th and youngest son died 20th February 1835 aged 21/2 years.
- Sir HENRY BEAUMONT Kt. Ladie ELIZABETH his wife. HENRY was son to NICHOL BEAUMONT Esq. ELIZABETH was daughter and heir of JOHN LOUIS Esq. by who he only had one son Sir THOMAS BEAUMONT Kt. who married the daughter and heire of HENRY SAPCOTT Esq. Sir HENRY died 3rd March 1607. Ladie ELIZABETH died 26th March 1608
- Sir GEORGE HOWLAND BEAUMONT Bt born at Lambeth Palace 12th September 1828 died at Coleorton 8th June 1882. Also DAME PAULINE MENZIES BEAUMONT born at Chinsurah, Bengal 19th December 1828 died at Coleorton 9th December 1870. Also FRANCIS BEAUMONT died at Hampton Wick 3rd January 1875. Also ELEANOR GRACE CAROLINE BEAUMONT their second daughter born at Coleorton 27th March 1859 died at Coleorton 16th December 1870 (aged 11).

- WILLIAM BERSFORD BEAUMONT 36 years Rector of Coleorton. (*Born at Addlington, Surrey*) 31st March 1831. Died at Coleorton 18th February 1901. Also ELIZABETH MARY his second wife. Born at Siddlesmere, Suffolk 25th September 1831. Died at Coleorton 5th April 1900. *Julia his first wife is buried in the Churchyard - Plot Number 114.*

West Wall:

- In memory of WILLIAM BRIGGS. Born at Melbourne 3rd November 1832. Died at Coleorton 17th May 1908. Organist at this Church for 40 years and Master of Coleorton School for 32 years.
- In memory of FRANCIS MEREWETHER MA CLERK. For 49 years Rector, died 21st July 1864. Aged 80 Years. Placed by his widow who died 4th February 1870. Aged 86 years. "who rests by her desire in the churchyard of Great Yeldham, Essex".

On the door to the vestry, brass plate:

- The clock and chimes in the tower were put in motion by friends of St. Mary's in memory of Rev. HAROLD ROBINSON MA Rector of Coleorton 1901-1921

On the door inside vestry, brass plate:

- The clock was placed in the tower of this church by G H BEAUMONT Bart in 1878 but owing to its not working satisfactorily it was replaced by a new one in 1888 by the Rector W B BEAUMONT. In Memoriam.

Carved on the screen separating nave from Vestry:

- In memoriam GULIELMI SHERWIN nati Oct 4th 1768, Mortuus Oct 8th 1854.

On wall behind altar in South Chapel:

- In loving memory of Sir GEORGE HOWLAND BEAUMONT born 12th September 1828 died 8th June 1882. Placed here by his sorrowful widow DAME OCTAVIA WILLOUGHBY BEAUMONT.

*She actually died June 19th 1901 in London, and in her will she "desired to be buried in the Churchyard at Coleorton by the side of my late husband the said Sir G.H. Beaumont, and I desire the arrangements to be as simple as may be". She goes on to leave to "Coleorton Church £100 for charitable purposes or for decoration of the Church **but** only in the event of my wishes as to my funeral being carried into effect". The burial records have not been examined, but it would seem the £100 went elsewhere.*

In the Porch:

- "This porch was erected to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother HARRIET LEWIS by her sons GEORGE and HENRY (she died 13th February 1864 and is buried in this churchyard), 13th February 1874".
- "This South door was restored in March 1977 in memory of DANIEL JOSEPH SKIDMORE OBE. C. St. J 1912 - 1976 by his family"

**Dedication plaque on west side of eastern wall of burial
ground extension at centre of the Beaumont burial plot:**

THE ADDITION TO THIS CHURCHYARD
IN MEMORY OF
SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT 10TH BARONET
IS GIVEN BY HIS WIDOW
DAME LILLIE ELLEN BEAUMONT
AND BY THEIR SON
MAJOR SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT 11TH BARONET
FEBRUARY 18TH 1917
LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE
FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER