Monumental Inscriptions

The Church of St Wistan

Wistow



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About the Project

The recording of the monumental inscriptions inside and outside the church was undertaken by Jane Moelwyn-Hughes and Toni Smith. All care has been taken to ensure accuracy of the transcription, however a visit to the church or churchyard to check with the original inscriptions is recommended.

Words from some inscriptions were unable to be read for reasons such as broken stones, writing worn away through time etc., and so some blank spaces may occur in the transcriptions. The aim was to record the words exactly as they are found on the stone – so variations in spelling are a common occurrence.

Some of the very old graves were transcribed and published in 1798 in a book called '*The History and Antiquities of Leicestershire*' by Nichols and this can be seen at the County Record Office. Where the script was found to be unreadable, a few words may have been taken from these transcripts and identified in [] brackets to help the researcher.

These recordings are also posted on the Leicestershire Villages Web Site – under the village of 'Wistow'.

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The Village of Wistow

John Nichols, in his 'The History of Antiquities of the County of Leicester' (published in 1798) suggested that, in ancient writings, Wistow was known as Wystanesto, Wystanstow, Wystantowe or Wistanton, meaning a reputed saint to whom the church is dedicated. It is bounded by Great Glen, Kibworth and its own hamlets of Fleckney, Kibworth and Newton Harcourt. It is situated some 7 miles from Leicester and almost the same distance from Market Harborough, between the Harborough and Welford roads to London.

In 1814, Wistow was inherited by the King's Physician, Dr. Henry Vaughan, who had, five years previously, on being created a baronet, changed his name by act of Parliament, to

Halford in the confident expectation of his inheritance. He was great grandson of Sir Richard Halford, 5th Baronet, through his maternal grandmother.

Sir Henry made extensive improvements to the property of Wistow, and created the lake, at the same time diverting the road around it. He was responsible for the Georgian restoration of the church, as can be seen by the initials on the rainwater heads outside.



Rainwater Head



Approach to the Church from the Road

The Church of St Wistan

In 1798 was written: 'The church stands about 200 - 300 paces from Wistow Hall and is a light airy building. It consists of a tower in which are three bells, a nave and chancel, both of one pace, and an elegant North Chapel abutting against the north wall of the nave from which it is separated by handsome iron balustrades near the pulpit. The pulpit is of handsome paneled oak as are also the pews and the east end of the altar, which is guilt, and the Commandments neatly painted in black'.

It is thought that the box pews and reredos were added in the middle of the eighteenth century, together with the fine wrought iron altar rail and gate, which are probably the work of Robert Bakewell of Derby.

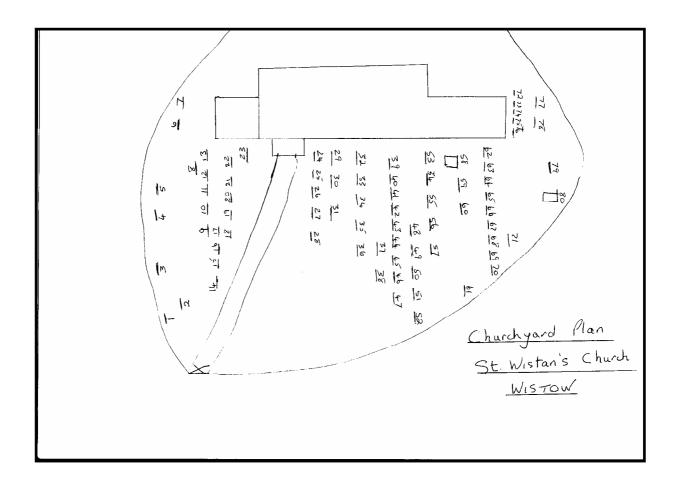
The churchyard was in use up until 1873, when burials ceased because of the danger of flooding. Records show that the church has been flooded three times to a depth of three feet in 1588, 1609 and 1618, and no doubt at intervals to this day to a lesser extent.

Up until recently, it was only possible to toll and not peal the three ancient bells in the tower due to the unsafe state of the old wooden bell frame. A grant from the Millennium Bell Fund, together with grants and fundraising, there is now a peal of six bells and a new bell-frame below the old bell frame. The three new bells were cast and installed by Taylors of Loughborough. The inscription reads: '2000 years of Christendom' and 'Allen, Bale and Gilbert families'.

The above information is taken from John Nichols 'The History of Antiquities of the County of Leicester' (published in 1798) and from the very informative booklet available at the church, with a full history of the church and the origins of the village and people of Wistow.



<u>Plan of the Churchyard - showing the approximate</u> <u>placing of the monuments listed</u>



<u>The following is a guide only to the description of the type of monument</u> <u>described in this booklet. - We are not geologists, and this is our best</u> <u>guess!</u>

- Key Description
- MC Marble cross
- MHS Marble headstone
- MP Metal plaque
- SFS Stone foot stone
- SHS Stone headstone
- SLHS Slate headstone
- WC Wooden cross
- SC Stone Cross headstone
- STFV Small stone flower vase
- BMHS Black marble headstone
- GMHS Green/grey marble headstone
- WMHS White marble headstone

Inside the Church



The Stone Carved Font replaced in the mid 1700s





The Royal Coat of Arms of George III





The Victorian organ was restored in 1980 when the hand-pumped bellows were replaced by a fan

The Arms of physician granted to Sir Henry Halford by George IV in 1826



Stone Coffin - Indexed as Number B5

The North Chapel



Inscriptions from the Wall Plaques around The Church

Section A

	Inscription	Type & Mason
A 1	To the memory of the Honourable ELIZABETH BARBARA daughter of JOHN, eleventh LORD ST JOHN of Bletsoe and wife to Sir HENRY HALFORD, of Wistow, Baronet. Distinguished by the graces and accomplishments which become a descent from a long line of noble ancestors. She was exemplary in the discharge of all her duties, studious to promote the welfare and happiness of all around her: Remarkable for sincerity of character, humble before God, charitable to mankind, a most affectionate wife and tender mother. Born February 22 nd 1762 Died June 17 th 1833 "Favour is deceitful and beauty vain but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" Prov XXXI30	Marble memorial
A 2	HENRICO HALFORD Baronetto G.C.H ex aede Christi apud Oxonienses M.D Jacobi Vaughan Medici Clari Filio clariori qui sobrini sui CAROLI HALFORD Baronetti (eidem ordini et ipse adscriptus)hereditatem ex testamento et nomen suscepit Medicorum Coll.Reg.Londin.Cum plausu et favore omnium annos XXIV prefuit regum GEORGII GEORGII IV Gulielmi IV summa fide pietate gratia medicus ordinaries necnon a plerisque ejusdem stirpis princibipus in opem familiariter vocatus ad morbus dijudicandos sagax ad sublevandos pollens ingenii acumine remediorum copia artier insignis artem quam moribus ornabat late et feliciter exercebat literis humaniorbus admodum imbutus vixit omnibus acceptus erga omnes benevolus natus die Octob.II.A S MDCCLXVI obit die Mart.IX.A.S.MDCCCXLIV In solo salutis auctore Jesu Christo spem vitae immortalis omnem collocavit filius gratius pius H.M.Fac Cur	Marble memorial
A3	To the memory of the Honourable Sir JOHN VAUGHAN, KNT Successively King's Serjeant. Baron of the Exchequer. Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and Privy Councillor. He was the third son of JAMES VAUGHAN M.D. and HESTER his wife. He was born on the 11 th of February 1768 and died on the 25 th of September 1839. He married first AUGUSTA, daughter and coheiress of HENRY BEAUCHAMP, twelfth Lord St JOHN of Bletsoe and afterwards LOUISA daughter of SIR CHARLES WILLIAM HOUSE BOUGHTON. Bart and relict of St ANDREW thirteenth Lord ST JOHN of Bletsoe Quick in sympathy of a temper open and playful; careless of wealth earnest for the things which are of good report to his long advocacy on the Midland Circuit and in Westminster Hall. A vigorous intellect, a buoyant zeal, a humour rich and genial and a learned spirit of human dealing gave famous success. As a judge he administered the law diligently, equally and firmly	Marble memorial

	Inscription	Type & Mason
A4	In memory of Sir HENRY St JOHN HALFORD Bart C.B. Lord of this manor eldest son of Sir HENRY HALFORD Bart MP and BARBARA his wife. Colonel 1 st Vol Batt Leicestershire Regiment which he commanded for many years. Chairman of Quarter Sessions of this county and first Chairman of the County Council. A distinguished rifleman . He was born 9 th Aug 1828 and died 4 th Jan 1897. Also of Dame ELIZABETH URSULA his wife daughter of W.J.BAGSHAWE Esq of The Oaks near Sheffield. Born 27 th Oct 1829 Died 30 th Jan 1897	Bronze plaque
A5	Sacred to the memory of Sir HENRY HALFORD, Bart only son and heir of Sir HENRY HALFORD of Wistow Bart. Born on the 22 nd of April 1797 he entered the British Army as an Ensign of the 43 rd Regiment, in the year 1818. Was elected to represent in Parliament the Southern Division of Leicestershire in the year 1832; and retiring after an uninterrupted tenure of that seat for –five years, Died at Wistow, on the 22 nd of May 1868. In political life, upright, consistent and active on behalf of the distressed; imbued with a genuine predilection for literature; towards men frank, kindly and unassuming; humble before God	Marble memorial
A6	This tablet is raised in remembrance of Dame BARBARA HALFORD daughter of the Right Honble Sir JOHN and the Honble AUGUSTA VAUGHAN wife of Sir HENRY HALFORD, second Baronet, in the line of the second baronetcy in the Halford family; Born on the 26 th of July 1806 she died on the 24 th June 1869 Always active in things temporal, she was ever mindful of things eternal; ruled the house in prudence and charity; wore the gift of beauty without pride; and took the chastisement of continual sickness with the patience that comes of a gentle nature. Fortified by faith	Marble Gaffin Regent St
A7	Sacred to the memory of ALMERIA SELINA HUGHES, only daughter of JAMES VAUGHAN, M.D. and HESTER his wife, Born 1771, married 1817, the Rev Dr HUGHES, Principal of Jesus Coll: Oxford. Died March 27.1837 aged.66 years. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death / I will fear no evil / for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Psalm 23 Ver 4	Marble
A8	Sacred to the memory of JAMES VAUGHAN M.D. and of HESTER his wife who lie interred beneath this tablet. JAMES VAUGHAN was descended from a respectable family in Herefordshire and practiced physic in Leicester almost forty years, with that felicity and success, which a quick perception, a sound judgement and a perfect knowledge of the resources of his art were calculated to command: he died August the 19 th 1813 in the 75 th year of his age. HESTER VAUGHAN was the second daughter of WILLIAM SMALLEY Esqr of Leicester by ELIZABETH his wife, daughter of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Bart of this place. And was one of the gentlest and most amiable of women: She died April the 2 ^d 1791, in the 51 st year of her age. By this connection with the house of Wistow and by the kind distinction of Sir CHARLES HALFORD Bart the last male heir of the HALFORDS, HENRY, eldest surviving son of JAMES and HESTER VAUGHAN, succeeded to the possessions of that ancient and loyal family.	Marble
A9	Here lyeth the Body of BERNARD COTTON who departed this life March ye 24 1732 Aged 29 Years	Slate slab

	Inscription	Type & Mason
A10	In loving memory of AUGUSTA VAUGHAN eldest daughter of the Right Honourable Sir JOHN VAUGHAN and the Honourable AUGUSTA VAUGHAN. A devoted sister, a faithful friend, a diligent servant of the church, a succourer of many. Born May 5.1805. Died August 12.1880 Then are they glad because they are at rest / and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. Psalm CVII V 30	Pink marble
A11	In affectionate memory of Dame ISMENA HALFORD third daughter of JOHN S ANDREWS Esqr wife of The Reverend Sir JOHN F HALFORD, Fourth Baronet. Born April 19 th 1838:- Died February 6 th 1912 "Do well O Lord, unto those that are good and true of heart"	Bronze plaque
A12	In loving memory of CHRISTOPHER JOHN SMART died 2 nd Feb 1964 MARY HILL SMART Died 18 th May 1962	Bronze plaque
A13	To the glorious memory of the men of Wistow & Newton Harcourt who gave their lives for their country in the war 1914-1919 THOMAS FRANCIS HALFORD FREEMANTLE aged 18years 2 nd Lieut 5 th Batt.Oxf & Bucks L.I Private ALFRED WILLIAM FAULKENER aged 26 years 48 th Batt Australian Imperial Force Private GEORGE ALBERT WRIGHT aged 25 years 9 th Batt The Leicestershire Regiment Private THOMAS PRITCHARD OWEN aged 30 years 1 st 4 th Batt Duke of Cornwall's L.I Private ROBERT CHARLES SCOTCHBROOK aged 26 years Royal Canadian Regiment "Being made perfect in a little while they fulfilled long years for their souls were pleasing unto the Lord"	Marble
A14	Know ye not that many of us were baptised with Jesus Christ were baptised into his death	Inscription around the font

Inscriptions from the Monuments in the North Chapel

Section B

	Inscription	Description
B1	Here lyes inter'd the body of Sr WILLIAM HALFORD Barronet he departed this life May ye 18 th 1695.	Marble & slate
B2	Sir CHARLES HALFORD of Wistow Bart, fourth and youngest son of THOMAS and ELIZABETH HALFORD born XVth of April MDCCXXXII. Succeeded to the above dignity on the death of his uncle Sir WILLIAM HALFORD Bart the IIId February MDCCLXVIII, married SARAH youngest daughter of EDWARD FARNHAM of Quordon in this County, Esq. Died without issue XXIst of July MDCCLXXX and was underneath interred . He was the last heir male of a very ancient family, and the eighth baronet of that name being descended from Sir RICHARD HALFORD of Wistow, who was on account of his eminent loyalty and distinguished services advanced to the dignity of baronet by King Charles the First, the XVIIIth of December MDCXLI. By his last will and testament he directed this and the adjoining monument to be erected to the memory of himself and deceased relations	Marble
B3	To the memories of Sir WILLIAM HALFORD of Wistow Bart First son of Sir RICHARD HALFORD by Dame MARY his wife. Who died the IIId of February MDCCLXVIII.in the seventy fourth year of his age. And of THOMAS HALFORD Esqr third son of Sir RICHARD HALFORD and ELIZABETH HALFORD his wife, daughter of THOMAS PALMER of Leicester. Attorney at Law. He died the XXIVth of April MDCCLXVI aged LXX years: she died the IIId of November MDCCLXI aged LXX years. Also to the memories of RICHARD HALFORD, Clerk first son, THOMAS HALFORD second son, WILLIAM HALFORD third son, of the above THOMAS and ELIZABETH HALFORD, and to the memories of BENJAMIN seventh son, and of MARY HALFORD spinster, second daughter of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Baronet. They were all underneath interred.	Marble

	Inscription	Description
B4	M.S Orimur,Morimur,exorimur Here lyeth ye body of Sir RICHARD HALFORD KT & Baronnt;eldest sonn of EDWARD HALFORD of Langham in the County of Rutland Gent. He first married ISABEL ye daughter of GEORGE BOWMAN of Medbourn in ye County of Leicester Gent by whom he had issue two sons ANDREW & GEORGE & one daughter IOAN afterwards he married IOAN ye relict of THOMAS ADAMS of Walden in ye County of Essex Esq. He departed this life August 30 th ANO DNI: 1658 aged 78 years. Here also lye ye bodies of ANDREW HALFORD of Kilby Esq who departed ye life Septembr 8 th ANO DNI 1657 aged 55 years and of GEORGE HALFORD of Tur Langhton Gent who departed ye life August 18 th ANO DNI 1659 aged 54 years Weep not to read so many Worthies dead / But weep to see so few left in their stead. Left Hence profane axes hammers all the dire / engines of cursed heathenish deformation / Noe superstious Baalite did inspire / Us to adore our Fathers generation: / Twas humble duty to our aged sire: / And honoured parents laid ye first foundation. / Pass not the pikes, touch not ye sacred tomb / Unless you'l turn it: there to read your doom: / Tis death to wrong the dead, such sacriledg / As dreadfull is as Achans golden wedg Right In this trianniall visitation see / Death crushy splendour of our family: / The Crest is couchant, ye supporters bend / Our honour lies I'th dust & from that end / There's little to preserve but memory / And we poor nothings may ye sacred Three / So bless us with His grace that ours, and we / May raise a monument to eternity Sic flevit et oravit THOMAS cum RICHARD HALFORD ANO DNI 1659	Marble monument with recumbent figure
B5	Back The coffin was placed under this stone in consequence of its being found defective October 1853 Front Beneath this stone lies the remains of The Right Honourable Sir JOHN VAUGHAN one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas Born 11 th of Feb 1768 Died 25 th Sept 1839	Stone coffin
B6	Here lyes interred the body of Mr WELBY HALFORD son of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Bart who departed this life December 9 th 1728 aged 23 years	Slate slab on floor
B7	Here lyes interred the Body of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Bart who departed this life the 5 th day of September 1727 in the 60 th year of his age	Slate slab on floor
B8	Here lies interred the Body of Mrs REBECCA HALFORD youngest daughter of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Barrt who departed this life August ye 30 th 1728 aged 19 years	Slate slab on floor
B9	Here lyes MARY LADY HALFORD relict of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Bart. She dyed December 28; 1741 In the 75 th year of her age.	Slate slab on floor
B10	Here lies interred Sir WILLIAM HALFORD Bart. He died May the 18 th 1695 aged 29	Slate slab on floor
B11	Her lyes MARY HALFORD eldest daughter of Sir RICHARD HALFORD Bart. She dyed November 26:1742 in the 43d year of her age	Slate slab on floor

Incumbents of the Parish Church of St Wistan <u>Wistow</u>

1220 Thomas De Flamvill 1245 **Baldwin De Charnelles** 1449 John Morton 1534 John Baynes 1588 Randolph Carter 1597 John Marsh Robert Watts 1601 Robert Watts II 1609 Robert Fryer 1617 1645 Mr. Phesant 1650 Robert Kenwricke 1658 Mr Smith 1679 Francis Smith 1692 Thomas Smith 1693 William Bower 1695 William Wallis 1714 Humphrey Fisher 1751 Thomas Hayes 1754 Thomas Woodcock

Daniel Iliffe

William Farnham

1778

1782

1784 Thomas Willows 1813 Henry Kebbel 1869 John F Halford 1882 James P O Tomkins 1889 H. O. Ransome 1947 W. Conlin 1956 H. F. A. Eurich 1962 H. Pughe Morgan 1967 H. J. Dight 1979 J. W. Packwood 1990 J.F Wellington 1998 B. R. Glover 2001 P J O'Reilly

Given in the memory of The Reverend H. J. Dight



Monuments in The Churchyard

Section C

	Inscription	Type/Mason
C1	FHS / In affectionate remembrance of JAMES DOAT who died May 8 1872 aged 78 years also of ELIZABETH, wife of the above who died June 13 1873 aged 80 years. Much loved and deeply mourned For fifty four years they faithfully served three successive owners of Wistow	GS
C2	No inscription	Small SC
C3	In affectionate remembrance of THOMAS MONK who died July 30 th 1873, aged 42 years Day by day the Voice saith "Come enter thine eternal rest" Asking not if we can spare / This dear soul it summons there / Had He asked us well we know / We should cry Oh! Spare this blow / Yes streaming tears should pray / "Lord we love him, let him stay"	SLHS J Butteris
C4	This stone is erected in affectionate remembrance of MARY relict of MICHAEL ELLIS who departed this life on the 23d of January 1830 aged 79 years. My flesh shall slumber in the ground / Til the last trumpet's joyful sound / Then burst the chains with sweet surprise / And in my Saviour's image rise	SLHS Neal. Burton
C5	Sacred to the memory of MICHAEL ELLIS who departed this life on the 10 th day of Octr 1821 aged 74 years How short how fleeting are our moments here / How swift they're gone –how soon they disappear / Ye living pause-remember that ye must / Return like me to ashes and to dust	SLHS Hardy. Frisby
C6	Sacred to the memory of THOMAS NEWTON of Newton Harcourt Labourer Faithful to his employers / Contented with his lot / Affectionate to his wife / Respected by his neighbours He died February 13 th 1865 aged 72 years Also of SARAH his wife who died December 23 rd 1869 aged 82 years "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" Matthew.V.III	SLHS J Butteris
C7	Sacred to the memory of ABIGAIL the affectionate wife of JOHN FREESTONE who departed this life March 30 th 1839 in the 36 th year of her life. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" (S.Matt.Vc.5V) Also of MARY READ mother of the above who died December 7 th 1849 in the 70 th year of her age Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest S Matt.XIc 28v	SLHS W Priestnall Le'ster
C8	To the much lamented memory of WILLIAM the darling child of ROBERT & HANNAH BARRAND who departed this life January the 19 th 1820 aged 5years and 2 months Whate'ere we value most and doat upon is soonest lost / Blessings attend the dear departed babe / We loved the living and lamented the dead / Tho'thou art gone thy memory shall remain / Our loss we hope is thy eternal gain	SLHS Bettony Oadby

	Inscription	Type/Mason
C9	Beneath this stone are deposited the remains of MARY wife of THOMAS HICKINBOTHAM who died the 9 th of December 1793 in the 60 th year of her age both frugal good and wife	SLHS tipped
C10	Sacred to the memory of JOHN HICKINBOTHAM who departed this life the 29 th of May 1822 in the 55 th year of his age Dear friends prepare yourselves to die / For life is short and death is nigh / In health and strength put not your trust / The strongest mortal is but dust.	SLHS
C11	Here lieth the body of JOHN TOON, he died the 21 st of October 1785 aged 74 years	SLHS
C12	Here lieth interr'd the body of ANN the wife of JOHN TOONE who departed this life January the 31 st 1760 in the 77 th year of her age. A loveing wife and mother dear / A faithful friend lies buried here / My time is past my glass is run / My children dear prepare to come.	SLHS
C13	Here lieth interr'd the body of JOHN TOONE who departed this life March the 3 rd 1766 Aged 86 Tho two in marriage banns are linked fast / Death will divide and part them at ye last / As he that here interr'd was widower made / And now he by his bosom friend is laid.	SLHS
C14	In memory of MARTHA KING who departed this life January 27 th 1814 in the 22 nd year of her age. Also of her infant child who died March 22 ^d aged 9 weeks. While life's vain devious path I trod / I fear'd the judgement of my God / Death with pangs of woe was sent / No time-no warning-to repent / Reader to thee the means of grace are given / Prepare to meet the God, Oh! strive to enter heaven	SLHS
C15	Here lieth interred the body of JOHN TEER who departed this life the 20 th day of August 1773 aged 73 years With deepest thoughts spectator view thy fate / See mortals pass to an immortal state / Through death's dark vale we hope he's found the way / To the bright regions of eternal day	SLHS G Sculp
C16	In memory of WILLIAM TEEAR who departed this life Jan'y the 5 th 1814 aged 73 years Reader whoever you art, whether young or old, high or low, rich or poor, prepare to die, for it will soon be thy lot.	SLHS
C17	In remembrance of ANN relict of WILLIAM TEEAR who departed this life March the 1 st 1826 aged 84 years Stay reader stay, prepare repent, whilst this you view, who next shall die uncertain. Why not you.	SLHS
C18	In affectionate remembrance of ANNA MARIA daughter of BENJAMIN & MARY WESTON who exchanged time for eternity October 20 th 1870 aged 73 years "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"	SLHS Hassell- Wigston
C19	Here lieth interr'd the body of JOHN DAWES who departed this life 9 th day of May 1743 aged 66 I was in pain so sore opprest / It wore my strength away / Now hope for that eternal rest / Which never will decay	SLHS

	Inscription	Type/Mason
C20	Erected in respectful remembrance of MARY late wife of BENJAMIN WESTON who exchanged time for eternity August 22 nd 1824 in the 58 th year of her age Of manners mild to all who knew her dear / The tender mother best of friends lies here / whose darling wish was comfort to impart / cheer the drooping sooth the aching heart / Our social cares and hopes alas are oe'r / Thy love eternal cheers our hearts no more.	SLHS I Bettoney Oadby
C21	Erected in affectionate remembrance of BENJAMIN WESTON who exchanged time for eternity the 18 th of March 1829 in the 67 th year of his age. Released from pain of earthly cares and ties / Beneath this stone a friend and father lies / Thro' death's dark vale we hope he's found the way / To the bright regions of eternal day / There may we meet when time will be no more / The world forgotten, Jesus we adore.	SLHS I Bettoney Oadby
C22	Erected in affectionate remembrance of HANNAH ,daughter of BENJAMIN & MARY WESTON who exchanged time for eternity August the 24 th 1833 aged 32 years Readers if vigour health and bloom thy soul in pleasures vest arrays / Pause at this sad and silent tomb / And learn how swift thy bliss decays / But Ah! if woe has stabb'd thy breast / And dim'd with tears thy youthful eye / Mourner the graves a house of rest / And this one teaches how to die / For she who sleeps this stone beneath / The many an hour to pain was given / Smil'd at the hovering dart of death / While faith display'd the joys of heaven	SLHS I Bettoney Oadby
C23	Sacred to the memory of Left EDWARD GIMSON who died the 28 th July 1843 aged 65 years Right ELIZABETH wife of EDWARD GIMSON who died November 3 rd 1843 aged 69 years "The memory of the just is blessed"	SLHS J Yates Le'ster
C24	In memory of THO' KENNEY he died the 5 th of January 1783 in the 61 st year of his age	SLHS
C25	Here lyeth interr'd the body of JOHN GRANT Junr of Newton who departed this life January ye 5th 1723 aged 33 years In silent shades the early victim lyes / Devoured by worms(not that which never dyes) / Through his dark grave he saught approaching rest / Whence vertue rises to be ever bless't	SLHS
C26	Here lyeth the body of DEBORAH the wife of JOHN WARD who departed this life July the 25 th Ano Dom 1741 in the 42d year of her age Here I lye sleeping in the dust / Until the resurrection of the just / Until the time that Christ doth say / Arise my saints and come my way	SLHS
C27	AD ARBOREM ASPICE EN LETHU AD CRUEeM ASPICE ECCE SALUTEM Her lieth interr'd the body of JOHN the son of JOHN WARD and DEBORAH his wife who departed this life July the 15th 1760 in the 35 th year of his age His race was short: like winter's sun / And to our grief too soon was gone / This toilsome world he left behind / A crown of glory for to find	SLHS

	Inscription	Type/Mason
C28	Here lieth the body of JOHN WARD who departed this life December the 19 th 1761 in the 65 th year of his age. Reader observe you know not at what hour / Therefore repent today and be saved for ever	SHS
C29	In affectionate remembrance of JOSEPH TURNER of Newton Harcourt who died February 15 th 1859 aged 39 years "Reader in the midst of life we are in death"	SLHS
	Foot stone J.T 1859	Sculpt Oadby
C30	Here lieth the body of ROBERT ARNOLD who departed this life July the 31 st Ano Dom 1717 aged 57 years Dust, Earth and Ashes is our strength / Our pleasures are but pain from earth / We came to earth at length / We must return again	SLHS
C31	In affectionate remembrance of THOMAS COLEMAN who departed this life on the 19 th March 1822 aged 68 years. Also ANN his beloved wife who died on the 26 th of March 1841 aged 87 years. Also JOHN COLEMAN grandson of the above who died on the 13 th December 1837 aged 18 years	SLHS with 2 wings
	Left Right T C 1822 A C 1841	J Yates Leicester
C32	Sacred to the memory of JAMES OSWIN he departed this life April the 7 th 1816 in the 77 th year of his age Dear friends prepare yourselves to die / For life is short and death is nigh / In health and strength put not your trust / The strongest mortal is but dust.	SLHS Bettoney Oadby
C33	Death is the gate to life Beneath is deposited the body of RICHARD OSWIN son of JAMES & MARY OSWIN who died June 22 ^d 1797 aged 25 years In ling'ring illness mortal life I past / with fore consumptive lungs until at last / A messenger God did in pity send / who me convey'd to joy that never end.	SLHS Kirk Wigston
C34	In cursu vitae mors nobis instat In memory of MARY the wife of JAMES OSWIN Jun'r who departed this life June the 24 th 1775 aged 35 years Farewell my husband and my children dear / Likewise this world with all its toil and care / No truth of pleasure in thee contain / But joy in heaven for ever doth remain	SLHS
C35	In memory of JAMES OSWIN who died the 30 th August 1792 aged 83 years	SLHS
C36	In memory of MARY wife of JAMES OSWIN who departed this life the 15 th of Feb'ry 1782 aged 68 years Weep not dear friends it is in vain to mourn / For her whose breath, will never more return / Consider well, and this reflection make / That he who gave had also right to take.	SLHS
C37	Here lieth the body of MARY wife of RICHARD ELTINGTON who departed this life March the 4 th 1764 aged 64 years Affliction sore longe time I bore / Physicians were in vain / Til death gave ease as God did please / And freed me from my pain	SLHS

	Inscription	Type/Mason
C38	Front completely peeled away(information taken from a previous transcription in 1967) ELIZABETH ELTINGTON wife of ISRAEL died 28 th June 1756 aged 54 years Who next shall die?uncertain	SLHS
C39	In memory of ANN wife of WILLIAM HOLYOAK, & daughter of JOHN & ANN BURDETT who died April 21 st 1812 aged 50 years She by afflictions were long time opprest / Patiently waiting for Christ's heavenly rest / Physicians help to her was all in vain / Til God Thro' mercy pleas'd to ease her pain.	SLHS
C40	Sacred to the memory of ANN relict of JOHN BURDETT who departed this life April 2 ^d 1808 in the 81 st year of her age How frail and brittle is the life of man / he that lives longest liveth but a span / In youth and age all die God so hath doom'd / That earth to earth returns to be entombed.	SLHS W K
C41	In memory of JOHN BURDET who departed this life the 19 th of Nov'r 1793 in the 66 th year of his age Why look on me with curious eye? / Consider reader you must die! / For that prepare without delay / Lest sudden death snatch you away.	SLHS W.K
C42	Here lieth interr'd the body of WILLIAM BURDETT who departed this life February the 4 th 1758 in the 66 th year of his age I was with pain so sore opprest / It wore my strength away / But hopt'd for that eternal rest / That never will decay.	SLHS
C43	In memory of WILLIAM son of JOHN and ANN BURDET who departed this life the 30 th of March 1793 in the 29 th year of his age He by afflictions were long time opprest / Patiently waiting for Christ's heavenly rest / Physicians help to him were all in vain / Til God thro' mercy pleas'd to ease his pain	SLHS W.K
C44	Sacred to the memory of JANE daughter of JOHN and ANN BURDETT who departed this life May 2 nd 1807 in the 37 th year of her age Whilst on the earth she did remain / She was afflicted with much pain / But now she sleepeth in the dust / Untill the rising of the just	SLHS W.K
C45	Here lieth interr'd the body of ABIGAIL the wife of WILLIAM BURDETT. She died May 22 nd 1756 in the 57 year of her age Mourn not my friends for my decease / I hope with Christ I have made my peace / My debt is paid my grave you see / Wait but a while you'll lie by me.	SLHS
C46	In memory of GEORGE son of WILLIAM & ELIZABETH FREER who was accidentally kill'd on the 18 th November 1826 in the 7 th year of his age. My dearest parents cease from tears / Thou I declin'd in tender years / God takes us when He sees it best / Where Christ prepares eternal rest.	SLHS
C47	In memory of ROBERT COX he died the 1 st of September 1783 aged 63 years and of MARY his wife she died the 12 th of April 1784 aged 69 years Eternal God guide thou this mind/Of those that we have left behind/And grant the power of thy word/May teach their souls to serve the Lord.	SLHS

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C48	In memory of CHARLES FREER son of CHARLES ELLEY FREER by ELIZABETH his wife who died March 30 th 1811 aged 33 years. A sudden change I in a moment fell/I had not time to bid my friends farewell/Think nothing strange death happens unto all/My lot to day tomorrow you may fall.	SLHS
C49	Sacred to the memory of CHARLES HEALY FREER who departed this life the 5 th of September 1800 aged 50 years I was with pain so sore opprest/It wore my strength away/But hope for that eternal rest/Which never will decay.	SLHS
C50	Sacred to the memory of ELIZABETH FREER wife of CHARLES HEALY FREER who departed this life the 8 th July 1808 aged 53 years A loving wife and mother dear/A faithful friend lies buried here/My time is past my glass is run/My children dear prepare to come	SLHS Kirk
C51	In memory of JOHN son of CHARLES HELEY FREER by ELIZABETH his wife who died the 11 th of July 1844 aged 64 years While on the earth he did remain/He was afflicted with much pain/But now he sleepeth in the dust/Untill the rising of the just.	SLHS
C52	In affectionate remembrance of WILLIAM FREER who departed this life May 7 th 1851 aged LXVI also of ELIZABETH, wife of WILLIAM FREER who departed this life January 3 rd 1849 aged LX My days are like a shadow that declineth and I am withered like grass Ps CIIvXI	SLHS S Freer
C53	In memory of ANN HOLYOAK daughter of WILLIAM & ANN HOLYOAK who departed this life March 26 th 1816 aged 31 years Most righteous God! twas thy supreme command/Who then could save, or who arrest thine hand/Thou fall in the purest of the human race/She's but remov'd to Thy belov'd embrace/Friends ye may weep, while you survey her tomb/But heav'n rejoices with the saint at home	SLHS Kirk
C54	In memory of SARAH BURDETT daughter of JOHN & ANN BURDETT who departed this life October 6 th 1815 aged 48 years I was with pain so sore opprest/It wore my strength away/But hope for that eternal rest/Which never will decay.	SLHS W Kirk
C55	In memory of ANN BURDETT daughter of JOHN and ANN BURDETT who departed this life the 29 th of July 1816 aged 11 years. My race was short, like to the winter' sun/And to my parents grief I soon was gone/As for the toilsome world I've left behind/In hopes a crown of glory hope to find	SLHS W Kirk
C56	Erected to preserve undisturbed the remains of JOHN BURDETT who exchanged time for eternity the 2 nd of February 1822 aged 64 years Stay! Reader stay! Prepare repent/Whilst you this view/who next shall die uncertain/Why not you.	SLHS I Bettony Oadby
C57	In affectionate remembrance of THOMAS BURDETT who was a brother to JOHN BURDETT and departed this life on the 29 th of March 1832 in his 66 th year I will ransom them for the power of the grave/I will redeem them for death Hosea XIII 14	SLHS
C58	In loving memory of a beloved wife and mother JEAN ANNE GILBERT died 12 th November 1981 aged 42 years	Flat marble slab

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C59	Sacred to the memory of SAMUEL SMEETON who died June 15 th 1862 in the 76 year of his age "I know that my redeemer liveth"	SLHS J Buteris Burton			
C60	who departed this life the 17 th of September 1852 in the 71 st year of her age				
C61	In affectionate remembrance of ELIZABETH FREESTONE who departed this life December 1 st 1838 in the 71 st year of her age "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right" Also of JOHN FREESTONE son of the above who departed this life March 1 st 1839 in the 43 rd year of his age "In the midst of life we are in death"	SLHS W Priestnall – Lester			
C62	Sacred to the memory of SAMUEL SMEETON who died June 15 th 1862 in the 76 Sacred to the memory of CHRISTIANA SMEETON wife of SAMUEL SMEETON who departed this life the 17 th of September 1852 in the 71 th year of her age The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord In affectionate remembrance of ELIZABETH FREESTONE who departed this life December 1 st 1838 in the 71 th year of her age "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right" Also of JOHN FREESTONE son of the above who departed this life March 1 st 1839 in the 43 rd year of hirs age "In memoty of JANE daughter of THOMAS & ANN KNIGHT she died July 6 th 1820 aged 16 days also of WILLIAM son of the above THOMAS and ANN KNIGHT he died November 26 th 1821 aged 3 years They livid to wake each tender passion/And delightful hopes inspire/Died to try our resignation/And direct our wishes higher. Erected as an affectionate remembrance of MARY KNIGHT daughter of THOMAS & ANN KNIGHT who exchanged time for eternity the 17 th day of March 1829 aged 17 years While oe'r this dear remains affection weeps/A voice proclaims she is not dead but sleeps/Jesus again descending from the skics/Shall break her slumbers saying "Maid arise"/The gently lead her to her Fahre's feet/With kind command to give her ange's meat/Assur' d in hope we wait the promised hour/Tis sown in weakness it is raised in power Erected in affectionate remembrance of JAMES KNIGHT youngest son of the late THOMAS & ANN KNIGHT of Newton Harcourt who departed this life February 5 th 1846 aged 29 years Always suppose thy death is nigh, and seek to be prepared to die				
C63	 & ANN KNIGHT who exchanged time for eternity the 17th day of March 1829 aged 17 years While oe'r this dear remains affection weeps/A voice proclaims she is not dead but sleeps/Jesus again descending from the skies/Shall break her slumbers saying "Maid arise"/The gently lead her to her Father's feet/With kind command to give her angel's meat/Assur'd in hope we wait the promised hour/Tis sown in weakness it is 				
C64	THOMAS & ANN KNIGHT of Newton Harcourt who departed this life February 5 th 1846 aged 29 years	SLHS I Butteris-Engr- Burton			
C65	57 th year of his age Reader! Remember as this stone you view/That tranry life you're passing through/Thy time's uncertain death may now be near/cut off before thou art	SLHS			
C66	WARD she died the 14 th of June 1783 aged 60 years My time is come next may be thine/Prepare for death whilst thou has time/And that	SLHS			
C67	1760 aged XLV years With grief and pain I did complain/And sorely was oppresst/But God in love did me	SLHS			
C68	FREESTONE who departed this life December 4 th 1815; aged 8 years & 3 months This lovely bud so young and fair/Call'd hence by early doom/Just came to show	SLHS C Kirk Wigston			

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C69	Erected in affectionate remembrance SARAH wife of CHRISTOPHER FREESTONE who exchanged time for eternity on the 30 th of May 1830 aged 55 years What is life?-A flower that blows/Nipt by the frost and quickly dead/What is life?- The full blown rose/That's scorched at noon and withered/Such is life-A breath, a span/A moment quickly gone from thee/What is death?-oh mortal man/Thy entrance on Eternity	SLHS Neale. Burton					
C70	 Sacred to the memory of CHRISTOPHER FREESTONE who departed this life the 1st of November 1852 in the 70th year of his age I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die 						
C71	on EternityNSacred to the memory of CHRISTOPHER FREESTONE who departed this life the 1 st of November 1852 in the 70 th year of his age I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never dieSIn affectionate remembrance of ELIZABETH the beloved wife of EDWIN FREESTONE who died June 2 nd 1866 in the 26 th year of her age She was three years the faithful and able Mistress of the school of thy parish. "Thy will be done"SHere lyeth the body of BENJAMIN RINGROSE who departed this life June the 18 th Anno Dom 1732 aged 45Elie the body of SAMUEL WARD he died the 10 th October 1781 aged 50 years My days are number'd and I'm gone/From all these worldly things/Yet hope for an eternal rest/Thro' Christ the King of King's.EHere lieth interr's the body of ELIZABETH the wife of WILLIAM LAMSON daughter of JOSEPH and ELIZ:WARD who departed this life May ye 30 th Anno Dom 17E						
C72		Broken SLHS					
C73	aged 50 years My days are number'd and I'm gone/From all these worldly things/Yet hope for an	Broken SLHS					
C74	daughter of JOSEPH and ELIZ:WARD who departed this life May ye 30 th Anno	Broken SLHS					
C75	E.F 1866	Broken S footstone to 71					
C76	Too heavy to move	Broken SL slab					
C77	Here lyeth the body of WILLIAM DALBY who departed this life Jany ye 14 th 1747 in the 83 ^d year of his age He was servant to Sr RICHARD and Sr Wm HALFORD 53 years	SLHS					
C78	To the memory of WILLIAM WELLS late servant to Sr WILLIAM HALFORD Bart .he departed this life the 20 th of May 1766 aged 50 years	SLHS					
C79	66 years also SARAH daughter of the above who died Nov 11 th 1870 in the 6 th year of her age						
	Watch therefore: for ye know not, what hour your Lord doth come	J Butteris					
C80	2 broken pieces of stone with crest lying flat (see picture)	SHS					



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	Surname	Given Names		Surname	Given Names
B4	ADAMS	loan	C1	DOAT	James
B4	ADAMS	Thomas	C4	ELLIS	Mary
A11	ANDREWS	John S	C4	ELLIS	Michael
C30	ARNOLD	Robert	C5	ELLIS	Michael
A4	BAGSHAWE	W.J.	C38	ELTINGTON	Elizabeth
C8	BARRAND	Hannah	C38	ELTINGTON	Israel
C8	BARRAND	Robert	C37	ELTINGTON	Mary
C8	BARRAND	William	C37	ELTINGTON	Richard
A3	BEAUCHAMP	Augusta	B2	FARNHAM	Edward
A3	BEAUCHAMP	Henry	B2	FARNHAM	Sarah
A3	BOUGHTON	Charles William	A13	FAULKENER	Alfred William
		House	A13	FREEMANTLE	Thomas Francis
A3	BOUGHTON	Louisa			Halford
B4	BOWMAN	George	C48	FREER	Charles
B4	BOWMAN	Isabel	C48	FREER	Charles Elley
C79	BRUNSKILL	Sarah	C49	FREER	Charles Healy
C43	BURDET	Ann	C50	FREER	Charles Healy
C41	BURDET	John	C51	FREER	Charles Heley
C43	BURDET	John	C46	FREER	Elizabeth
C43	BURDET	William	C48	FREER	Elizabeth
C45	BURDETT	Abigail	C51	FREER	Elizabeth
C39	BURDETT	Ann	C52	FREER	Elizabeth
C40	BURDETT	Ann	C50	FREER	Elizabeth
C44	BURDETT	Ann	C46	FREER	George
C54	BURDETT	Ann	C51	FREER	John
C55	BURDETT	Ann	C46	FREER	William
C55	BURDETT	Ann	C52	FREER	William
C44	BURDETT	Jane	C52	FREER	William
C39	BURDETT	John	C7	FREESTONE	Abigail
C40	BURDETT	John	C69	FREESTONE	Christopher
C44	BURDETT	John	C70	FREESTONE	Christopher
C54	BURDETT	John	C68	FREESTONE	Christopher
C55	BURDETT	John	C71	FREESTONE	Edwin
C56	BURDETT	John	C71	FREESTONE	Elizabeth
C57	BURDETT	John	C61	FREESTONE	Elizabeth
C54	BURDETT	Sarah	C75	FREESTONE	Elizabeth
C57	BURDETT	Thomas	C7	FREESTONE	John
C41	BURDETT	William	C61	FREESTONE	John
C45	BURDETT	William	C68	FREESTONE	Sarah
C31	COLEMAN	Ann	C69	FREESTONE	Sarah
C31	COLEMAN	John	C68	FREESTONE	William
C31	COLEMAN	Thomas	C58	GILBERT	Jean Anne
A9	COTTON	Bernard	C23	GIMSON	Edward
C47	COX	Mary	C23	GIMSON	Elizabeth
C47	COX	Robert	C25	GRANT	John
C77	DALBY	William	B4	HALFORD	Andrew
C19	DAWES	John	B4	HALFORD	Andrew
C1	DOAT	Elizabeth	A6	HALFORD	Augusta Vaughan

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A4	HALFORD	Barbara	B10	HALFORD	William, Sir
A6	HALFORD	Barbara, Dame	C77	HALFORD	William, Sir
B3	HALFORD	Benjamin	C78	HALFORD	William, Sir
A2	HALFORD	Caroli	C10	HICKINBOTHAM	John
B2	HALFORD	Charles	C9	HICKINBOTHAM	Mary
A8	HALFORD	Charles, Sir	C9	HICKINBOTHAM	Thomas
B4	HALFORD	Edward	C39	HOLYOAK	Ann
B2	HALFORD	Elizabeth	C53	HOLYOAK	Ann
B3	HALFORD	Elizabeth	C53	HOLYOAK	Ann
B3	HALFORD	Elizabeth	C39	HOLYOAK	William
A1	HALFORD	Elizabeth Barbara	C53	HOLYOAK	William
A4	HALFORD	Elizabeth Ursula	A7	HUGHES	Almeria Selina
B4	HALFORD	George	A7	HUGHES	Dr.
B4	HALFORD	George	C24	KENNEY	Tho'
A2	HALFORD	Henrico	C14	KING	Martha
A1	HALFORD	Henry	C62	KNIGHT	Ann
A4	HALFORD	Henry	C63	KNIGHT	Ann
A5	HALFORD	Henry	C64	KNIGHT	Ann
A5	HALFORD	Henry	C64	KNIGHT	James
A6	HALFORD	Henry	C62	KNIGHT	Jane
A4	HALFORD	Henry St John	C63	KNIGHT	Mary
B4	HALFORD	loan	C62	KNIGHT	Thomas
A11	HALFORD	Ismena	C63	KNIGHT	Thomas
A11	HALFORD	John F, Sir	C64	KNIGHT	Thomas
B3	HALFORD	Mary	C62	KNIGHT	William
B11	HALFORD	Mary	C74	LAMSON	Elizabeth
B3	HALFORD	Mary, Dame	C74	LAMSON	William
В9	HALFORD	Mary, Lady	C74 C3	MONK	Thomas
B8	HALFORD	Rebecca	C6	NEWTON	Thomas
B3	HALFORD	Richard	C32	OSWIN	James
B3 B4	HALFORD	Richard	C32	OSWIN	James
A8	HALFORD	Richard, Sir	C34	OSWIN	James
B2	HALFORD		C34 C35	OSWIN	James
B2 B3	HALFORD	Richard, Sir Richard, Sir	C35 C36	OSWIN	James
B3	HALFORD	Richard, Sir	C30	OSWIN	
вз В3	HALFORD	Richard, Sir	C33	OSWIN	Mary
вз В4	HALFORD	,	C34 C36	OSWIN	Mary
		Richard, Sir		OSWIN	Mary
B6 B7		Richard, Sir	C33 A13	OWEN	Richard
Б7 В8	HALFORD HALFORD	Richard, Sir	B3	PALMER	Thomas Pritchard Thomas
		Richard, Sir	Б3 С7		
B9	HALFORD	Richard, Sir	C7 C72	READ	Mary
B11	HALFORD	Richard, Sir		RINGROSE SCOTCHBROOK	Benjamin Behart Charles
C77	HALFORD	Richard, Sir	A13		Robert Charles
B2	HALFORD	Thomas	A8	SMALLEY	Elizabeth
B3 B3		Thomas	A8	SMALLEY	William Christenber John
		Thomas	A12	SMART	Christopher John
B3		Thomas	A12	SMART	Mary Hill
B4	HALFORD	Thomas	C60	SMEETON	Christiana
B6	HALFORD	Welby	C59	SMEETON	Samuel
B1	HALFORD	William	C60	SMEETON	Samuel
B2	HALFORD	William	A3	ST JOHN	Andrew
B3	HALFORD	William	A1	St JOHN	John, Lord
B 3	HALFORD	William, Sir	C17	TEEAR	Ann

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C16	TEEAR	William	C27	WARD	Deborah
C17	TEEAR	William	C74	WARD	Eliz
C15	TEER	John	C26	WARD	John
C11	TOON	John	C27	WARD	John
C12	TOONE	Ann	C27	WARD	John
C12	TOONE	John	C28	WARD	John
C13	TOONE	John	C74	WARD	Joseph
C29	TURNER	Joseph	C66	WARD	Richard
A10	VAUGHAN	Augusta	C67	WARD	Richard
A10	VAUGHAN	Augusta	C73	WARD	Samuel
A8	VAUGHAN	Henry	C66	WATERMAN	Ann
A3	VAUGHAN	Hester	C65	WATERMAN	John
A7	VAUGHAN	Hester	C66	WATERMAN	John
A8	VAUGHAN	Hester	C78	WELLS	William
A8	VAUGHAN	Hester	C18	WESTON	Anna Maria
A3	VAUGHAN	James	C18	WESTON	Benjamin
A7	VAUGHAN	James	C20	WESTON	Benjamin
A8	VAUGHAN	James	C21	WESTON	Benjamin
A8	VAUGHAN	James	C22	WESTON	Benjamin
A10	VAUGHAN	John	C22	WESTON	Hannah
A3	VAUGHAN	John, Sir	C18	WESTON	Mary
A6	VAUGHAN	John, Sir	C20	WESTON	Mary
B5	VAUGHAN	John, Sir	C22	WESTON	Mary
C26	WARD	Deborah	A13	WRIGHT	George Albert