



Three members of the Colbourne family are commemorated on this gravestone in St Faiths Cemetery:

Robert who died in 1888 aged 20 and his parents Lewis Henry and Maria

Lewis's parents Robert and Emily had him baptised at St Faiths church on 26 May 1833. In 1841 aged 8 Lewis was living at Leigh Tything (=a tything being a subdivision of a manor) with his parents, 2 younger brothers and a sister.

Robert was baptised also at St Faiths on 24 November 1867 and when he was 3 the

family was living at household 147 in South Street Havant. Lewis was listed as a painter. Robert had an older sister, Elizabeth aged 4, and Alice was 7 months old. In 1881 the family was living at household 200 in South Street. Robert aged 13 was a scholar and 3 more sons had been born since the previous census, Frank, George and William aged 6,4,and 2. (This entry was difficult to find on the Ancestry website as Colbourne had been transcribed as "Collourne". ) Robert sadly died in the summer of 1888 aged 20, and I assume that his grief-stricken parents then erected the memorial to which their names were later added.

By 1891 when Lewis and Maria were living 12 Lymbourne 3 more sons had been born: Frederick, Harry and Arthur aged 8, 7 and 3. Frank and George were still at home and were also painters and decorators like Lewis, while William was a coach painter and the 3 youngest were scholars. Lewis died aged 64 in 1897 and in 1901 Maria was 56, listed in the census as widow and head of household, living now in Brighton with children Frank 24 Fred 19 (both house decorators), Arthur 13 (barber's assistant) and visitor Grace Tuppen aged 12. By 1911 Maria now aged 66 had moved in with her sister Charlotte Backshall and brother-in-law James in Lindfield, Sussex, and she died in 1932.