

**THE HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES  
OF  
LEICESTERSHIRE  
BY  
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**LONDON  
1811.  
(VOLUME IV- PART II)  
MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS  
IN  
DADLINGTON CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD**

The only tomb within the chapel is one which was placed for some person of the family of cotton (see pedigree of Cotton of dadlington page 724) but the inscription is now become illegible.

The arms of that family (Azure on a chevron argent, three Katharine wheels Gules, Plate CXVI figure 14) are barely discernable on a pane of old painted glass.

In the burying ground are but few tomb stones.

John Everard died Jan. 8 1726 aged 40  
Thomas Ballard of Drayton died Oct 16 1765 in the 84th year of his age  
Elizabeth Ballard late wife of Thomas died Sept 28 1761 aged 77  
Matyha the 5th daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ballard died March 20 1780 aged 49  
Mary Ballard died Feb 17 1796 aged 76  
John Glover died Sept 19 1780 aged 51  
Mary the wife of John Geary died May 17 1803 aged 44  
Elizabeth Elliott died May 27 1805 aged 32

THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER.

DADDLINGTON - LEICESTERSHIRE.

The village of Dadlington, situated on a hill in the southern Leicestershire countryside, is very picturesque, and small in comparison to other local villages. The church, dating back to the 16th century, in parts, lies to the northern edge of the large village green and is raised above the two roads which form part of its boundary.

From the churchyard, looking North, can be seen Ambion Hill, the site of the famous Battle of Bosworth Field, which took place in 1485. By modern standards the actual death toll of the battle seems meagre; somewhere between 100 and 200. From many accounts, a large number of the dead were carried to Dadlington and buried in the churchyard, possibly accounting for the unusually large number of unmarked burial mounds, 76 in total.

However, the first recorded burials at Dadlington were in the early part of the 18th century, and it can be seen the village consisted of only one or two families. Today, both the village and the churchyard have acquired new inhabitants, and although the population has increased, Dadlington remains a peaceful country community.

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- A.1. Sarah Ballard, died, 25th July 1824, aged 25 years.
- A.2. M.B.
- A.3. John Ballard, died, April 1st 1861, aged 64 years.
- A.4. George Freeman, died, December 20th 1902, aged 84 years. and Sarah, wife of George Freeman, died April 19th 1881, aged 55 years.
- A.5. Henry Freeman, died, March 10th, 1850, aged 68 years, and Ann, his wife, died November 30th 1856, aged 67 years, and Mary Ann, their daughter, died, January 21st 1878, aged 69 years.
- A.6. Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Ann Freeman, died February 21st 1816, aged 5 years.
- A.7. Anne, daughter of Thomas and Mary Freeman, died April 8th 1815, aged 8 months, also Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Mary Freeman, died November 7th 1817, aged 2 months.
- A.8. Mary Freeman, wife of Thomas Freeman, died 10th July 1823, aged 43 years.
- A.9. A.F. 1817 (see A.7.)
- A.10. E.F. 1817 (see A.7.)
- A.11. M.F. 1823 (see A.8.)
- A.12. Rebecca, daughter of John and Sarah Beebe, died 1792, aged 2 years.
- A.13. Edward Foster, died December 25th 1891, aged 79 years, also Mary, his wife, died June 10th 1837, aged 72 years.

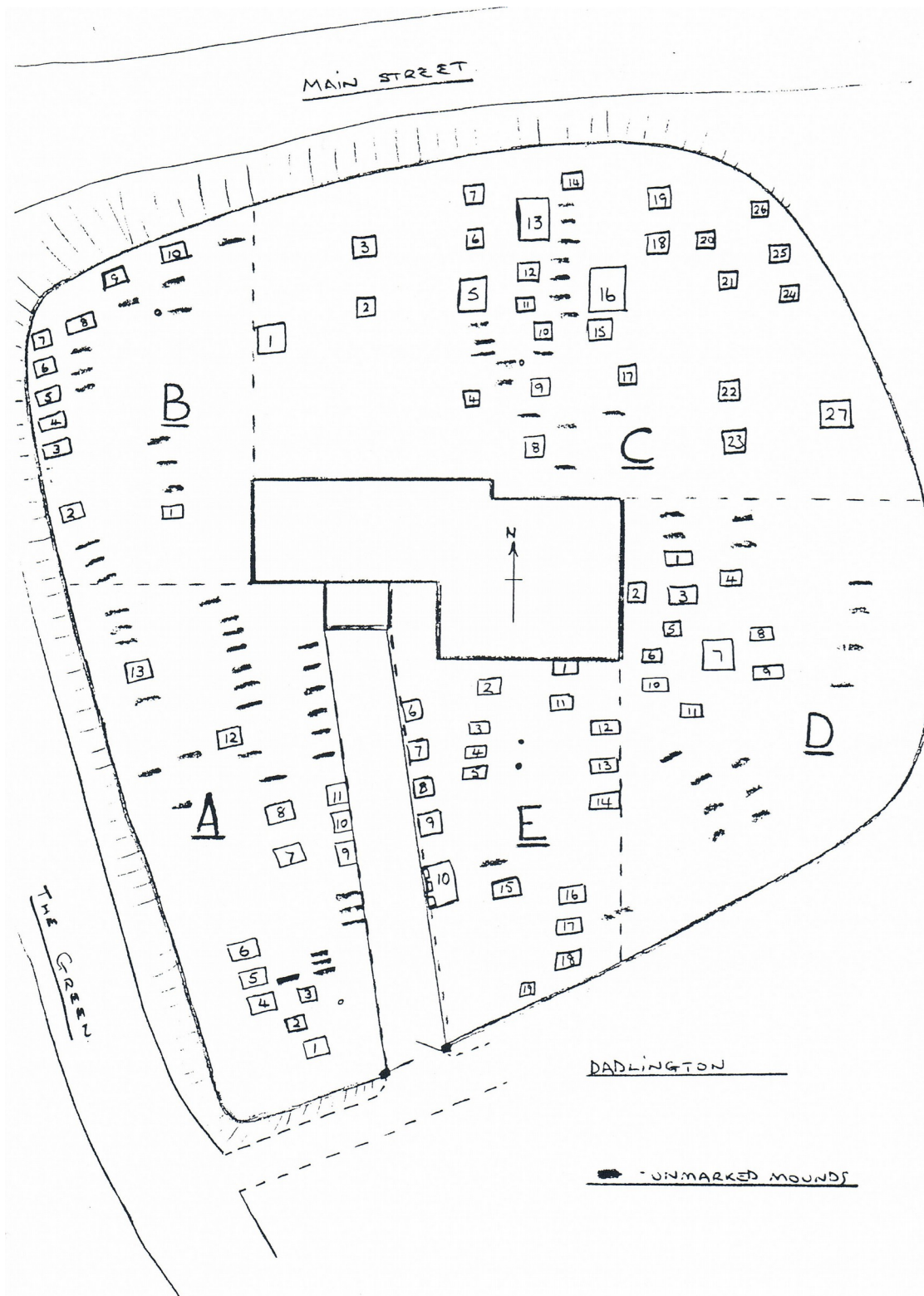
- B.1. John Glover, died September 19th 1780, aged 51 years.
  - B.2. Rose Agnes Timms, and her brother, Arthur Timms.
  - B.3. Hagar Sarah Lee, died July 10th 1970, aged 86 years, and her brother, Harry Lee, killed in action, October 8th 1914, aged 29 years.
  - B.4. Albert Lee, died 5th February 1980, aged 68 years.
  - B.4. David York, died 5th February 1980, aged 68 years, and his wife Lilly Maud York, died November 6th 1977, aged 78 years.
  - B.5. Albert Grewcock, died February 11th 1966, and 53 years, and his wife Alice Elizabeth Grewcock, died June 15th 1977, aged 64 years.
  - B.6. William Henry Bridgewater, died October 1st 1948, aged 64 years, and Rose Ellen Bridgewater, died December 18th 1957, aged 76 years.
  - B.8. Charlotte Emily Busby, died October 12th 1951, aged 86 years, Tom Busby, died February 15th 1953, aged 83 years.
  - B.9. Thomas Busby (Tom) died February 5th 1944, aged 39 years.
  - B.10. Edward J.T.McDonagh 'Jim' died May 10th 1951 aged 16 years.  
E.H. McDonagh, killed at sea, September 15th 1941.
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- C.1. Anne, wife of Joseph Moore, died January 19th 1852, aged 61 years.  
George Richard Dorell Edwards Moore, died June 27th 1937, aged 85 years.  
George Moore, died November 23rd 1959, aged 76 years.
  - C.2. J.A.Bird, died, August 25th 1850.
  - C.3. John Harrison, died January 29th 1857, aged 64 years.
  - C.4. Catherine Coley, daughter of William and Elizabeth Lee, died March 16th 1868, aged 40 years.
  - C.5. The Rev. Thomas Bourne, M.A., died January 28th 1881, aged 74 years.  
Anne, wife of Thomas Bourne, and daughter of the late John Edwards, Esq., died January 20th 1866, aged 57 years.  
Agnes Mary, wife of H. Showard Edwards, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Bourne, died Palm Sunday, March 29th 1896.  
Also of Harriet Anne Bourne, sister to Agnes Mary Edwards, died May 27th 1917.  
Elizabeth Jane Bourne, died January 2nd 1869.
  - C.6. William Neal Berry, died September 29th 1882, aged 43 years, also Ann Spencer, wife of the above, died September 16th 1885, aged 51 years.
  - C.7. Rebecca, wife of James Dawkins, died January 26th 1909, aged 68 years, also, James Dawkins, died September 14th 1924, aged 69 years, and William Shilton Dawkins, died August 8th 1883, aged 53 years.
  - C.8. Elizabeth Shilton, died May 15th 1883, aged 53 years, also of Amy, sister of the above, died January 14th 1887. aged 51 years.
  - C.9. William Shilton, died March 9th 1881, aged 78 years. also Elizabeth, wife of William Shilton, died October 18th 1858, aged 60 years, and of Sarah, daughter of the above, died May 14th 1850, aged 22 years, also Amy, who died in her infancy.
  - C.10. William Shilton, died September 3rd 1868, aged 89 years, also of Sarah, wife of the above, died July 3rd, 1860, aged 80 years, also of Elizabeth, their daughter, died September 8th 1881, aged 68 years.
  - C.11. Edward Morris, died, October 28th 1871, aged 62 years.

- C. 12. Clara Cooper, wife of James Jackson Huddleston, died September 12th 1871, aged 30 years.
- C.13. (a) Stone fallen on face.  
(b) Inscription obliterated.
- C. 14. Edward Vernon -cri-ene, died March 25th 1928, aged 51 years.
- C. 15. William Fairfield, died June 17th 1886, aged 76 years., and Mary Ann, his wife, died May 11th 1887.
- C. 16. (a) John Beeby Rubley, died January 15th 1887, aged 67 years, also Mary, his wife, died June 26th 1892, aged 87 years.  
(b) Inscription hidden.  
(c) Inscription hidden.
- C. 17. Mary, wife of Richard Malin, and daughter of William and Ann Vernon, died October 17th 1842, aged 56 years.
- C. 18. Thomas John Willson Vernon, died October 6th 1860, aged 11 years.
- C. 19. Clara Ann Fisher, died May 3rd 1890, aged 67 years.
- C. 20. Isni Vermon, died August 17th 1841, aged 66 years, and wife Mary Vernon, died May 29th 1846, aged 66 years.
- C. 21. Charles, son of Charles and Mary Ann Jeffront, died March 21st 1869, aged 8 months.
- C. 22. M.M. 1842.
- C. 23. Pte. Walter Towers, died May 4th 1817, aged 19 years.
- C. 24. Charlott, wife of William Hollyoak, died, October 31st 1870, aged 56 years.
- C. 25. Thomas Keightley, born July 27th 1832, died June 23rd 1915.
- C. 26. Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Keightley, born March 8th 1825, died November 1st 1901.
- C. 27. Matilda Blakesley, wife of John Blakesley, died August 22nd 1839, aged 24 years.  
John Blakesley, died August 22nd 1839, aged 24 years.  
Lucy Blakesley, daughter of the above, born March 23rd 1835, died September 2nd 1836.  
Ann Helen Browne, daughter of the late Reverend Matthew Browne and only sister of Matilda Blakesley, died July 15th 1836, aged 19 years.  
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- D. 1. Henry John Gadsby Freeman, died 15th February 1930, aged 56 years.
- D. 2. Martha Ballard, fifth daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, died March 20th 1780, aged 49 years.  
Mary Ballard, died February 17th 1796, aged 76 years.
- D. 3. Josiah Freeman, died 8th February 1928, aged 86 years, also Amos, his brother, died 21st October 1925, aged 74 years.
- D. 4. Unis Taylor, died February 29th 1828, aged 57 years.
- D. 5. M.B.
- D. 6. Sylvia Norris, died June 10th 1976, aged 62 years.
- D. 7. Martha, wife of John Bates, died October 16th 1931, aged 61 years, also of John Bates, died May 8th 1932, aged 71 years.
- D. 8. John Walter Freeman, died, February 18th 1910, aged 70 years, Son of Joseph and Ann Freeman, also of Betsy, daughter, died December 12th 1912, aged 65 years, also of Alice, sister, wife of William Cooper, died April 24th 1916, aged 65 years.

- D. 9. Frederick Lee, died August 17th 1957, aged 69 years, also Ethell Cantrell Lee, died May 30th 1963, aged 75 years.
- D. 10. Mary Hextall.
- D. 11. Thomas, son of William and Sarah Turner, died February 13th 1821, aged 8 months.

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- E. 1. John Everard, Gent, died January 8th 1726, aged 40 years.
- E. 2. Mary, wife of Henry Ballard, died 18th January 1708/9
- E. 3. James Oakey, died 16th December 1833, aged 72 years.
- E. 4. T.B.
- E. 5. E.B.
- E. 6. Joyce, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ballard, died November 8th 1715, aged 2 years, also Mary, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ballard, died October 7th, 1715, aged 3 years.
- E. 7. Mary, wife of Thomas Ballard, died April 13th 1716, aged 35 years.
- E. 8. Thomas Ballard, died 16th October 1765, aged 84 years.  
Elizaneth Ballard, wife of Thomas Ballard, died 28th September 1761, aged 71 years.
- E. 10. Frederick Stephen, son of Stephen and Betsy Smith, died August 5th 1912, aged 39 years.  
Betsy, wife of Stephen Smith, born December 12th 1835, died November 24th 1898,  
Stephen, husband of Betsy Smith, died February 3rd 1935, aged 92 years
- E. 11. Walter William Bradbury, died January 15th 1949, aged 85 years,  
Eliza Bradbury, died November 9th 1955, aged 87 years.
- E. 13. Thomas, son of William and Elizabeth Freeman, died October 20th 1821 aged 2 years and 3 months.
- E. 14. William Freeman, died December 25th 1849, aged 65 years, also Elizabeth Freeman, wife of William, died July 6th 1872, aged 77 years
- E. 15. Elizabeth Elliott, died May 27th 1805, aged 32 years, also William Elliott, died December 5th 1804.
- E. 16. Mary, wife of John Geary, died May 17th 1803.
- E. 17. John Geary, died September 25th 1806, aged 62 years, also the infant son of John and Mary Geary----- (rest of inscription underground)
- E. 18. Thomas Geary, died July 28th 1865, aged 73 years.
- E. 19. E. E. 1805.

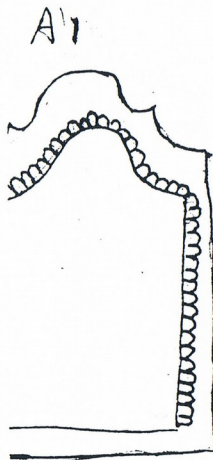


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THE GREEN

DADLINGTON

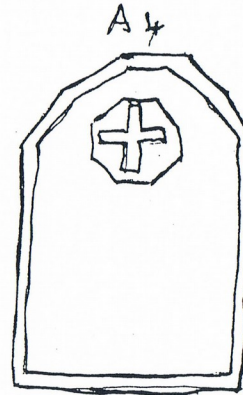
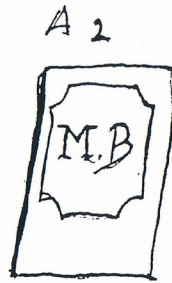
UNMARKED MOUNDS



IN affectionate remembrance of

Sarah Ballard  
who died  
25th July 1824  
Aged 25 years

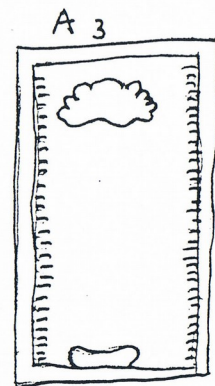
Alas, she's gone! Death ever takes the best  
From earthly troubles to eternal rest.



In AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF  
GEORGE FREEMAN  
WHO DIED DEC. 29<sup>th</sup> 1902  
AGED 84 years

At rest  
SARAH, THE BELOVED WIFE OF  
GEORGE FREEMAN  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 1881  
AGED 55 years

But thanks be to God which giveth us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Cor xv 57



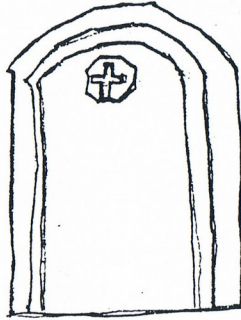
In  
Affectionate remembrance of  
John Ballard  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 1861  
Aged 84 years

When mourning o'er this stone I bend  
It covers all that was a friend,  
And from his voice his hand, his smile  
Divides me for a little while,

T. SHILTON



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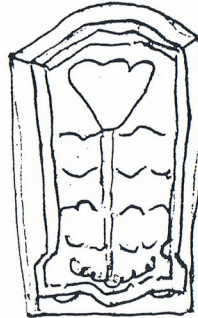


IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF  
HENRY FREEMAN  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> 1850.  
AGED 68 YEARS,  
ALSO  
ANN wife of the above  
who departed this life  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Aged 67 years

AND  
MARYANN, DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> 1878  
AGED 69 years.

In life beloved, in death lamented.

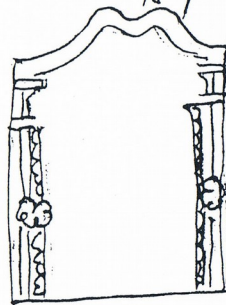
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TO  
the Memory of Elizabeth daughter of  
HENRY & ANN FREEMAN  
who died February 21<sup>st</sup> 1816  
Aged 5 years

Snatched from the bosom of thy parents' Love  
Fair Babe how we lament thy quick remove  
Yet why lament - since thou'rt completely blest  
In the bright Mansions of eternal rest.

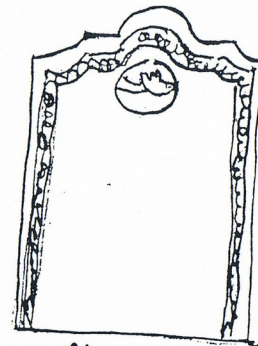
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TO  
the memory of  
Anna daughter of  
Thos and Mary Freeman  
who departed this life  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Aged 8 months  
Also ELIZABETH daughter of  
Thos and Mary Freeman  
who departed this life  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Aged 2 months.

The GREAT JEHOVAH, full of love  
An Angel bright did send.

A 8



In  
Greatful remembrance  
Mary Freeman  
wife of  
Thomas Freeman  
who departed this life  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832  
Aged 48 years.

Stop my dear friend and don't pass by  
But think upon Eternity  
Thou'rt hastening to the darksome grave  
I hope the Lord thy soul will save

A 9

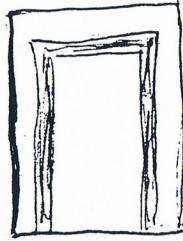


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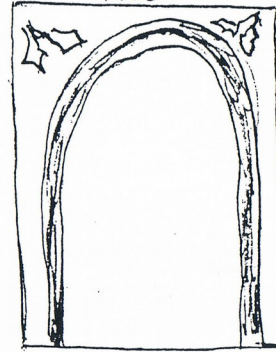


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REBECCA  
Daughter of  
John and Sarah Beebe  
died 1792  
Aged 2 years

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In affectionate memory of

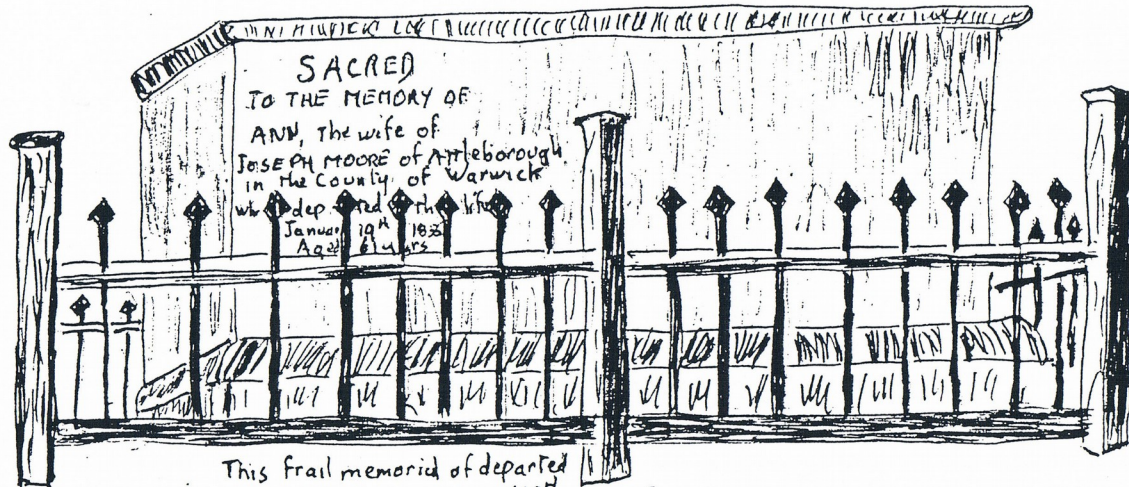
EDWARD FOSTER  
WHO DIED DEC. 25<sup>th</sup> 1891  
Aged 79 years

Also  
MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE  
WHO DIED, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Aged 72 years

BEHOLD HE TAKETH AWAY, WHO CAN HINDER  
HIM, WHO SHALL SAY UNTO HIM, WHAT  
DOST THOU?

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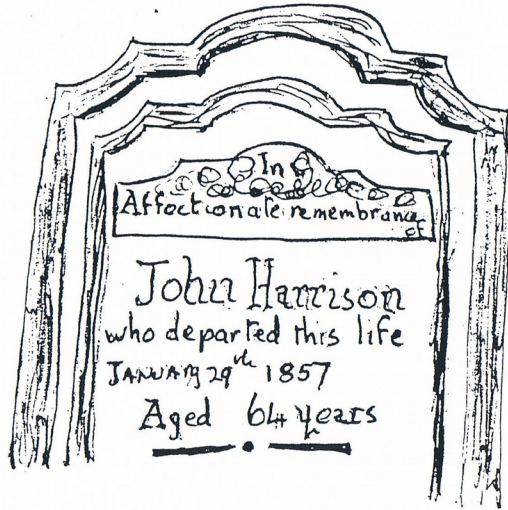


This frail memorial of departed

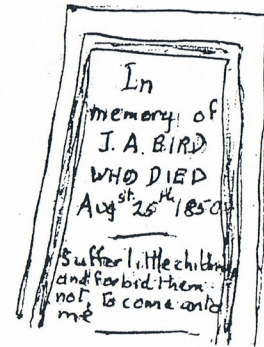
In Memory Of  
GEORGE RICHARD DORELL  
EDWARDS MOORE  
DIED JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> 1937  
Aged 85 years  
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In Affectionate  
Remembrance of  
GEORGE MOORE  
DIED NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 1954  
AGED 76 YEARS.

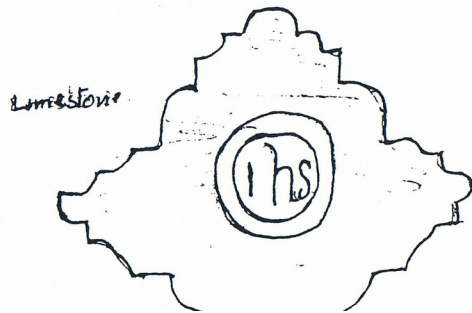
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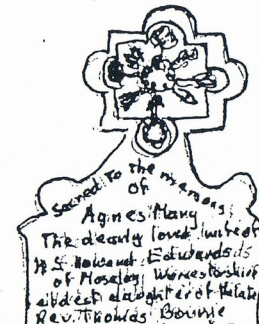
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IN

AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE  
of  
WILLIAM NEIL BERRY  
who died  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1882  
Aged 43 years  
Also of  
Ann Spencer  
the beloved wife of the above  
who died  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Aged 57 years

C 7.

IN

Affectionate  
remembrance  
of  
Rebecca  
beloved wife of  
James Dawkins  
who departed  
this life  
Jan<sup>26</sup><sup>th</sup> 1909  
Aged 68 years  
I shall be  
satisfied when  
I wake with Thy  
loves

Also  
JAMES DAWKINS  
Died September 12<sup>th</sup> 1924  
Aged 69 years  
Come unto me all that labour  
and I will give you rest  
and  
William Shilton Dawkins  
died Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1948 aged 68 years

C 8

late

IN

Affectionate  
remembrance of  
ELIZABETH SHILTON  
who died May 15<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Aged 53 years  
also of  
AMY sister of the above  
who died January 14<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Aged 51 years

C 9

IN

Affectionate  
Remembrance of  
William Shilton  
who died March 9<sup>th</sup> 1881  
Aged 78 years  
also  
Elizabeth  
the beloved wife of  
William Shilton  
who died Oct. 18 1858  
Aged 60 years  
and of Sarah daughter  
of the above

C 10

IN

Affectionate  
remembrance of  
William Shilton  
of Love Cottage Dealings  
who died Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1868  
Aged 89 years  
Also of  
Sarah wife of the above  
who died July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860  
Aged 80 years  
Also of Elizabeth

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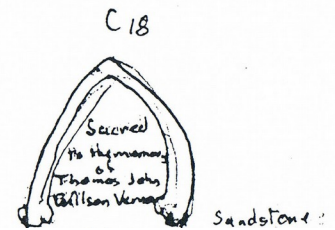
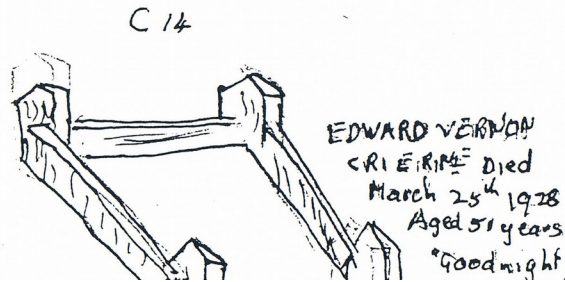
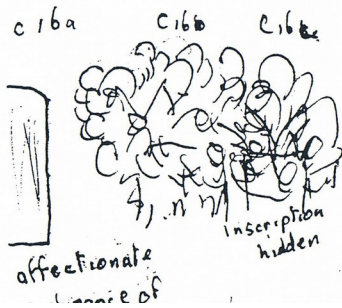
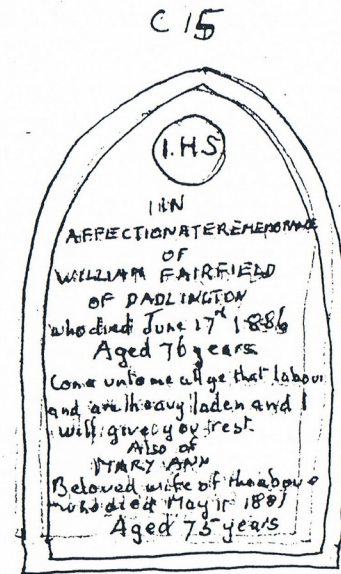
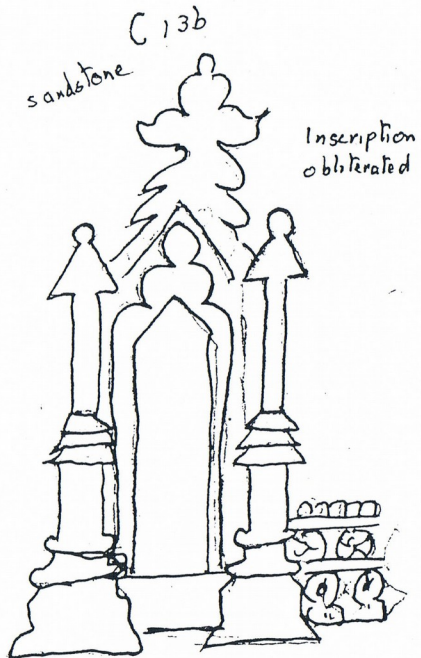
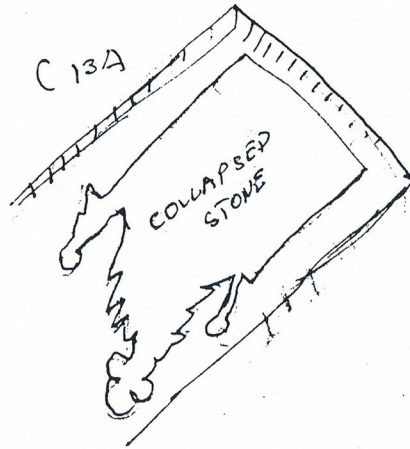
IN

Affectionate  
Remembrance  
of  
EDWARD MORRIS  
who died Oct 28<sup>th</sup>  
1871  
in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year  
of his Age

C 12

IN

Affectionate  
Remembrance of  
CLARA COOPER  
The beloved wife of  
JAMES JACKSON  
HUDDLESTON  
OF HINCLEY  
who died Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Aged 30 years



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SACRED  
TO

The memory of  
Isiah Vernon  
who departed this life  
August 17<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Aged 66 years  
of  
Mary Vernon  
wife of Isiah Vernon  
who died May 24<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Aged 66 years  
Blessed are those  
servants whom the  
Lord when he cometh  
shall find watching

C 21

IN  
Affectionate remembrance  
of  
Charles  
the beloved child of  
Charles & Mary Ann Jeffcoat  
who died  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1869  
Aged 8 months  
of such is the kingdom  
of heaven

slate C 24

Sacred  
to the memory  
of

Charlotte wife of  
WILLIAM HOLYOAK  
who died October 31<sup>st</sup> 1870  
Aged 56 years  
This ravishing head at rest  
It's thinking and aching are dead  
This quiet, immovable breast  
Is hallowed by affliction no more  
This heart is no longer the seat  
Of trouble and torturing pain  
It ceases to flutter and beat  
It never shall flutter again

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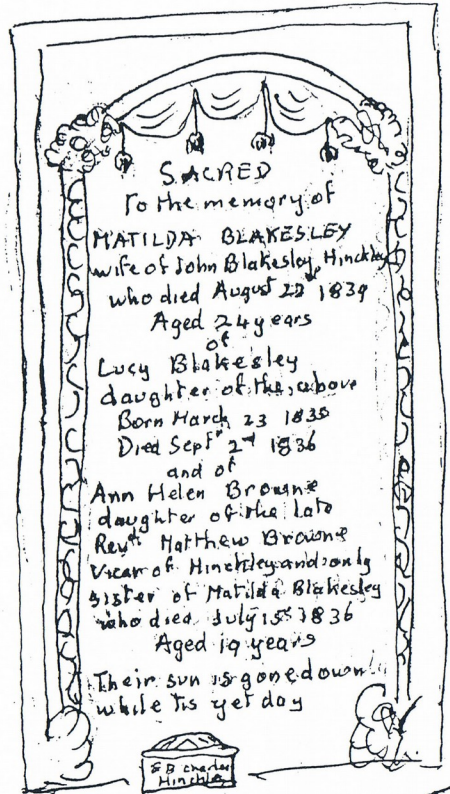
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In  
loving memory  
of  
Thomas Keightley  
Born July 27 1838  
Fell asleep June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1915  
Kent  
1 Peter 1:5

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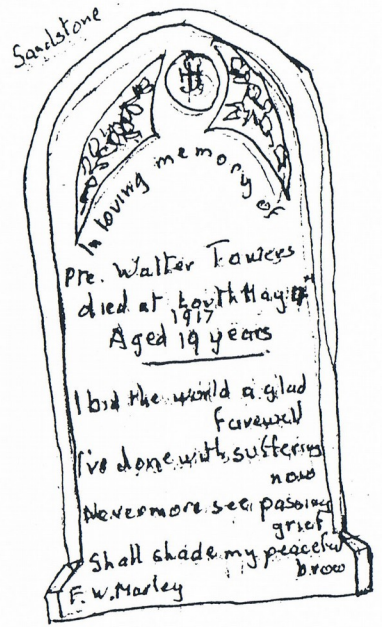
In  
loving memory  
of  
MARY ANNE  
The beloved wife of  
Thomas Keightley  
Born March 8 1833  
Fell asleep Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
'Redeemed'  
1 Peter

C 21



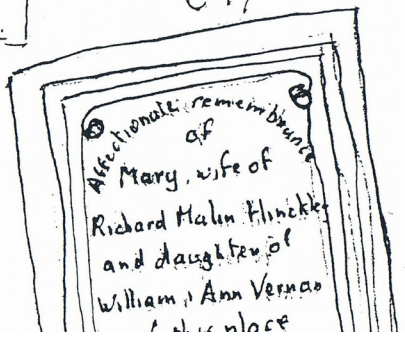
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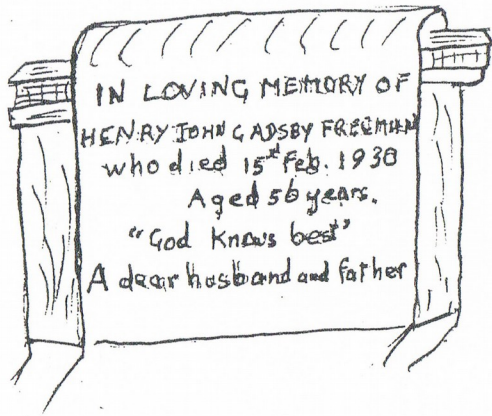


Sandstone

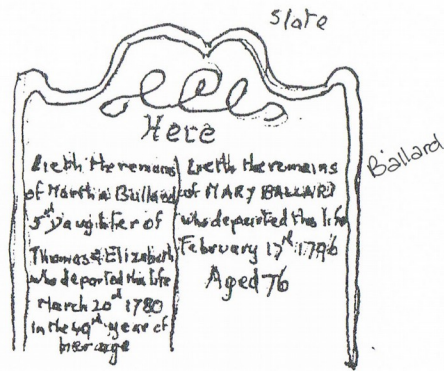
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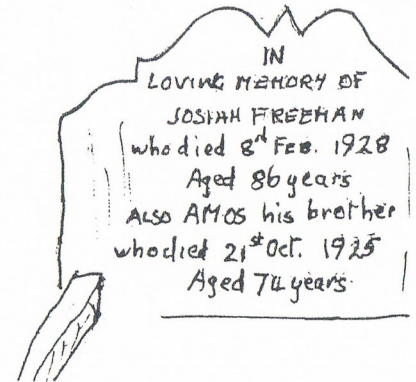
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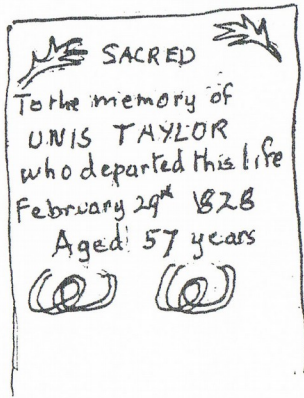


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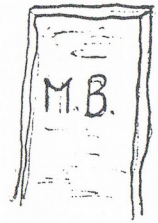


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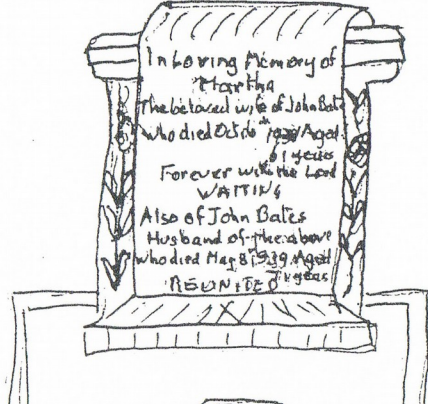
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In loving memory  
OF  
JOHN WALTER FREEMAN  
who died Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1910  
Aged 70 years  
son of Joseph & Anne  
Freeman  
of  
Ct. Glenn  
Also of Betsy daughter  
who died Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1912  
Aged 65 years  
Grant them thy peace  
also of Alice sister, wife  
of William Cooper of  
Coundon who died  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1916  
Aged 65 years

D 9  
MARBLE

In loving memory of  
FREDERICK LEE  
Died August 17<sup>th</sup> 1957  
Aged 69 years  
Also  
Ethel Cantrell Lee  
Died May 30<sup>th</sup> 1963  
Aged 75 years  
Re-united.

D 10

In  
Loving memory of  
MARY HESTER

D 11  
slate

In  
Affectionate Remembrance  
of  
Thomas son of



E1 slate

Here lyeth Inter'd  
 y<sup>e</sup> Body of John Ever-  
 ard, GENT, who Chang'd  
 this life in hopes of A  
 better Jan y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1726  
 in y<sup>e</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> year of his Age  
 Afflictions fore long time bore  
 Physicians were in vain  
 Till Death did seize, as Godd did  
 And eas'd me of my pain please

E2

Here lyeth the body  
 of Mary the wife of  
 Henry Ballard who  
 departed this life the  
 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1708

E3

IN  
 MEMORY OF  
 JAMES OAKBY,  
 who departed this life  
 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1833  
 Aged 72 years

E4

T.B

E5

F.B

E6 slate

Here lyeth the Body of Joyce the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ballard who depart this life November y <sup>e</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 1715 in the 2 <sup>d</sup> year of her Age Grieve not for me my glass is run It is the Lord, His will be done	Here lyeth the Body of Mary the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ballard who depart this life October the 7 <sup>th</sup> 1715 in the 3 <sup>d</sup> year of her Age You readers all be hold and young Your time on earth will soon be done
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E7 slate

Here lyeth the Body of  
 Mary, the wife of Thomas  
 Ballard who departed this life  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> 1716 in  
 the 35<sup>th</sup> year of her Age  
 All you that come my grave to see  
 Know as I am you soon will be

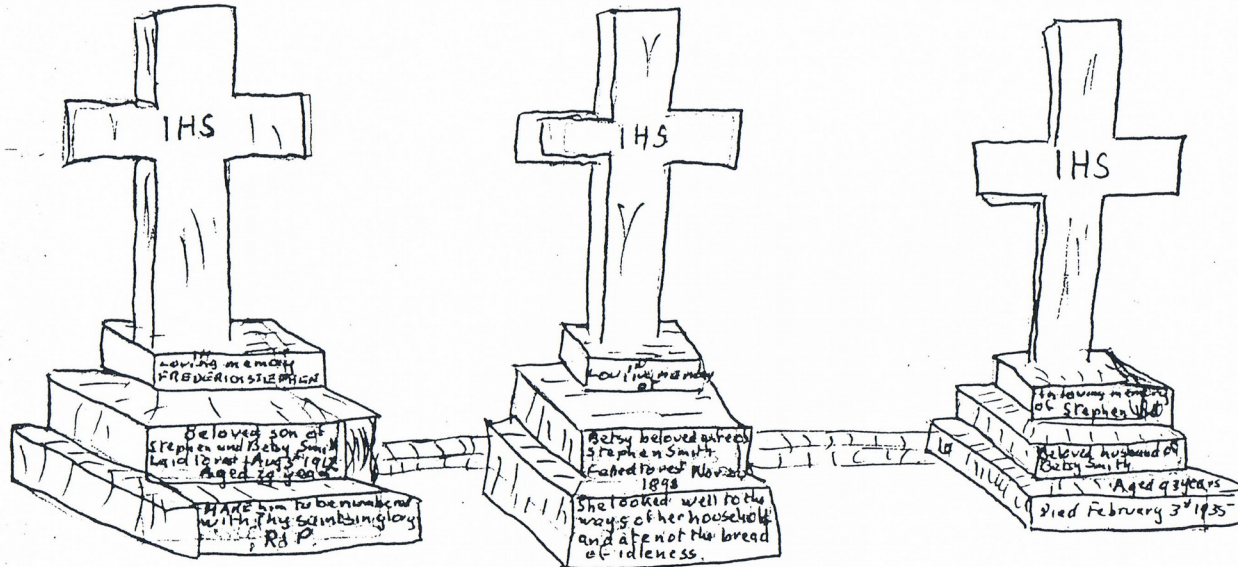
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Here lyeth inter'd ye last Thomas Ballard of DIRAYTON who departed this life the 16 <sup>th</sup> of Oct <sup>r</sup> 1705 in the 84 <sup>th</sup> year of his Age I lov'd my honoure of Parents dear I lov'd my wife and children dear And hope in heaven to meet them there	Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth Yaller the wife of THOMAS BALLARD who departed this life the 28 <sup>th</sup> September 1716 Aged 71 years
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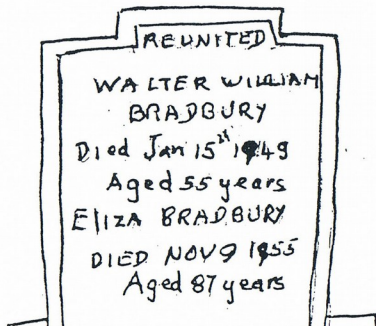
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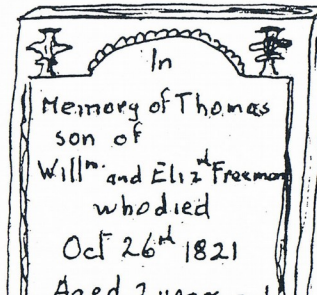
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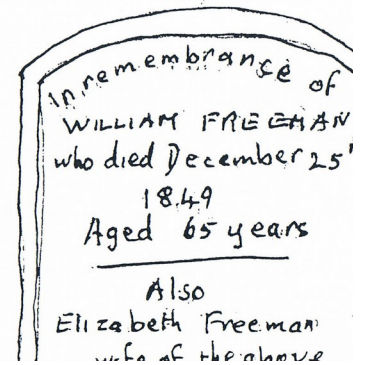
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E13



E14



E. 15

Here rests the remains  
 of  
 Elizabeth Elliott  
 who changed time for  
 Eternity  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> 1805  
 Aged 32 years  
 Also William Elliott  
 who departed this life  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> 1807

E 16

SACRED  
 To the memory of  
 MARY the wife of  
 JOHN GEARY  
 late of this place  
 who departed this life  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> 1803

E 17

SACRED  
 To the Memory of  
 JOHN GEARY  
 who departed this life  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> 1826  
 Aged 62 years  
 Also the infant son of  
 John and Mary Geary

E 18

SACRED  
 To the memory of  
 THOMAS GEARY  
 late of LEICESTER  
 Formerly of Atterton  
 who departed this life  
 JULY 28<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of  
 HIS AGE

E 19

EE  
 1805

