

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS AND COATS OF ARMS FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE

CHIEFLY AS RECORDED BY

JOHN LAYER ABOUT 1632

AND

WILLIAM COLE BETWEEN 1742 AND 1782

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Close to the North Wall lies a very old *Monument of a soft kind of Stone which is not only very dirty but the Letters round it broke in most places: however what remains are as follow in a Gothic Character: Hic jacet Rob...anno Doñ Miſſo | cccc^olx^oix^o
Cujus Anime propicietur Deus.

In the middle of the Chancel lies a very handsome grey marble which formerly had a Figure & Inscription in the midst of it but now dismantled. In the middle Isle lies a grey Marble which has forfeited its Inscription which it had on a plate of Brass in the midst of it; as has *one as you enter the South Door which had beside 2 Figures on it, with *another which lies at the bottom of the South Isle.

Before the Altar in the middle of the Chancel lie two very handsome Black Marble Slabs wth these Arms at top on them both: viz: On a Fess int^r 3 cross crosslets three Fleur de Lis for Eversden: under on that nearest the S. Wall is this Inscription: Here | Lieth interred the Body of William | Eversden Gent: Son of William | Eversden, Esq^r of Eversden and | Mary his Wife who departed this | Life the 29 Day of July 1737 | aged 24 years.

On the other close to it on the left of aforesaid Arms at top and this Inscription under them: Here lieth the Body of Mary | Wife of William Eversden Esq^r who | died September 28 1726 | aged 49 years | Here also lieth Mary the Daughter | of William Eversden Esq^r and Mary | his Wife who died Apr: 15. 1734 | aged 30 years.

In the mid Isle lies *a very handsome black marble Slab wth the Arms of Eversden at

top and this Inscription under them: Here lieth the Body of Dorcas Rose | The Daughter of William Eversden Esq^r | who departed this Life Decemb: 11. 1739 | aged 29 y^{rs}.

At the head of this lies another of the same sort wth the same Arms at top and under them this Inscription: Here lieth the Body of William | Eversden of Eversden Esq^r who | died Jan: 5. 1734 | aged 63 y^{rs}.

Blomefield says (p. 11), “*At the North corner lies an old stone, with the imperfect inscription: Hic jacet Katerina. . . anno dñi MCCCCLXXIX.”

Also “*Under a stone in the chancel lies Robert Peest, rector, buried in 1487.”

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

SECOND PART

FROM THE MS OF JOHN LAYER OF SHEPRETH (1585-1640)

IN ECCLESIA DE TOFT

fo. 110. In the north windowe of this church the portrature of a man habbited in a long robe of azure a coule of redd about his neck & hanging down his backe kneeling at prayer his head bowed his handes extended. a whittell or dager hanging by his side under ys writt:

1. Orate pro animabus Gilberti Peveryll & Mathilde. . . pro quibus. . . And in the same window these Armes: Argent a fesse betweene vj annuletts gueles paled with party per fesse azure & Argent a lyon rampant g. over all crowned or, Avenell & St George. and iust above the first writt BENDYSCH and over the second writt SENT GORGE. At the foote of a windowe on the same side is seene:

2. . . Newman & Alicie uxor. . . In a windowe at the east end of the said church are 3 escochions. 1. utterlie defaced. 2. Argent a lyon rampant sa. debrused with a bendlett gueles. 3. Argent a fesse betwene vj annuletts gueles.

On the north side of the church standeth a smale chappell which is said to have been built by one Baesley.

In a windowe of the same is writt:

3. Orate. . . animabus Nicolai Baesley et Johanne uxoris sue. . . parentum illorum. . . Upon a gray marbell inscribed in brasse:

4. Of your charitie pray for the soules of John Suttall & Marion his wife, on whose soules Jesus have mercy. Amen.

5. Upon an nother stone in the south Ile: here lyeth Richard Pek and Agnes his wife whose soules Jesu pardon.

6. In the chancell upon a gray marble stone in brasse the effigies of a man standing habbited in a longe robe or garment to the foote. & over another shorter garment like a cloake, his hands ellevated. and under inscribed: Hic iacet M^r Richardus Standon cuius anime propicietur deus. Amen.