

Inscriptions in Chawton Churchyard

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A few introductory comments

The Austen connection:

This study began with the thought that many of those who would have known Jane Austen are buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas' Church, Chawton. The result is a partial picture of the village during the late 18th and 19th centuries, together with some of its tragedies and some of its moments of humour. What follows is a celebration of Chawton in general rather than Jane Austen in particular.

The appendix tries to link Jane's correspondence to the names on the headstones using Deirdre Le Faye's 1995 edition of the letters (with her kind permission). Apart from Cassandra (Jane Austen's mother - number 22) and Cassandra Elizabeth (Jane's sister - number 23), there are many members of the Knight, Prowting, Clement and Philmore families here. Jane Austen would have known many of them with varying degrees of enthusiasm. I have flagged those who were living in the time of Jane Austen with the letter A; those mentioned in her correspondence with A*.

The headstones:

As with most English churchyards, there are few visible signs of the many generations who were buried in Chawton churchyard before the end of the 18th century. With the help of the church's burial records we can leap back to the burial of William Morey, described as a labourer, in February 1682; a more determined scholar could go earlier still at the Public Records Office.

The Prowting family was responsible for some fine carving in the churchyard. The oldest headstone - which dates from 1744 - is that of Rowland Prowting I and his wife Rachel (number 30). Rowland II is commemorated in the finest script and should not be missed (number 28). To give a sense of context, see the headstone of Ann and John Prowting; Ann died on the eve of the American Declaration of Independence and John six months before the fall of the Bastille (number 32). Then make sure you don't miss the headstone for the two young Prowting girls - Ann Frances and Ann - who died as babies in 1757 and 1758 (number 31). The Georgian carving is exquisite, the cherubs charming and the text heart-rending.

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The headstones (cont.):

There are many examples of fine Georgian and Augustan carving, but Benjamin Andrews' headstone (number 129) is worth mentioning for its confident, clear script. Whilst many headstones have weathered badly, the Frost family's fared better. Their memorials (numbers 12, 13 and 15) were broken at the base at least a century ago and were leant with their inscriptions facing the wall on the south side of the church; the carving is fresh and simple.

The lover of Victoriana is equally spoilt for choice! From 1837 to 1901, many Knights, Bradfords, Wyeths, Holts, Tidmans, Reiths, Morgans, Pullingers, Marlows, Bones, Ewens and Langrishes were buried in the churchyard. Their headstones are often accompanied by biblical texts or sombre poetry evocative of the time.

The adventurous should look out for Nicholas Newbery (number 19) who is hidden behind the Clement vault which in early summer is covered in the bluest periwinkle. The sentimental should reflect on the grief of George Baigen (number 54) realising also how selective the information given on memorials is; Jane Austen's correspondence tells of a much less attractive episode touching his life. The patriotic should visit the Stevens headstone (number 41). On this latter theme of sacrifice in war, the churchyard is eloquent. The visitor should also realise that there are many more who gave their lives buried in the cemetery which can be found on the other side of the A32.

The cemetery, not the churchyard, provides the fullest record of 20th century Chawton. James Campion Drew was the first villager to be buried there on 25th January 1904 and many have followed. Only members of the Knight family are now buried in the churchyard.

War and mobility:

The church records evoke a massive mobilisation of the English during the Napoleonic Wars, a phenomenon unparalleled in Chawton's earlier history. First of all, soldiers were passing through. Some were billeted at the French Horn Inn, then part of Chawton. A private soldier from the 28th Regiment called James Smith died there on 18 March 1802. No headstone marks where he is buried.

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War and mobility (cont):

The village was swept up in militaristic enthusiasm. The wonderfully named Francis Drake was born in 1799 and soon boasted the middle initials H.N. - Horatio Nelson (number 56). The battle of Aboukir Bay had been won by Nelson in August 1798 and his fame would have been clearly established by 1799. News of the military successes of the period would have come from multiple sources, ranging from Jane Austen's correspondents, particularly her distinguished naval brothers, to those passing along the Portsmouth road. In 1814, the victorious Russian Emperor travelled from London to Portsmouth, fresh from defeating Napoleon!

With Empire came an altogether more exotic vista with references to Baghdad (number 41), Hamilton, Ontario (number 117) and India (number 75).

Underlying this military/imperial theme, one senses a broader social awakening. Travellers from outside the parish suddenly crop up in the records. In 1814, two unknown women were buried in Chawton: one in March was totally anonymous; the other in October had no recorded name but we know she came from "Wilton near Salisbury". The following year, just as Wellington and Napoleon were preparing to fight at Waterloo, a travelling woman called Sarah Hudson died in Chawton at the age of 33. This pattern of nomadic behaviour started with a "traveller name unknown" recorded in 1803. In the preceding 150 years no such record exists.

The world had suddenly become a bigger place. In the 18th century, most visitors to Chawton came from its neighbouring villages. Suddenly we find the Prowting Lee family with its sophisticated connections to Chelsea and Nice (gravestone 37); the Austens of course; and a little later Sir Edward Bradford (gravestone 75) who spent much of his life in India as an administrator, lost his left arm to a man-eating tiger and ended his career as the Commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police. The Knight family played a central part throughout in Chawton House.

The costs of burial:

As if to underline the rarity of visitors, the parish levied a massive cost when burying someone from outside the village. For example, the family of Christian Hockley had to pay 10/- (10 shillings) for "breaking ground in ye church" on 10th March 1719. This cost was reduced later in the century - presumably to reflect the

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The costs of burial (cont)

fact that it was more common - so that the family of George Marshall, who came from Lasham, was charged only 6/8d (6 shillings and 8 pence) on 6th December 1751. The same sum was applied to the family of Eliza Laney of Alton who died in 1801. However in 1790, William Newbolt of Worldham was buried "at the parish expense", an entry that becomes increasingly common through the 19th century. The charge levied for the burial of children is specified at the much lower 3d (3 pence) in 1784.

Lawlessness:

Chawton and Alton were at the heart of a dangerous part of the journey from Winchester to London...the notorious "Vale of Altoun" of medieval times. Jane Austen's Chawton was not so remote from this apparent lawlessness. Little more than 50 years before her arrival in the village, an unknown man was buried the day after he had been "killed by a fall from the Winchester Stage Coach". The coroner was assisted by a jury which brought in an accidental verdict. The coroner ordered 6 burials during the 19th century, 4 of them for women. Jane Austen tells of juvenile violence when 10 year old James Baigen stabbed another Chawton boy called Stephen Mersh (see page 19 of the appendix). In 1864 the coroner was involved in the case of a young man aged about 20 who was buried as John Brittle but also had the alias of John King. A note was added by John Oates, the curate of Newnham, to say that Brittle/King's real name was Daniel Moody. Even then aliases meant deception.

The poor:

Only a quarter of the 1100 people buried in the churchyard are still commemorated with a gravestone. Jane Austen's letters mention a couple who are not. Take Miss Benn, for example, who was often mentioned and who was buried in the churchyard on 3rd January 1816 aged 46. Her burial is mentioned in the church records, but she has no headstone. Despite that we have a rich picture of her tendency to lisp, her chronic lack of money, her eviction by John Philmore and her poor gardening skills. Thanks to Jane Austen's letters. Miss Benn needs no headstone. The same is true of Hannah and Harriet Knight (daughters of Abraham and Olive Knight - number 146), Thomas Browning, William Triggs and Thomas Carter.

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The poor (cont):

Almost without exception the poor - many of whom ended their days in the Alton Poor House, the Workhouse or even the lunatic asylum - are not visible at all. Some families moved from apparent affluence to Alton's Workhouse in just two generations.

Infant mortality:

The diphtheria outbreak of 1893 claimed seven young lives in Chawton. High levels of infant mortality are evident at all social levels throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. The elegant Ann and Ann Frances Prowting headstone has already been mentioned; it is worth adding though that they died young :one aged 9 months and the other only 5 days old. Similarly George Baigen died at the tender age of 3 months. However these cases are placed in context when one sees the Windibank/White tomb (number 108) which talks of 15 unnamed children. Such references to unnamed infant children are to be found on too many of the gravestones.

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Mark Pearson
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Section A

Row 1 (starting from black oil tank on south side of Church and working along the wall to the gate)

1. **Baker** John Baker Rector of this parish Twenty-Five Years, died April the 1st 1742 in the 70th year of his Age
Hebrews 13th 7-8 Remember them that have had Rule over you, who have spoken to you the word of GOD: whose faith follow the end of their Conversation.
JESUS CHRIST, the same yesterday, to day and for ever
(tablet inset into church wall)
2. **Butler** In memory of Mary Ann Butler who died Feb 22nd 1864 aged 64 years (followed by illegible Biblical quotation)....A
3. **Windibank** In memory of Jane wife of James Windibank who departed this life on February 1818 aged 39 years (broken stone)....A
4. **Fielder** To the/ beloved memory of/ Emily Fielder/ who died January 15 1892/Aged 27 years
Be ye also ready
5. **Lee** In loving memory of Elizabeth Martha Lee who died on May the 6th 1797 Aged 26 years (gravestone facing wall)
6. **Bone** AB 1893 MB 1894
(Church records would suggest that AB was Alpheus Bone who was buried on 22.9.1893 and that MB was Martha Bone who was buried on 4.5.1894; their two children Harriet and William had died in June 1893 during a diptheria outbreak which hit Chawton between April and June claiming the lives of 7 children in the parish. The children were buried in a lime-pit in Alton. Tragedy centred on the Bone family at Chalk Dell and the Francis family at Home Farm where 3 children died.)

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7. **Stubington** In memory of Mary Wife of John Cooper Stubington who died August 8th 1827 aged 27 years. (Spelt Stubbington in Church records)....A
Also two of her infant children.
8. **Neale** Samuel Neale died October 8th 1851 aged 75 YearsA
Jane his wife died January 5th 1850 aged 72 YearsA
9. **Neale** Sacred to the memory of William son of Samuel and Jane Neale who died Sept 3 1832 Aged 29 yearsA
Also of Catherine daughter of William and Catherine Neale who died Augst. 10th. 1832 Aged 4 months
10. **Gold** In memory of William Gold who died March 28th 1836 Aged 68A
Also of Sarah his wife who died July 31st 1851 Aged 80A
And of Mary Ann Jones their grand-daughter who died May 6th 1861 aged 16 years and 11 months. (Last two lines of this inscription illegible)
11. **Child's grave (?)** This stone has sunk so that only the top three inches of the stone are visible. Its dimensions suggest a child's grave.
12. **Frost** In memory of John Frost who departed this life September 20th 1820 Aged 80 years (because it has been facing the wall for many years this stone is wonderfully legible; fine carving)A
13. **Frost** In memory of Mary Wife of John Frost who departed this life April 24th 1801 Aged 65 years (as 12)
14. **Langrish** In memory of Nicholas Langrish who departed this life July 2nd 1794 Aged 76 years
15. **Frost** In memory of John, Son of William and Elizabeth Frost who died January 1 1811/ Aged 8 Years (again well preserved because broken and facing wall)A

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16. **Holdaway** In memory of Mary wife of John Holdaway who departed this life July 1863 Aged 77 Years....A
Also John October 1st 1873
Aged 78 Years....A
17. **Lee** In memory of James Lee who departed this life October 17th 1861 In the 75th Year of his Life....A
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, Psalm 90 Verse 12_(fine carving)
18. **Clement** The vault of the Clement family
(Church records suggest that the following members of the Clement family are buried in this vault:
Capt Benjamin Clement RN buried 5.11.1835A*
Ann Mary Clement buried 6.9.1858 aged 71. Born Ann Mary Prowting, she married Capt Clement in 1811A*
William Thomas Clement buried 19.1.1864 aged 43
Rev Benjamin P. Clement, MA buried 4.12.1873 aged 60 who was a Minor Canon of Winchester for 34 years....A*
For reasons that we can only guess at Lilius Edith Clement (known as Lily and the daughter of William Thomas) was buried in her own separate grave...see number 36 below)
19. **Newbery** In memory of Nicholas Newbery who Died Oct. y 28 1768
Aged 69 Years
Blessed are the dead which lie in the Lord (fine script; Newbury in Church records)
20. **Harford** In Memory of Ann Harford who Died July 21st 1773 Aged 58 Years
21. **Randall** In memory of Margaret Wife of Edward Randall who died Jany. 20 th 1757 Aged 57 Years

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22. **Austen** In Memory of Cassandra Austen died the 18th day of January 1827, aged 87 years (plus footstone marked C.A.)A*
23. **Austen** In Memory of Cassandra Elizabeth Austen, who died the 22.nd. day of March 1845, aged 72 years (plus footstone marked C.E.A.)A*
24. **Seward** In Memory of Bridger Seward who departed this life 11th February 1808 Aged 53 YEARSA*
25. **Prowting** In Memory of Mary Prowting who departed this life July the 1st 1810 in the eightyfifth Year of her Age (exquisite carving)A
26. **Lee** In Memory of/ Richd. Prowting Lee/ eldest Son of Richd. Edwd. Nathl. Lee/ and Elizabeth his Wife/ who died on the 16th of Sept 1818/ Aged 14 Years/....A
Also of/ Jane their Daughter/ who died on the 10th of Jan 1813/ Aged 1 Year and 9 MonthsA
27. **Lee** In/ Memory of/ Charlotte Mary / Lee/ Daughter of/ Richard Edward Nathaniel/Lee/ and Elizabeth his Wife/ who departed this Life/ February the 28th 1821/ Aged 12 YearsA
28. **Prowting** In/ Memory of/ Rowland Prowting/ Who Died July the 27/1755/ Aged 44 Years (wonderful quality of carving)
29. **Lee-Jortin** This stone/ marks the spot where are/ interred the remains of/ William Lee-Jortin Esq/who died August 8th 1861/ to whose memory a tablet was erected in the churchA
(Second son of Richard and Elizabeth Lee. Elizabeth was born Elizabeth Prowting.)
30. **Prowting** In memory of Rowland Prowting who died June 4th A.D. 1744 Aged 66 Years Also of Rachel his wife who died April 10th 1769 Aged 84 Years (fine tombstone)

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31. **Prowting** In Memory of/ Ann Frances Prowting/ Daughter of John and Ann/ Prowting who died April/ The 16TH 1757 Aged 9 Months/Also in Memory/ of Ann Prowting/ Daughter of John and Ann/ Prowting who died ApL. The 1st, 1758,Aged 5 Days (beautiful carving of cherubic face)
32. **Prowting** In memory of Ann the Wife of John Prowting who died June 18th 1776 Aged 59 Years Also of John Prowting who died January 1st 1789 Aged 71 Years

Row 3

33. **Swansborough** In loving memory of George Herbert Swansborough who departed this life 11th January 1904 aged 47 years
Also of Eliza his wife who departed this life 10th May 1917 aged 76 years
34. **Bone** In loving memory of Alpheus Bone who died Sept. 18th 1893 Aged 47 years
Also of Martha wife of the above who died May 1st 1894 Aged 43 years
Thy will be done
35. **Bickerton** In memory of Sophia Matilda the affectionate wife of Richard Bickerton who died May 30th 1848 aged 29 years
Also of Richard Bickerton
Born April 8th 1816 Died April (?) 8th 18?4 and interred in Alton ChurchyardA
36. **Clement** Liliias Edith Clement
Died February 2nd 1895 (cross broken at base)
37. **Lee** In memory of Elizabeth widow of the late Richard E.N. Lee Esq of Chelsea who died June 9th 1855 in the 77th year of her age
....A
Also of Edward Stephen Lee Esq
Youngest son of the above who died at Nice Dec 12th 1861 Aged 42 years

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38. **Holdaway** In/ Memory of /Elizabeth Holdaway/ who died Decr. 13th
1860./ in the 71st year of her age
Jesu my faith on thee relies
O let me in thy image rise
And when I burst my gloomy grave
Exult in him who died to saveA
39. **Holdaway** In memory of John Holdaway who died on April 21st. 1827./
Aged 74 years....A
Also of Ann his Wife/ who died July 1st. 1843./ Aged 88 Years
...A
40. **Mitchell** In memory of William Mitchell/, who died March 1st. 1828/
Aged 64 Years/....A
Also of/ Mary his Wife/ who Died November 23rd. 1797/ Aged
29 Years

Row 4

40. **Oliver** In/ Memory of/ Ann Oliver/ who departed this Life/ 27 March
1820/ Aged 70 YearsA
41. **Stevens** In loving memory of George and Jane Stevens
and of Frank, 2/4 Hants Regt., who died for King and Country
at Baghdad
June 17th 1916 aged 24 years
Arthur George, 1st Hants Regt., died at 61st C.C.S. from
wounds received in action in France, October 4th 1917 aged 20
years
Emily Jane, who died July 12th 1904 aged 2 years and 9 months
Sydney Ernest, who died December 30th 1908 aged 4 years and
7 months
Asleep in Jesus

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45. **Garrett** In loving memory of Anne the beloved wife of Henry Garrett who entered into rest March 15th 1894
Aged 59 Years
*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord Revelations XIV C
13 V*
46. **Ewens** In affectionate remembrance of/ George Ewens who after eight weeks of intense suffering/ caused by accident died Nov 18th 1874/ aged 67 yearsA
Also of Ellen Buswell his daughter/ who died Jan 29th 1874/ aged 36 years and was interred at Brecon Cemetery South Wales
(Inscription of Biblical text illegible)
47. **Ewens** In memory of Martha Ann Ewens/ who died Novr.13th 1856/ aged 49 Years....A
And/ Jane their daughter who died Octr 22nd 1855/ aged 15 Years
Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come
48. **Ewens** In memory of Sarah/ who died May 18th 1853/ Aged 21 Years
And/ Charlotte/ who died August 19th/ in the same year/ Aged 23 Years/
The beloved daughters of George and Martha Ewens

Row 6

49. **Langrish** In Memory of Honour/ Wife of Nicholas Langrish who departed this Life/ December the 4th 1795/ Aged 70 Years

Row 7 (starting by church porch)

50. **Collyer** In Memory of Ann the Wife/ of Henry Collyer who died January 21 1827/ Aged 45 YearsA

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51. **Collyer** In Memory of Henry Collyer
who died January 13 1842/ Aged 72 YearsA*
52. **Tidman** In Memory of Lydia/ Daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Tidman
Born May 11th/ Died July 6th? / AD 1811A
*Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained
strength Psalm 8*
53. **Penny** In loving memory of Keturah/ Daughter of William and Mary
Ann Penny who died 24th. April 1846/ Aged 15 Years

Row 8

54. **Baigen** Sacred/ the memory of/ William Baigen/who died
September 9th. 1838/ In the 74th year of his age/A
Also of George son of William and Elizabeth Baigen who died
Jan 7th. 1806/ Aged 3 months/
*Affliction sore long time I bore
Attendance was in vain
When God was pleased by death to ease
And take away my pain.*
55. **Drake** In Memory of Catherine Drake/ Widow of F.H.N. Drake Esq.
who died at Alresford/ April 8th 1874/ Aged 68 YearsA
56. **Drake** In Memory of Francis Horatio Nelson Drake/ Who Died Feb
1st. 1848/Aged 49 YearsA

Row 9

57. **Bone** In/ Loving Remembrance/ of/ William Bone./ who died NovR.
10TH. 1888./ Aged 37 Years
Thy will be done

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Row 10

58. Marlow In/ Memory of/ William Marlow,/ who died June 7TH.
1859./ Aged 64 Years *"I waited patiently for the Lord"*, Psalm
XL. IA
59. Marlow In/ Memory of/ Ann Marlow,/ who died Janry. 28th. 1882/
Aged 81 Years
*In an instant I sank neath the/ shadows of death/
And eternity round me arose/
O reader remember that life is/ a breath/
And a breath may bring thine/ to a close*A
60. Minchin In loving memory/ of/ Mary Jane/ Wife of/ Robert E. Minchin/
who departed this Life/ January 6th. 1899/ Aged 63 Years
*Watch therefore for ye know not/ what hour your Lord doth
come*
In loving memory of/ Robert Earwaker Minchin/ who departed
this life September 22nd. 1901/ Aged 78 Years/
Thy will be done

Row 11

61. Marlow In/ Memory of/ Robert Marlow,/ who died November
24th 1885,/ Aged 53 years
*Weep not for me, my race is won/
Jesu Mercy, thy will be done*
62. Marlow In/ Memory of/James Marlow/ who died Jan.RY 23RD 1864./
Aged 38 Years
*He brought down my strength/
In my journey and shortened my days Psalm CII. 23*

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Row 12 (by Lavant wall)

63. Stacey Sacred/ to the memory of/ Sarah, wife of/ William Stacey,/ who died March 3RD. 1884/ Aged 60 Years
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Also of/ the above William Stacey/ who died Sept. 16th 1900/
Aged 76 Years

Section B: Knight Area of Churchyard

Row 1

64. Knight Edward Knight 1910-1987
Elizabeth Knight 1915-1993
65. Knight Wyndham Knight 25 August 1916 - 22 October 1983
Mary Knight 17 February 1913 - 17 February 1997
66. Knight Herbert Knight 1912 - 1980 Elizabeth Mary Rose Nee Knight
1909 – 1996
67. Knight Dorothy Mary Knight Born 1885 Died 1961 Lieut Colonel
Lionel Charles Edward Knight Born 13th November 1872
Died 29 January 1932

Row 2

68. Clinker In Loving Memory of George Charles Clinker Died 25th Feby
1938 Aged 67 Years *Rest in Peace*
Also his wife Emily Clinker Died 13th June 1951
Aged 77 Years
69. Knight In Loving Memory of William John Knight Born 27th July
1875 Died 7th July 1943
70. Knight Charles Bridges Knight Born March 11th 1803 Died Oct
15th 1867A*

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71. **Knight** Adela Wife of Edward Knight Born April 7 1818
Died June 28 1870
72. **Knight** Edward Knight Born May 10th 1794 Died Nov 5th 1879A*
73. **Knight** Henry John Knight Born 6 Mar 1848 Died 27 Feb 1896
Jesu Mercy
74. **Bradford** Elizabeth Adela Wife of Col. Sir Edward R.C. Bradford KCB
Born 13th Feb 1841 Died 21st May 1896
75. **Bradford** Edward Ridley Colborne Bradford Bart GCB GCVO KCSI
Born 27 July 1836 Died 13 May 1911
Edith Mary Bradford 2nd wife of Sir Edward Bradford
8 Feb 1861 - 28 March 1951
76. **Bradford** We pray you remember in the Lord Beryl A Bradford
1875 - 1957
Also Her brother Lt Col Edward A Bradford DSO 60th Rifles
1879 - 1958
77. **Knight** Montagu George Knight Born October 26th 1844 Died
July 17th 1914 *RIP*
And Florence his wife Born April 24th 1850 Died July 10th
1935
78. **Hardy** Here lies the body of Marion, youngest child of ?????? born.
October 17th 1858? died 1875
(Church records give us some clues: Marion was shown as
living in Froyle and was buried by Carey B.Borrow, Rector of
Hurst Pierrpoint (sic), Sussex; she was 17 years old when she
died and was buried on 13 November 1875)
79. **Blogg** Ethel Grace Blogg Born Aug 18th Died Sep 8th 1880
80. **Knight** In Loving Memory of Emma Grace Wife of Charles Edward
Knight Born 2nd May 1848 Died 22nd Jany. 1924

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81. **Pollock** Emma Jane Pollock/ April 26.1922
And Walter Herries Pollock/ February 21. 1926. (cross)
(Walter Pollock, grandson of David Pollock, saddler to George III, was a distinguished editor of the Saturday Review between 1884 and 1894. He lived in Chawton Lodge.)

Row 3 (all crosses)

82. **Knight** Here lieth the body of Brook John Knight
Born Sept 28 1808/ Died Jan 10 1878/A*
And of Margaret Knight, his wife,/ Born October 21 1832/ Died
June 27 1886/
*O Lord let thy mercy/ Be shewed upon us/ As we do put our/
Trust in thee*
83. **Knight** Philip Henry Knight
Born Augst.25th 1835/ Died Jany. 4th 1882
Jesu Mercy
84. **Knight** William Brodnax Knight
Born Feb 3 1838/ Died Nov 4 1896
Jesu Mercy
85. **Knight** In loving memory of Charles Edward Knight
Rector for 36 years/ Born 1846/ Died 1912
Also/ in proud and loving memory of his son Richard Brodnax
Knight,/ Capt. Bedfordshire Regt., who died of his wounds at
Rouen, Sept 5 1918/ Aged 37
86. **Knight** In loving memory of Georgina Cassandra Knight
Born January 15th 1879/ Died March 11th 1898
Aged 19
R.I.P.
87. **Patrickson** In loving memory of Isabella Helen Patrickson
Born Jan. 17. 1825/ Died Oct. 2. 1894
R.I.P.

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88. **Wellesley** In loving memory of Edmond Ernest Charles Wellesley
Born April 25th. 1858
Died Aug. 11th. 1886
"He is not dead but sleeping"
Also of his widow
Florence Sarah Louisa Burr
Born March 11th.1860
Died Feb. 7th. 1937
In 1890 she married the Rev. Arthur John Burr M.A.

89. **Anonymous** *Grant her Thine Eternal Rest Lord all Pitying*

Row 4

90. **Holt** In memory of Charlotte
Daughter of George and Fanny Holt
Who died July 12th 1871
Aged 45
91. **Smith** Charles Smith
Fell asleep Holy Thursday 1873
Aged 52 Years
Herbert Sidney Smith
Born December 6th 1868
Died July 2nd 1874
92. **Howson** Agnes Howson
Died Sept 26 1881
*He that is/ faithful in/ that which is/
least faithful/ also in much ...*

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93. Offord In most loving memory/ Of/ Ann Offord/ The fond and beloved wife of Isaac Offord/ who died at Chawton, January 1ST.1882/
Aged 39 Years
Also/ George William Offord,/ Died September 8TH. 1877,/ Aged 8 Days
The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away./ Job 1.21
Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour / Your Lord doth come./ Matt 25.13
94. Hall Mary. Jane. Hall/ who departed this life/ Dec.30th.1883
"The Lord gave and the Lord/ hath taken away. Blessed/ be the name of the Lord."
(Church records show that she died aged 29)
95. Stevens In/ loving memory of/ Charlotte/ widow of George Stevens,/ who died at Alton 6 Nov 1896/ Aged 75 Years/
"Yea saith the Spirit that they may/ rest from their bodies."
96. Stevens In/ loving memory of/ George Stevens/ who died 25 Feb. 1893./ Aged 65 Years
The toils of life and pains of death are oer,/ And pain and care departed are no more.
97. Stevens In/ loving remembrance of/ Mary Stevens,/ who departed this life/28TH. January 1889/ Aged 69 Years/
R.I.P.
98. Wyeth In/ loving memory/ of/ Sarah Wyeth/ Born Oct 11.1835/ Died April 20.1918
99. Wyeth In loving memory of John Wyeth/ Born May 28TH.(?) 1836/ Died March 29TH. 1900
God shall wipe away all the tears/ and there shall be no more death/ Neither....neither.../Their...more/ Are...(inscription badly faded)

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100. Wyeth Alice Kate/ Wyeth/ Born May 2. 1858/ Died Sep.6.1872
101. Wyeth Willie Walter/ Wyeth/ Born April 11.1865./ Died Nov. 21. 1886
102. Wyeth Elise Matilda/ Wyeth/ Born May 11. 1874./ Died Feb. 13. 1888.
103. Shilton In/ loving memory of/ William Shilton/ who died August 6TH. 1873/ Aged 43 Years/
Also of / Ann Andrews./ wife of the above/ who died Nov 25TH. 1915/ Aged 82 Years/ Also of William Charles./ Son of the above/ who died Jan 13th 1892/ Aged 35 Years/
Also of Lilian Maud/ who died Nov. 23RD. 1871/ Aged 1 Year/
Ye have loved them during life/ Let us not forsake them after death

Row 6

104. Stevens In/ loving memory of/ Edward Philmore/ son of George and Charlotte Stevens/who died at Alton 2 Nov 1896/ Aged 45 Years
While we were yet sinners Christ/ died for us. Romans V. C.(hapter) 6. V(erse)
105. Pullinger In memory of/ Anthony Pullinger,/ Born April 5TH. 1814./ Died January 24TH. 1882A
"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John VI 37
vr/
Also of/ Mary Ann his wife/ who died JanRY. 28TH. 1892/
Aged 77 Years
I will give you testimony Mat XI ..
106. Pullinger In memory of/ Ann daughter of/ Anthony and Mary Ann/ Pullinger who died DecR. 8TH. 1888/ Aged 46 Years/
Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye/ know not when the time is.
St. Mark XIII.33
Also/ in loving memory of/ George eldest son of/ Anthony and Mary Ann/Pullinger/ who died DecR. 25TH. 1906/ Aged 61 Years

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Section C: Porch side of Church

Row 1

107. **Stacey** In/Memory of Saml. Stacey/ who departed this Life/ March y.
27.1798/ Aged 52 Years
108. **Windibank/White** (badly damaged tomb)
In Memory of James Windibank who died on 21st May 1854
aged 55 yearsA
In Memory of Eliza, widow of James Windibank, who died on
17th June 1887
aged 76 yearsA
Also of James Windibank who died Jan 1859 aged 87 years.
....A
He was interred at Farnham.
And of Jane his wife who died Feb 1818 aged 39 years and of
six of their childrenA
Also of Ann his.....who died.....Aged 86 years
Also of George White who died Sept.1827 aged 70A
and of Ann his wife who died June 1816 aged 45 and was
interred at Hartley Mauditt and of nine of their children....A
(Lucy Windibank died in Alton Poor House and was buried
4.4.1847 aged 45. Ann Windibank died aged 5 months and
was buried 2.6.1885 and in the same year Charles Windebanks
was buried on 20.6 at the age of 41.
Another Ann Windibank was buried in Chawton on 8.12.1900.
The siting of the family tomb suggests that they were once a
family of substance in the village, but its lack of maintenance
could mean that they fell on hard times)
109. **Holt** Sacred/ to the memory of/ George Holt,/ who died May
19TH.1865/ Aged 81 YearsA

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110. Holt Sacred/ to the memory of/ Fanny,/ wife of/ George Holt,/ who.
died July 11TH 1841/ Aged 54 YearsA
Weep not my husband kind, my children dear.
Sorrow and pain be buried here.
Believe me blest and strive on earth to be
Holy in Christ that ye may rise with me

111. Vast In/ memory of/ Samuel Vast/ who died July 15TH. 1874/ Aged
51 Years/ Also of/ Elizabeth his wife/ who died JanY. 13TH.
1861/ Aged 46 YearsA

Row 2

112. Law In/ memory of/ R.W.T./ son of Robert and Mary Ann Law/ Born
May 31ST. 1870/ Died January 30TH. 1871
Whosoever shall not receive/ the kingdom of God as a little/
child shall in no wise enter/herein Luke XXIII 17 (????)
(Church records show that R.W.T. was Robert William Thomas
Law aged 8 months)

113. Holt On/ Loving Memory of/ Ellen./ Wife of John Holt/ who died
July 17TH. 1917/in her 88TH. Year/
“Lead Thou me on”

114. Holt In/ Loving Memory of/ John Holt/ who died/ December 31ST.
1895/ in his 86TH. yearA
Forever in the Lord

115. Knight In/ Loving memory of/ Richard. C. Knight./ who died July 6TH.
1888/ Aged 82 Years/A
Also of/ Elizabeth/ his wife/ who died Sept. 20TH. 1898/
Aged 92 Years/ And of four of their childrenA

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116. **Reith** In memory of/ William Reith,/ who died at Chawton/ 11TH.
August 1865, Aged 39 Years./
Also of his son/ Ernest James,/ who died 10TH. March 1866,
Aged 9 Months./
Also/ in loving memory of/ Elizabeth/ wife of the above,/ who
died 28TH. August 1878/ Aged 50 Years./ Interred in
Winchester Cemetery.

Row 3

117. **Hickman** In/ loving memory of/ Elizabeth Hickman/ beloved wife of/
John Hickman./ who died NovR. 22ND. 1911./ Aged 60 Years./
Gone but never forgotten/
Also of/ William John Hickman./ beloved husband of the
above./ who died June 23RD. 1917./ Aged 68 Years./
Interred in Hamilton Ont. Canada

Row 4

118. **Oakley** In/ memory of/ William Oakley/ who died March 19TH. 1895/
aged 65 years/
Also of Ellen his wife/ who died Aug 10TH. 1915/ aged 83
years/
In Death United
119. **Holt** In/ loving memory/ of Charles Holt/ who died January 14TH.
1893/ Aged 69 Years/
“Jesus lives: henceforth is death/ the gate to life immortal”
120. **Holt** In/ loving memory of / Diana/ beloved wife of Charles Holt/
who died October 5TH. 1892/ Aged 69 Years

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127. **Langrish** In/ loving memory of/ John Langrish/ 1838-1898
Frances Jane Ivey/ 1848-1930
Charles Albert Langrish/ 1883-1959
Annie Eliza Langrish/ 1886-1967
128. **Tuckett** In/ loving memory of/ Jane/ wife of W.P. Tuckett/ who died
OctR. 13TH. 1895/ Aged 40 Years/
Also of / William Page Tuckett/ Husband of the above/ who
died DecR, 5TH. 1924/ Aged 67 Years
"Peace, perfect peace"
129. **Andrews** Here lieth/ the body of/ Benjamin Andrews/ who departed this
life/28TH. December 1832/ Aged 53 Years
May he rest in peaceA
(It looks as though the footstone for Benjamin Andrews was not
installed; it is to be found - with the initials B.A.- leaning by the
vestry door)

Row 2

130. **Leather** Betty Mary/ Veronica/ Leather
1894-1984
131. **MacPherson** Ann Bligh MacPherson
1926-1984
132. **Morgan** To the memory of/ John Morgan/ who died February 1ST. 1864/
Aged 62 Years....A
*We, like him, have peace with God/ through our Lord Jesus
Christ*
Also of/ Catherine his wife/ who died January 29TH. 1876/
Aged 68 Years....A
Them also which sleep in Jesus/ will God bring with him
Thessalonians IV. 14

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133. Dailey In beloved memory of/ Richard Henry Dailey/ August 4TH.
1920/ Aged 67 years/
Bess/ for thirty two years/ the beloved wife of RHD/ April 8TH.
1905./
Aged 54 years/
Ewart Ronald Dailey,/ December 19TH. 1891/ Aged 4 years 3
months/ Nunhead Cemetery/
Wilfrid Gordon Beall/ Dailey,/ March 14TH. 1951/ Aged 66
years/
Charles Phillip Dailey,/ March 18TH. 1960,/ Aged 69 years

Row 4

134. Knight To the memory of Daniel Knight, Son of Richard and Ann
Knight, who died Jan 26TH. 1837, aged 20 YearsA

Row 5

135. Langrish In/ memory of/ Sarah, wife of/ John Langrish/ who died 27TH.
March 1866/
Aged 75 Years/ (Plus footstone which reads S.L. 1866)....A
136. Langrish In/ memory of/ John Langrish,/ who died 27TH. SepT 1846/
Aged 57 Years/ (Plus footstone which reads J.L. 1846)A
137. Philmore To the memory of / Edward Philmore/ who died May the 5TH.
1834/ Aged 70 YearsA*
Also of Ann his Wife/ who died?A
Also of Ann his second Wife/ who died April the 29TH. 1814/
Aged 40 YearsA

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138. **Case** In memory of/ Charlotte/ wife of John Case/ and relict of the late/ Edward Philmore/ who died August 2ND. 1848/ Aged 60 YearsA
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
139. **Philmore** In/ memory of/ Mary wife of / John Philmore/ who departed this Life/ February 23d. 1809/ Aged 72 Years
My soul when I this.....
Lord in thy
Make me.....
Some heavenly.....A
140. **Philmore** In/ memory of/ John Philmore./ who died March 17th. 1817./ Aged 81 Years/
When in the night i (sic) sleepless lie.
My soul with Heavenly thoughts supply.
Let no Ill dreams disturb my rest.
No powers of darkenefs me molest.A*
141. **Langrish** Tablet reading J.L. 1898
 F.J.I 1930
 (This was probably the footstone for John Langrish who died in 1898 aged 62; the identity of F.J.I. is Frances Jane Ivey. It is likely that the footstone was discarded with the addition of Charles Albert (1959) and Annie Eliza (1967) to the family headstone. See number 127 above)
142. **Tidman** CT 1899
 JT 1892
 (Isaac C Tidman - see number 121 above - obviously went by his middle name of Cornelius; his wife had been buried in Yorkshire. Could be footstone.)
143. **Case** CC 1848
 (Church records suggest that this was Charlotte Case; see 138 above)

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144. **Kettle** In/ loving memory of/ Mary/ 3rd daughter of the late/ William and Elizabeth Kettle/ of Dunhampton, Worcestershire/ who died at Chawton Nov 23 1895/Aged 37 Years

145. **Murrant** In affectionate remembrance/ of/ Mary Ann/ the beloved wife of/William Murrant/ who departed this life/ 31ST. January 1900/ Aged 76 Years
She is not dead but asleep

Row 6 (by the wall)

146. **Knight** Abraham Knight/
Died 8TH. November 8 1810/
Aged 81 Years/
Also his wife/ Olive/ Died 22ND. March 1832/ Aged 83 Years
The dead shall be raised incorruptibleA

147. **Knight** D.K./ 1837
(Church records tell that this was Daniel Knight who was buried on 1 February 1837 at the age of 20)A

148. **Morgan** J.M. 1864/
C.M. 1876
(Again Church records help us to identify this modest memorial to be for John Morgan and his wife Catherine; see number 132 above)