

## ***St Nicholas' Church, Willoughby***

### ***Graves on the Front Right Side of the Churchyard***



In the summer of 2022, the church secured a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for much needed roof and stonework repairs. Alongside this, a wide range of activities were planned. One of these was to uncover overgrown gravestones and to research and document the history of those buried in the churchyard.

This document provides information about the graves of the people buried on the right-hand side of the path leading up to the church. Thank you to the local volunteer who has spent many hours carrying out research and to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for their support.

Note: A few of the gravestones and markers in the bottom right quarter of the map were removed from the site of the grave and placed here at some time in the past.

#### **GRAVE FR1**

##### **John Malin**

John Malin died September 15<sup>th</sup> 1794 aged 61 years. He was a farmer and a juror in 1785. He was born in Barford, Warwickshire. Married on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1791 at Willoughby. He married Elizabeth Jephcote. His parents were Benjamin Malin and Elizabeth Eyres.

#### **GRAVE FR2**

##### **John Aris**

John was buried on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1711. He married Alice Watson in Hillmorton on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1691. They had a child Joannah who was baptised 20th August 1708.

GRAVE FR3

**Samuel Heath**

He was the son of John and Elizabeth Heath. Buried July 9<sup>th</sup> 1723.

GRAVE FR4

**Thomas Tustian**

He died in 1728 aged 69. He was born on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1662 at Wolfhampcote. His father was John Tustian. His mother was called Alice. He had two brothers, John and Benjamin, and a sister, Mary.

GRAVE FR5

**Elizabeth Lowke - William Lowke**

**Elizabeth** was born Elizabeth Whitbread. Her parents were John and Sarah Whitbread. She was born in 1828. Married William Lowke on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1853. She was a dressmaker. They had one son who was a shepherd and gardener.

**William** was born in 1829. He was an agricultural worker and a farm bailiff. He died on November 7<sup>th</sup> 1909 aged 80.

GRAVE FR6

**Thomas Hickman Quinney - Rachel Hickman Quinney**

**Thomas Hickman Quinney** was born on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1841. He was baptised on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1841. His parents were William and Hannah Quinney. His father was an agricultural labourer who, according to the 1851 census, was born in Northumberland.

In 1861 Thomas was a shoemaker. He married Rachel Green on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1864 at St Peter's Church, Wolfhampcote. By 1871, they had three children, John, Sarah H and Emily Jane.

By 1881 he had become an agricultural labourer and they had five more children. Thomas, Rachel, Harriett, Florence and William Jones. They were living in Pye Court. He went on to have three more children. He died 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1894 and was buried 4 days later.

**Rachel Green (Hickman Quinney)** was born January 1845 and baptised in Flecknoe on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1845. In 1851 she was living with her parents and siblings in Wolfhampcote. In 1861, she was a servant to a farmer in Bilton.

She married Thomas in 1864 at St Peter's Church, Wolfhampcote. They had 12 children in total. In 1901, a widow, she moved to Rugby, dying on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1908.

GRAVE FR7

**Elizabeth Steane**

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of John Steane. She was the mistress at Willoughby Charity School for 35 years. Born in 1813 in Coventry, died aged 65. They had one son, John Simmons Steane. In 1851, they were living at the schoolhouse and had one servant and three children living with them. She died November 29<sup>th</sup> 1878 and was buried 4<sup>th</sup> December.



GRAVE FR8

**William Malin? - Elizabeth Malin**

She died Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1791, a widow when she died. Her husband was likely William Malin.

GRAVE FR9

**John Malin**

On the back of this grave the epitaph:

*The parents crie when children dye  
They should not grieve to much for who  
Old Jacob said that if I be  
Bereived my posterity  
I am bereaved Gods will be done  
Tho I have lost he took my son*

John was the son of Emm and John Malin. He died aged 26 on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1716.

GRAVE FR10

**William Hammond - Elizabeth Hammond**

He was buried on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1762.

She was buried 13<sup>th</sup> May 1761. She was Elizabeth Bagshaw, baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1704. Her father was Robert and her mother Rebecka. They married in February 1749.

## GRAVE FR11

### **Ann Arnold - Thomas Arnold**

Ann was born in 1829 and was buried 8<sup>th</sup> September 1895. She died on September 5<sup>th</sup> 1895 aged 66. "Her end was peace". She was Ann Lee. She married on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

Thomas Arnold died on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1913. He was an agricultural labourer in 1851.

By 1861, they had five children, William L, Thomas, George, John and Mary Ann. By 1871, two more children had arrived, Jones and Elizabeth. The family had moved to Grandborough.

In 1881, they had moved back to Willoughby and he was a labourer at College Farm with only four children still living at home. Their son Thomas was the landlord of the Rose Inn.

In 1891, Mary Ann, their daughter was living with them with her son, Thomas W, who was 3.

## GRAVE FR12

### **Thomas Malin, Elizabeth Malin and two children** (Tomb)

**Thomas** was buried on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1807. **Elizabeth** was 70 when she died in January 1810. They married on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1774.

**Mary**, their daughter, was baptised April 14<sup>th</sup> 1775. She died March 1776 aged 2 years.

**(Alice) Mary** was baptised 14<sup>th</sup> October 1781. She died in November 1787.

They had another daughter, Elizabeth. She was Elizabeth Clarke.



## GRAVE FR13

### **William Ellard - Maachah Ellard - Jane Ellard**

**William** died March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1883 aged 81 years. He was clerk of the parish of Willoughby for 50 years. He was born in 1802. His parents were William Ellard (1764-1846) and Catherine Crofts (1781-1809). He was baptised on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1802. In 1841, William was a clerk. By 1861, he was listed as a labourer as well as Parish Clerk.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 1826, he married **Maachan Hakesley**. She was baptised on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1805 at Braunston. Her parents were Thomas and Jane Hakesley. She died on February 24<sup>th</sup> 1883 aged 78 years.

They had 10 children. Catherine 1827, William 1829-1907, Jane 1831, Fanny 1833, Alice 1834-1911, John 1836, Edward 1838-1902, Joseph 1840, Mary Ann 1843, Emma 1846.

In 1871, their granddaughter, **Jane**, was also living with them. She died on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1883 aged 21 years. Her mother was Mary Ann Ellard. The grave has this verse on it

*“When you look upon this stone and  
think how sudden we were gone  
who does not always warning give  
therefore be careful how you live”*

The stone was erected by their affectionate grandson, Col. William Ellard of the Royal Artillery.



Graves 13, 14 and 15 - Ellard

GRAVE FR14

**John Ellard - William Ellard**

**John Ellard** died on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1882 aged 25 years. Buried 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1882.

*'O wonderful redemption  
Gods remedy for son  
The door of heaven is open  
And you may enter in.'*

He was the son of William Ellard and Elizabeth Bird. Born at Tibberton in Warwickshire. He had an older sister, Fanny, a brother, William and a younger sister, Mary Ann. By 1861, he was living in Willoughby. By 1871, he had another sister, Catherine, and the family were living in Judds cottage. He was a farm labourer like his father.

**William Ellard** was the brother of John Ellard. He was a corporal and died at Bareilly in India on September 8<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 27 years. He served in HMS for 6 years. He won the "India Medal".

*"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warrieth entangled himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chose him to be a soldier."*  
2 Tim chap 2 v3-4. He was born in 1857.

GRAVE FR15

**Richard Ellard**

Richard Ellard died on December 13<sup>th</sup> 1787 aged 71 years. It is likely he married Mary Bagshaw on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1766.

GRAVE FR16

**Ann Malin** (Stone upside down)

Earlier records show that this stone reads *"In memory of Ann, daughter of John and Martha Malin who died July 12<sup>th</sup> 1807 in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of her age"*. She was baptised on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1799.



Grave 16 on the left - Grave 17 on the right

GRAVE FR17

Stone upside down

GRAVE FR18

**John Malin**

This stone reads *"In memory of John Malin who died May 30<sup>th</sup> 1806 aged 48"*.

GRAVE FR19

**Edward Shaw**

Edward was born in 1749 and buried on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1814 aged 65. He was married to Mary who died on January 11<sup>th</sup> 1814 aged 64.

They had a daughter, Hannah, in 1773 and a son, Richard, in 1774.



GRAVE FR20

**Robert Arnold - Elizabeth Arnold.**

Robert died 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1754. Elizabeth died August 25<sup>th</sup> 1751.

GRAVE FR21

**Norman James**

Born 12<sup>th</sup> August 1936. Died 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The stone reads *"Precious Memories of My Dear Husband.  
A devoted Father, and Grandfather, Loving Brother and Uncle.  
Loved Always, Sadly Missed."*

GRAVE FR22

**Annie Maria Thompson**

She was born in 1860 and buried on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1882 aged 22. She married Thomas Thompson on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1881. She was Annie Maria Reade. She lived in Hanwell, Oxfordshire.

Baptised on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1860. Her parents were Charles Reade and Sarah Pyke Reade. Her father was an agricultural labourer. She had 4 younger brothers.

*"Beloved and mourned, no act could save.  
The will of heaven appoints this early grave"*

They had a son, Richard Thomas, in 1882 so it is likely she died as a result of childbirth.

GRAVE FR23

**John Thompson**

John was born in 1846 in Willoughby. His parents were Richard Thompson (1806-1886) and Jane Cowley (1816-1886).

In 1851, he was living with his family at the bakery as his father was the baker. He had two brothers and two sisters. In 1861, he had another brother and sister and he was learning to be a baker.

In 1871, his father had died and his mother had taken over the bakery and he was working as a baker. He died on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1877.

*"The voice of this alarming scene,  
May every heart obey  
Nor be the heaven my yearning voice"*

GRAVE FR24

**Richard Thompson - Jane Thompson**

**Richard Thompson** died on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866 aged 60 years. He was the village baker and grocer. Born in 1806. Married on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1842 in Coventry. They had 7 children altogether. He left effects under £100 in his will to his wife, Jane.

**Jane Thompson** was born Jane Cowley. She died October 29<sup>th</sup> 1886 aged 70. *"Her end was peace"*. Born on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1816. Her parents were William Cowley (1775-1846) and Elizabeth Bennett (1774-1846). Born in Willoughby.

*"To him so mourned in death So loved in life  
His faithful partner and his Widowed wife  
With tears inscribe this monumental stone  
That waits his ashes to receive her own"*



GRAVE FR25

**Elizabeth Bodinton**

Elizabeth died on December 20<sup>th</sup> 1794 aged 59 years. Born Elizabeth Smith. Married Richard Bodinton on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1778 at St Lawrence, Foleshill.

It is possible that her husband had an illegitimate child with Mary Shaw. The child was buried on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1793 and was also called Elizabeth Bodinton.

A death record for Richard cannot be found.

GRAVE FR26

**Elizabeth Shelor - Ruth Shelor**

*Elizabeth*, wife of Robert Shelor, died April 9<sup>th</sup> 1754.

Also *Ruth*, their daughter, who was baptized 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1749. She was buried June 9<sup>th</sup> 1750 aged 5.

GRAVE FR27

**Thomas Thompson** (Part stone)

Thomas was born in 1813 and was buried 9<sup>th</sup> October 1877 aged 64. His parents were John Thompson (1783-1829) and Ann Crofts (1786-1870). He married Ann Watkins(1817-1881) at Hellidon on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1838.

In 1851, he was living at Hardingstone, Northamptonshire. He was living at Grand Junction canal wharf as he was a boatman. By that time, they had two children.

By 1861, he had moved to Willoughby and was a coal miner. He and Ann now had five children. By 1871, Thomas was an agricultural labourer and they had taken in a lodger.



GRAVE FR28

**Thomas Cowley - Mary Ann Cowley**

**Thomas Cowley** died on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1891 aged 84 years. He was born in 1807 to William Cowley (1790-1845) who was a farmer and Elizabeth Bennett (1774-1846). He married Mary Ann Fryers. They lived at College Farm and he was a farmer. They had 115 acres and employed 2 men and 1 boy. They had 4 children.

**Mary Ann Cowley** died 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1899 aged 74 years.  
*"For as in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive"*

GRAVE FR29

**Emma Dester**

Emma died on March 27<sup>th</sup> 1886 aged 51 years. She was born in 1835 in Hoxton, Middlesex. She married William Blunsom and they had two children. In 1861, she was living in Daventry.

By 1871, she had married James Dester and they had three children, Emma, Valentine and George. William and Mary, from her previous marriage, were also living with them. James was a shepherd.

GRAVE FR30

**William Turner**

Died 19<sup>th</sup> November 1726.

GRAVE FR31

**Sarah Elizabeth Crump - Samuel William Crump**

She was Sarah Elizabeth Shettle. Born about 1845. Buried on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1899.

Her husband was Samuel William Crump. He died on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1898. He was a teacher at Willoughby school. They had six children, Sarah E, Ethel A. Charles H, Samuel, Caroline and Edith.



### GRAVE FR32

#### **Elizabeth Dester - William Dester - Frances Dester** (Tomb)

**Elizabeth Dester** was born Elizabeth Handley in Barford. Her parents were Charles Handley and Sarah Atkins. Baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1786. Married William Dester in December 1808 in Barford. In 1841, they had moved to Willoughby and had 4 children living with them. They had 10 children altogether.

**William Dester** was born about 1783 in Wootton Wawen to William Dester and Sarah Tallis. He was a grazier.

**Frances Dester** was born on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1814. She died in April 1862 aged 48.



### GRAVE FR33

#### **Thomas Wise**

Thomas Wise was born in 1805 in Barby and was buried 9<sup>th</sup> May 1867 aged 62. In 1841, he was a farmer. In 1851, he was lodging at the New Inn with Mary Hall. He was a farmer of 138 acres and had two labourers. He left under £1,000 in his will. The sole executor was Thomas Lee, a grazier, who came from Welton.



#### GRAVE FR34

##### **Mary Ann Hands - William Hands**

She died May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878 aged 78 years. Born Mary Ann Gilbert she married William Hands in Dunchurch.

He was born in Bilton in about 1798 and died May 10<sup>th</sup> 1869 aged 71 years. He was a farmer with 66 acres. They had a daughter Sarah Ann.

#### GRAVE FR35

##### **Hannah Wratishaw**

Hannah was born on March 12<sup>th</sup> 1819 in Warmington, Lancashire. She had three siblings, two of whom were recorded as being the same age as her. She was Hannah Haddock. In 1851, she was still living with her parents in Warmington. On 12<sup>th</sup> March 1857, she married Charles Wratishaw in Warmington. By 1861, she was living with her husband in Woolscott. They had a son, William Frederick, and a daughter, Hannah.

By 1871, she was living at London Road and had an "interest of money". Her mother was living with her, a widow whose husband died in 1861. By 1881, she still had "an interest of money". Living on the south side of Braunston High Street. Her son William was living with her. He was a student of theology. She was now a widow.

She died in Braunston on November 4<sup>th</sup> 1896 aged 77. She left £4,441 15s to William (her son) and Josias Gamble (gentleman)

Her daughter, oddly, was called Hannah Frederick, born October 1859, died 27<sup>th</sup> October 1870. Her husband was buried in Rugby. His father is listed as being a count.



## GRAVE FR36

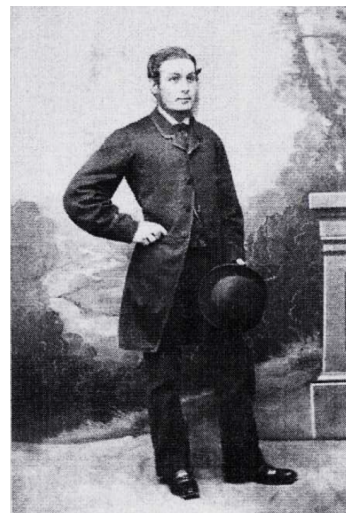
### **Henry Ivens - James Hands Ivens - Sarah Ann Ivens**

**Henry Ivens** was born in October 1837 in Hampton Lucy, Warwickshire. His parents were William Ivens (1789-1867) and Anne Hyde (1798-1868). In 1851, he was working in a shop in Hampton Lucy. In 1861, he was boarding in Daventry and was listed as a traveller. He married Sarah Ann Hands on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1866 in Rugby.

By 1871, they had had their first two children and were living at Ivy House Farm. They had six children altogether, Anne Mary (1868-1951), Florence Kate (1870-1945), William Henry (1873-1929), Frank Gilbert (1873-1938), Thomas Sidney (1880-1909) and James Hands (1882-1884). In 1881, he was a farmer of 75 acres. In 1891, they still lived at Ivy House Farm. Died 12<sup>th</sup> August 1895.

**James Hands Ivens** was their beloved son. He died May 9<sup>th</sup> 1884 aged 1 year and 8 months.

**Sarah Ann Ivens** was the wife of Henry Ivens. She died on February 18<sup>th</sup> 1915 aged 75 years. She was born in Dunchurch. By 1911, she was a widow and a grazier. Her son was living with her and the two grandchildren.



## GRAVE FR37

### **Thomas Seckington** (Metal cross)

He died 4<sup>th</sup> October 1897. He was the son of Sarah Ann and George Seckington. He was baptised on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1872. He had six siblings and his father was an agricultural labourer. He was 25 when he died.



GRAVE FR38

**Ann Seckington** (Metal cross)

She died on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1909 aged 70 years. She was born in 1838. She was baptised on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1840. Her parents were William and Mary Seckington. Her father was an agricultural labourer. In 1841, she had two brothers. By 1851, three more brothers had arrived. By 1871, she had moved to Woodstock in Oxfordshire and was working as a servant. She was a cook and domestic servant. In 1901, at the age of 63 she was still a servant.

