

Old Church Crypt



Memorials in the western vault (vault 1).



The extent of vault 1



Vault 2



Vault 3



Vault 4



Grave numbers in vault 4



The entrance from the southern vault into vault 2



The southern vault

It is commonly assumed that those buried in the old Catholic church in Old Orchard were reburied in Perrymead cemetery when it opened in 1856. The burial register indicates that only a few were reburied; of the 275 burials only 7 entries specify a reburial. It is reported that, behind the wooden walls of vaults 2 and 3 are numerous ledger stones, suggesting that there were further reburials. There is no indication of this in the burial registers.

Wall memorials from the church and the crypt and ledger stones remain in the crypt. There are four vaults. The one on the western side is accessible via a pair of small wooden doors. The floor here is higher than in the other vaults. This has a jumble of memorials. The vault on the eastern side contains some floor and wall memorials and these are documented here.

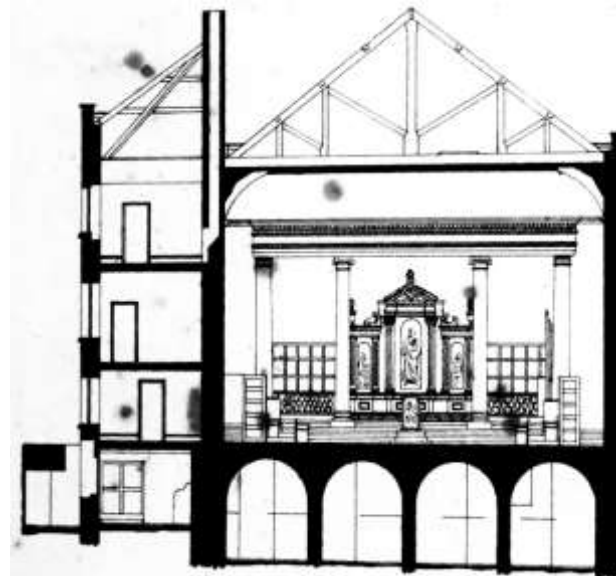


The burial registers prior to 1856 indicate the location of the burials by reference to the arches in the crypt. On the walls are painted numbers for the positions. For vault 3, the highest number is 20 and for vault 4, the numbers are in the range 1-12 with 1-6 running from south to north on the left-hand side and 7-12 from north to south on the right-hand side. The references in the register to the positions of the burial are by an indication of which arch and then a plot number. The arches are referred to by number

(1, 2 or 3) or by east or west. In practice, there are four vaults running lengthways along the major axis of the church and a vault at the southern end.

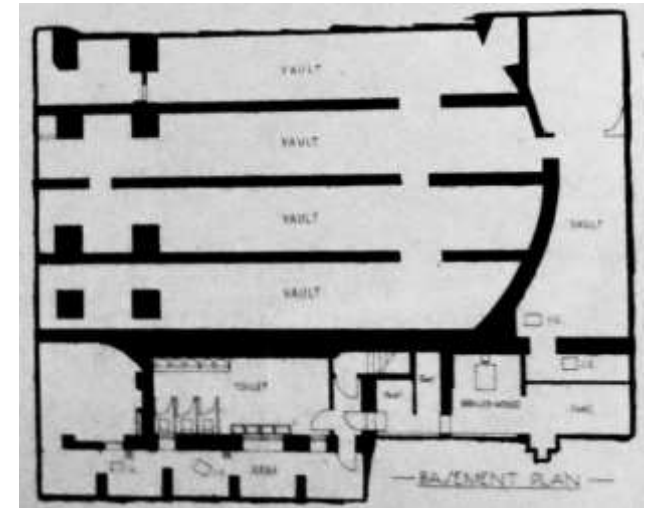


Based on the locations of the remaining ledger stones and the numbers on the wall, the graves were aligned lengthwise along the axes of the vaults. The remaining ledger stones are, in the main, 6' x 3' (1.8m x 0.9m).






Cross-section from an architect's drawing showing the alignment of the vaults (courtesy of the Bath Masonic Hall Trust)

The arrangement of the entrance to the vaults has been altered from the original one. A new staircase runs from the entrance hall into the southern vault.







Layout of the vaults, from an architect's drawing. (courtesy of the Bath Masonic Hall Trust)



<p>Maria Theresa Kirwan (1764-1824)</p>		<p>TO THE MEMORY OF MARIA THERESA KIRWAN LADY TRIMLESTON WHO DIED IN THIS CITY OCT: 12: 1824 AGED 60 YEARS.</p> <p>THIS TABLET IS INSCRIBED BY HER AFFECTIONATE HUSBAND AND SON.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial in vault 1.</p> <p>No entry in the burial register.</p> <p>From <i>Debrett's Illustrated Peerage</i> concerning John Thomas Barnewall, 15th Baron Trimleston (1773-1839) and his son: "TRIMLESTON, Baron, " His lordship's predecessor was his father, John Thomas, 15th Baron Trimleston, b. Jan. 31, 1773; succeeded his father, April 17, 1813; m. Jan. 16, 1793, Maria Theresa, daughter of R. Kirwan, Esq. of Cregg, (she d. 1824); and d. Oct. 7, 1839, having issue- a son and a daughter."</p> <p>From <i>The Beauties of Ireland: Being Original Delineations ...</i> Vol II by J N Brewer (1826): "TRIMLESTON, a seat of Lord Trimleston, is distant from Trim two miles, towards the north-west. This is a spacious mansion, with ornamental towers, an embattled parapet, and other marks of the style which prevailed in the latter part of the sixteenth century. Adjoining the house is a small chapel, which forms the cemetery of the noble family to whom the estate belongs. The demesne is so truly beautiful, that the neglect which prevails is viewed by the examiner with equal surprise and regret."</p> <p>From <i>The Literary Panorama and National Register</i>, Volume 1 (Oct 1814) p607-8: "The Hon. Mr. Barnewell, son of Lord Trimleston, was lately admitted a student of Trinity College. He entered a FILIUS NOBILIS; and is the only Catholic FILIUS NOBILIS on the books of that University, for the last</p>
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			<p>century. . . . Mr. Barnewall is the maternal grandson to the late celebrated preacher, Dean Kirwan.”</p> <p>‘Dean Kirwan’ was Walter Blake Kirwan (1754-1895). He trained for the priesthood at the University of Louvain but joined the Church of Ireland in 1778.</p>
A1.2	<p>Cecile Agathe Adelaide du Mesniel (1768-1847)</p>	<p>AND IN THESE VAULTS ALSO ARE DEPOSITED THE MORTAL REMAINS OF CECILE, AGATHE, ADELAIDE, RIQUET DE CARAMAN RELICT OF THE LATE MARQUIS DE SOMMERY WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT BATH ON THE 22ND MAY 1847, IN THE 78TH YEAR OF HER AGE.</p> <p>COMPELLED BY THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TO ABANDON A DISTINGUISHED SOCIAL POSITION AND TO QUIT HER NATIVE COUNTRY, SHE TOOK REFUGE IN THIS HOSPITABLE LAND HER RELIGIOUS SUBMISSION TO THE DIVINE ENABLED HER TO SUPPORT WITH PIOUS RESIGNATION THE VICISSITUDES AND TRIALS OF A LONG EXILE HER LIFE WAS DEVOTED TO THE AFFECTIONATE DUTIES OF A WIFE, AND A MOTHER, AND TO THE RELIEF AND CONSOLATION OF THE DESTITUTE AND AFFLICTED A MODEL OF PIETY, CHARITY, AND VIRTUE, SHE LIVED FOR THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS BELOVED BY ALL AND DIED BY ALL LAMENTED.</p> <p>REQUIESCAT IN PACE</p> <p>THIS TABLET IS ERECTED IN TESTIMONY OF THE FILIAL LOVE BY HER AFFECTIONATE CHILDREN WHO HUMBLY PRAY THAT THEY MAY BE FOUND WORTHY TO MEET HER AGAIN IN BLESSED ETERNITY.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Cecile Agathe Adelaide du Mesniel, aged 78, of 38 Green Park Buildings, was buried on 31 May 1847 in grave 2. Also that her remains were removed to St John's cemetery on 8 May 1869 along with those of her husband Armand Etienne du Mesniel (1768-1814).</p>
A1.3	<p>Charles Clifton (1796-1825)</p> <p>John Clifton (1764- 1832)</p>	<p>† SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES CLIFTON ESQ^{RE} YOUNGEST SON OF JOHN CLIFTON OF LYTHAM HALL LANCASHIRE ESQ^{RE} OBIIT DEC^R 15TH 1823 AGED 29 YEARS R.I.P.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Charles Clifton Esqr, aged 29, died on 15 Dec 1825 and was buried on 23 Dec 1825 in a walled grave with Lady Blount, first arch No 3, full made for 2 only.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of 22 Dec 1825 p3:</p>



			<p>Thursday died, in the Royal Crescent, Charles Clifton esq; youngest son of John Clifton, esq; of Lytham Hall, Lancashire.</p> <p>Lytham Hall is a Georgian county house in Lytham, Lancs set in 78 acres of wooded parkland. It was in the possession of the Clifton family from 1606, although the manor dates back to the Domesday Book. The Grade I listed building remained in the the possession of the Clifton family until 1963 when it was sold and converted to office accommodation.</p>
<p>A1.6</p>	<p>Elizabeth Willan (1749-1818)</p> <p>John Willian (1710-1792)</p>	<p>SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF ELIZABETH, WIDOW OF JOHN WILLAN ESQUIRE FORMERLY OF HOW HATCH IN THE PARISH OF SOUTH WEALD ESSEX WHO DIED ON THE XXIV OF JULY MDCCCVIII IN THE LXXII YEAR OF HER AGE</p>	<div data-bbox="1563 491 1939 778" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p><i>The Lady's Magazine Or Entertaining Companion for the Fair Sex ...</i>, Volume 23 p448 records the death in 1792 of "John William, of How Hatch, South Weald, Essex, esq." His will, proved in 1792, directs that he be burid at Brighthelmstone (Brighton), "at the discretion of my dear wife Elizabeth Willan". The will has a series of codicils and led to a court case brought by his nephew. John Willian was a major operator of coach and carriage lines, based in Bull and Mouth Street in the City of London.</p> <p>From a court case at the Old Bailey in 1805 a Mr Willan (a relation of John Willian) was still operating coaches from the Bull and Mouth Inn (originally Boulogne Mouth).</p> <p>From the burial register: Elizabeth Willan, aged 69, was buried on 1 Aug 1818 in arch 1 grave 6.</p>


<p>A1.7</p>	<p>Mary Massingberd (1759-1826)</p> <p>William Massingberd</p> <p>Edward Paston (1754-1829)</p>	<p>M^{rs} MARY MASSINGBERD Relict of WILLIAM MASSINGBERD Esq^r of <i>Gunby Hall Lincolnshire</i> Aged 66 Obit June 9th 1826.</p> <p>EDWARD PASTON Esq^r late of <i>Apple</i> _____ died December 22nd 1829 Aged 7_ Years</p>	 <p>Ledger stone.</p> <p>From the burial register: Mrs Massingberd, aged 66, died on 9 Jun 1826 and was buried in a walled grave on 13 Jun 1826 in First arch grave 7.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 15 Jun 1826 p3: Friday died, in Norfolk-crescent, Mary, relict of W. Massingberd, esq; of Gunby Hall, Lincolnshire.</p> <p>Gunby Hall is near Spilsby. Built for Sir William Massingberd in 1700, it is now owned by the National Trust.</p> <p>From the burial register: Edward Paston Esq, aged 75, died on 22 Dec 1829 amd was buried on 2 Jan 1830 in a walled grave with Mrs Massingberd First arch grave 7.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 24 Dec 1829 p3: Yesterday died in Johnstone-street, in this city, after a short illness of only two days, Edward Paston, esq; of Appleton, Norfolk, aged 75.</p>
<p>A1.7</p>	<p>Lucy Nugent (1761-1826)</p>	<p>M^{rs} LUCY NUGENT Died April 1st 1826 Aged 64. — R · I · P</p>	 <p>Ledger stone.</p>



			<p>From the burial register: Mrs Lucy Nugent, died on 1 Apr 1826 was buried on 7 Apr 1826, in First arch grave 7 (lead).</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 6 Apr 1826 p3: Saturday died in Belvedere, aged 64, Lucy, relict of John Nugent, esq; of Epsom, and daughter of the late Garret Nagle, esq; of Ballyduff, co. Cork.</p>
A1.8	Maria Teresa Eyston (1815-1817)	<p>MARIA TERESA EYSTON died December 24 1817 Aged 2 Years & 4 months</p>	 <p>Stone covering a child's grave in the corner.</p> <p>From the burial register: Mary Teresa Eyston, aged 2 years 4 months, was buried on 30 Dec 1817 in arch 1 grave 8.</p>
A2.11	Fanny Ferrers (1775-1820) Edward Ferrers	<p>Sacred To the Memory of FANNY Wife of the late EDWARD FERRERS of Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire who died Jan^y 1st 1820 R.I.P.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Fanny Ferrers, aged 44, was buried in 1820 in a lead-lined coffin in arch 2 grave 11.</p>

A2.11	Hester Mary Ferrers (1765-1829)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF HESTER MARY FERRERS ELDEST SISTER OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED _____ 1829</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Esther Mary Ferrers, aged 63, died on 16 Feb 1829 and was buried on 21 Feb 1829 in Second arch grave 11 (lead).</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 26 Feb 1829 p3: Feb. 18 died, at No. 1, Argyle-street, Hester Mary, eldest dau. of the late Edward Ferrer, esq; of Badesley Clinton, Warwick.</p>
A2.11	<p>Lucy Mary Willoughby (1770-1829)</p> <p>Robert Willoughby</p> <p>Edward Ferrer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF LUCY RELICT OF THE LATE ROBERT WILLOUGHBY ESQ^R AND SECOND DAUGHTER OF EDWARD FERRER ESQ^R OF BADESLEY CLINTON WARWICKSHIRE WHO DIED JULY 26TH 1829 R.I.P.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Lucy Mary Willoughby, aged 59, of 1 Argyle St, died on 26 Jul 1829 and was buried on 31 Jul 1829 in Second arch grave 11 (lead).</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 30 Jul 1829 p3: Died July 26 after a lingering illness, Mrs. Willoughby, widow of the late Robert Willoughby, esq; of Wick House, in this county.</p> <p>Wick House is in Stogumber.</p>

<p>A3.1</p>	<p>Mary Walsh (1776-1829) Constantia Walsh (1769-1851)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">† MARY WALSH DIED JANUARY 16TH 1829 AGED 52 R.I.P.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSTANTIA WALSH DIED NOVEMBER 9TH 1851 AGED 82. R.I.P.</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Ledger stone.</p> <p>From the burial register: Mary Walsh, aged 52, died oin 15 Jan 1829 was buried on 22 Jan 1829 in Third Arch grave 1.</p> <p>In the 1841 cenuss at 8 South Parade, Bath: Constantia Walsh, aged 70, ind[epenent], born in Somerset.</p> <p>In the 1851 at 8 South Parade, Bath (a lodging house): Catherine (!) Walsh, aged 81, unmarried, house property etc, born at Bath, and a servant.</p> <p>From the burial register: Constantia Walsh, aged 82, of 8 South Parade, St James Parush, died on 9 Nov 1851 and was buried on 14 Nov 1851 in Third arch grave 1.</p>
<p>A3.2</p>	<p>Lucy Esmonds (-1831)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">† Miss LUCY ESMONDS Died Febuary 13th 1831, R I P</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Ledger stone.</p>

			From the burial register: Miss Esmonds died on 13 Feb 1831 and was buried in a lead-lined coffin on 21 Feb 1831 in 3 arch grave 2 (Not to be filled up - Grave stone on Top).
A3.3	Maunsell Mecham (1798-1848)	SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF MAUNSELL MECHAM WHO DIED AT SWINDON MAY 22 ND 1848 AGED 49 YEARS R · I · P	 <p>Ledger stone.</p> <p>From the burial register: Maunsell Mecham, aged 49, of Swindon Station, Wilts, died on 22 May 1848 was buried on 27 May 1848 in 3 arch grave 3.</p> <p>PROB 11/2076/358 Will of Maunsell Mecham of Brompton, Middlesex, date 19 Jun 1848.</p>
A3.5	Alicia Jacqueline Dowell (1775-1846) Simon John Dowell	SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF ALICIA JACQUELINE DOWELL, WIDOW OF SIMON JOHN DOWELL, ESQUIRE, OF GORT HOUSE IN THE COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON IRELAND WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL THE 5 TH 1846 AGED 70 YEARS. READER <i>BE YOU THEN ALSO READY</i> <i>FOR</i> _____ _____	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>In <i>The Dublin Evening Post</i> of Tues 31 Mar 1840 p1 is a notice concerning a case in Chancery between Columbus O'Flanagan, plaintiff, and Jaqueline Alicia Dowell, Jane Dowell, Elizabeth Dowell and Peter O'Flanagan, defendants, in which are to be sold "the Estate and Interest of Simon John Dowell, deceased, of and in the Towns and Lands of Cronen; and likewise, the Towns and Lands of Carnagh East, Carnagh West, Carginmore and Carginbeg, otherwise called Gort amd Kilagham;</p>

			<p>and likewise the Lands of Lisphelim and Gortnalisk, all situate, lying and being in the County of Roscommon ...”</p> <p>From the burial register: Alicia Dowell, aged 70, of 2 Queen Sqaure, Parish of Walcot, died on 5 Apr 1846 and was buried on 13 Apr 1846 in 3 arch grave 5 in lead wall grave.</p> <p>From <i>The Recollections of Skeffington Gibbon, from 1796 to the Present Year 1829</i> p29: “The family of Mr. Kelly, in the neighbourhood of St. John, at a rural seat called Killtoom, is highly respectable; as also the Dowell family, at an ancient seat called Gort.”</p>
<p>A3.8</p>	<p>Catharine Grehan (1792-1832)</p> <p>Patrick Grehan</p> <p>George Mecham</p> <p>Celia Mecham (1761-1846)</p>	<p>I.H.S</p> <p>Here are deposited the remains of CATHARINE the Beloved Wife of PATRICK GREHAN of Harcourt S^t Dublin Esq^r and daughter of the late GEORGE MECHAM Esq^r of Athlone and G____y castle in the County of Westmeath IRELAND.</p> <p>She died at Bath On the 6th November 1832 Resquieseat in Pace</p> <p>† ALSO CELIA MECHAM, who died at Bath 12th Feb^y 1846, Aged 84 Years. R.I.P.</p>	 <p>Ledger stone. The spelling of ‘Resquieseat’ is as found.</p> <p>From the burial register: Catharine Grehan, aged 40, died on 6 Nov 1832 was buried on 10 Nov 1832 in 3 Arch grave 8.</p> <p>From NUI Galway Landed Estates Database: “Patrick Grehan had a lease of the Mountplunkett estate, parish of Killinvoy, barony of Athlone, county Roscommon, from 1847 and appears to have bought Crotty's interest in the property in 1851. In the 1850s Patrick Grehan held lands in the parishes of Killinvoy and St Johns, barony of Athlone, county Roscommon. In January 1870 the estate of Patrick Grehan amounting to 2,745 acres in the baronies of Athlone, Ballintober, Ballymoe and Castlereas was advertised for sale.”</p> <p>From the burial register: Celia Mecham, aged 84, of 10 Catherine Place, Parish of Walcot, died on 12 Feb 1846 was buried on 19 Feb 1846 in 3 arch grave 8 in lead.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 19 Feb 1846 p2:</p>

			Feb. 12, at 10, Catherine Place, Mrs. Mecham, in the 84th year of her age.
A3.14	Catharine Walsh (1785-1829) Thomas Walsh	<p>SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF CATHARINE WALSH, WIFE OF THOMAS WALSH OF THIS CITY WHO DIED APRIL 27TH 1829. AGED 43 YEARS.</p> <p>ERECTED TO HER MEMORY BY A NEPHEW WHO FOUND IN HER A MOTHER.</p> <p>“THEY THAT INSTRUCT MANY TO JUSTICE SHALL SHINE AS STARS FOR ALL ETERNITY.”</p> <p>R I P</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p> <p>From the burial register: Catharine Walsh, aged 43, was buried on 2 May 1829 in 3 arch grave 14.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 30 Apr 1829 p3: Died April 25, Catherine, the beloved and affectionate wife of Mr. Thos. Walsh, linen-drapeer, of New Bond-street.</p> <p>The London Gazette has a notice in 1836 of a ‘fiat of backruptcy’ against “Thomas Walsh, of the City of Bath, in the county of Somerset, Linen Draper, Dealer and Chapman, trading under the firm of Walsh and Company ...”.</p> <p>(The date on the memorial of 27-Apr has been verified.)</p>
AW.16	Eliza Maria Richardson (1782- 1841) John Luther Richardson (1763- 1848)	<p>IN A VAULT BENEATH THIS CHAPEL ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF ELIZA MARIA THE BELOVED WIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL JOHN LUTHER RICHARDSON WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 27: 1841 AGED 59 YEARS</p> <p>THIS TABLET IS ERECTED BY HER AFFLICTED HUSBAND IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF THE BEST OF WIVES AND MOTHERS</p> <p>ALSO THE REMAINS OF JOHN LUTHER RICHARDSON, LIEUT. GENERAL IN THE SERVICE OF THE HON: E. I. C.</p>	 <p>Wall memorial.</p>

		<p>OBIIT NOV: 16: 1848 R . I . P.</p>	<p>From the burial register: Eliza Maria Richardson, aged 59, died on 27 Apr 1841 was buried in a lead-lined coffin in a walled grave on 5 May 1841 in West Arch grave 16.</p> <p>From the burial register: John Luther Richardson, 85, of 95 Sydney Place, Parish of Bathwick, died on 6 Nov 1848 and was buried 15 Nov 1848 in West Arch grave 16.</p> <p>From the <i>Tipperary Vindicator</i> of Sat 18 Nov 1848 p2: Lieutenant-Gnereal J. L. Richardson, the oldest officer, save one, in the Hon. East India Company's service, died last week at his residence near Bath, at the aged of 85 years.</p> <p>From the <i>Tipperary Free Press</i> of Sat 18 Nov 1848 p1: DEATH OF A VETERAN OFFICER. Lieutenant General J. L. Richardson, the oldest officer save one, in the Hon. East India Company's service, died last week at his residence near Bath, at the advanced age of 85. He was in the Company's service from boyhood, and was actively employed during the periods when Indian wars were adding renown to the British arms.</p>
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