


WIDCOMBE EBENEZER CHAPEL, BATH
INTERNAL MEMORIALS


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	Names	Inscriptions	Notes
1	John Huntley (1827-1902)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN HUNTLEY FOR 48 YEARS THE BELOVED PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH. WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS MARCH 1ST 1902.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED” WAS THE THEME OF HIS MINISTRY AND THE FOUNDATION OF HIS FAITH.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND. “ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“REMEMBER THEM . . . WHO HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU THE WORD OF GOD WHOSE FAITH FOLLOW” HEB.XIII.7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>The death of John Huntley, aged 74, was registered 1902/Q1 Bath.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 6 March 1902 p7: DEATH OF PASTOR JOHN HUNTLEY</p> <p>We regret to announce the death of Pastor John Huntley, which occurred at his residence, Shunem Villa, Widcombe Hill, early on Saturday. Mr. Huntley was a very old inhabitant of Bath, coming from his native place, Limpley Stoke, early in life. He will be best remembered as Pastor of Ebenezer Chapel, Widcombe, where for 45 years he faithfully ministered. When he came to Bath first he carried on business as a manufacturing cabinet-maker, and at the same time filled the pastorate at Widcombe Chapel. He retired from business about sixteen years ago. Last September Mr. Huntley celebrated his forty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate, but since that time his health has been gradually failing, and he had only been able to preach on two occasions since that time—early in January of this year—so that his ministry might be stated to have practically concluded in September. Some of our older readers may remember that in the 60’s deceased conducted public baptismal services in the river Avon, at the rear of Messrs. Stothert and Pitt’s Works. On some occasions as many as three or four thousand spectators would assemble at the spot on Sunday mornings, and Mr. Huntley having a clear and strong voice, the crowd could distinctly hear the “Glad Tidings” which he preached, and which was the message of his whole life. He was the oldest Nonconformist minister in Bath, and was held in the highest esteem by his</p>

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		<p>fellow-ministers. Deceased, who was on this 75th year, leaves a widow and nine children. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at St. James's Cemetery at four o'clock. The memorial service will be held an hour previously at Ebenezer Chapel. . . .</p> <p>Buried in Lyncombe & Widcombe and St James' cemetery - grave L.C.27 (MI).</p>
<p>2</p> <p>John Ryland Huntley (1857-1940)</p>	<p>IN AFFECTIONATE AND GRATEFUL MEMORY OF JOHN RYLAND HUNTLEY WHO WAS CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE ON 11TH JUNE 1940, AGED 83.</p> <p>—</p> <p>HE WAS THE BELOVED AND FAITHFUL MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH FROM 1902 TILL 1933 AND ASSOCIATE MINISTER FROM 1933 TILL 1940.</p> <p>—</p> <p>THROUGH HIS INDEFATIGABLE AND INSPIRING EXAMPLE THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED, TAKEN DOWN, AND THE COMMODIOUS WIDCOMBE CHAPEL INSTITUTE ERECTED.</p> <p>—</p> <p><i>“BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIED IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH: YEA, SAITH THE SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS: AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM. REV. XIV. 13.</i></p> <p>—</p>	 <p>In the 1911 census at Rosemount, Lyncombe Hill, Bath: John Huntley, aged 54, retired provision merchant, born at Limpley Stoke (Wilts), wife Annie, aged 46, married 19 years 7 children, seven children, Mercy Huntley, aged 56, swingle, sister, ledger clerk for provision merchant, born at Bath, two servants and a visitor.</p> <p>The death of John R Huntley, aged 83, was registered 1940/Q2 Bath.</p> <p>There was a long obituary in the <i>Bath Weekly Chronicle and Herald</i> of Sat 15 Jun 1940 p17. The following are extracts: We regret to have to announce the death at “Oldfield,” Oldfield Road, Bath on Tuesday, of Mr. John Ryland Huntley, at the age of 83. For his passing has numerous friends were not unprepared; for several weeks it had been known that he was gravely ill. His illness dated from March 15th. and he bore suffering with great fortitude. By his removal Bath has lost a highly esteemed figure, whoi had won and held the respect of all who knew him, even those who did not concur in all his views recognised his sincerity.</p>

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		<p>Mr. Huntley was a man who never hesitated to raise his voice or wield his pen against what he considered wrong and contrary to the public weal.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr. Huntley was the eldest son of Mr. John Huntley, who died in 1902 after being for 42 years Pastor of Widcombe Baptist Church. Mr. J. R. Huntley, who succeeded him in the pastorate, was the third generation to exercise the office, his grandfather being Mr. William Huntley, who for 64 years was Baptist minister at Limpley Stoke.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The interment took place at the Abbey Cemetery.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Buried in the Abbey Cemetery - grave 2.NS.11 (MI) - with his wife Annie Angus Huntley (1865-1945).</p>	
3	<p>Mercy Jane Huntley (1853-1928)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF MERCY JANE HUNTLEY, WHO FELL ASLEEP MAY 13TH 1928.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHE WAS FOR 59 YEARS A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH AND FOR MANY YEARS THE LEADER OF THE WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS, AND WOMEN'S MEETING.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HER MEMORY IS CHERISHED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER DEVOTED SERVICE AND LOVING SYMPATHY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS MEMORIAL IS ERECTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND CONGREGATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"REMEMBER THEM WHO HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU THE WORD OF GOD ----- WHOSE FAITH FOLLOW."HEB. 13.7</p>	 <p>From <i>The Bath Chronicle and Herald</i> of Sat 19 May 1928 p9: HUNTLEY.—On Lord's Day, May 13th, at her brother's home, Rosemount, Mercy Jane, eldest daughter of the late Pastor John Huntley, aged 74.</p> <p>The death of Mercy J Huntley, aged 74, was registered 1928/Q2 Bath.</p> <p>Buried in Lyncombe & Widcombe and St James' Cemetery - grave L.C.27 (MI).</p>

WWI War Memorial



Name on Memorial	Full Name	Notes
D Bristow	James Douglas Bristow (1890-1914)	See documentation of the Widcombe War Memorial in the document on St Thomas à Becket.
H Bristow	Harry Bristow (1899-1918)	
C Courtney	Christopher Quinton Courtney (1899-1918)	
J Leppard	Jesse Leppard (1881-1916)	
W Liddiard	William George Lidiard (1889-1917)	
R Perks	Richard Edwin George Perks (1889-1918)	<p>The birth of Richard Edwin George Perks was registered 1889/Q2 Bath, mother's maiden name: Millett.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at 30 Claverton Street, Widcombe, Bath: William Perks, aged 40, journeyman carpenter, born at Knowbury (Salop), wife Sarah J, aged 31, dressmaker - own account, born at Norton St Philip (Som), children: Richard, aged 11, born at Bath, Agnes, aged 9, born at Bath, Ivy, aged 8, born at Bath, and William, aged 4, born at Bath, and Mary A Millett, aged 72, married, mother-in-law, living on own means, born at Sandkey (Devon).</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Headley Barracks (Hants) in the 21st Field Company Royal Engineers: Richard Edwin George Perks, aged 21, sapper, fitter, born at Bath.</p> <p>R E G Perks, Serjeant WR/125307 38th Miscellaneous Trades Company, Royal Engineers, aged 29, died on 21 Oct 1918; son of William and Sarah Jane Perks, of 6, Seymour St., Bath; Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte V.H.3. [CWGC].</p>

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		From the National Probate Calendar 1919: PERKS Richard Edwin George of 30 Claverton-street Widcombe Bath engineer late No. W.R. / 125307 acting-sergeant 38th miscellaneous trades company R.E. died 21 October 1918 at the General Hospital Calais France Administration Bristol 30 May to William Perks carpenter. Effects £187 18s.
S Waldron	Albert Sidney Edward Waldron (1890-1918)	See documentation of the Widcombe War Memorial in the document on St Thomas à Becket.
A Webber		

WWII War Memorial





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A C Ashman	Arthur Charles Ashman (1921-1940)	See documentation of the Widcombe War Memorial in the document on St Thomas à Becket.
W F Cossey	William Frank Cossey (1908-1945)	<p>The birth of William Frank Cossey in 1908 was registered 1909/Q1 Bath, mother's maiden name: Pope.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 23 Fieldings Road, Twerton, Bath: Frank Cossey, aged 38, labourer at sewage works, born at Twerton, Bath, wife Mary, aged 39, married 15 years 8 children of which 3 then living, tailoress (trouser hand), born at Sherborne (Dorset), and children: Nora Alice, aged 15, domestic help at home, born at Twerton, Ivy, aged 8, born at Twerton, and William, aged 2, born at Twerton.</p> <p>The marriage of William Frank Cossey to Violet Maud Jackman was registered 1932/Q2 Bath.</p> <p>William Frank Cossey, Private 5673325 6th Battalion South Wales Borderers, aged 36, died on 26 Jan 1945; son of Frank and Mary Cossey; husband of Violet Maud Cossey, of Watcombe, Devon; Taukkyan War Cemetery (Burma) 27.F.4 [CWGC].</p>
R Scott		
A P Wright	Albert Percy Wright (1912-1940)	Albert Percy Wright, Serjeant 762196 3 Casualty Clearing Station - Royal Army Medical Corps, aged 28, died between 31 Mar 1940 and 2 Jun 1940; son of Joseph and Ethel Wright of Bathwick, Bath; Dunkirk Memorial Column 142 [CWGC].
Lily Hurford	Lily May Hurford (1908-1942)	<p>The birth of Lily May Hurford was registered 1908/Q2 Bath, mother's maiden name: Watts.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 3 Whiteway Terrace, Twerton Hill, Bath: Ernest James Hurford, aged 28, gardener to nurseryman, born at Charlton Hawthorn, wife Clara Ann, aged 28, married 7 years 4 children of which 3 then living,</p>



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		<p>born at Twerton on Avon, and children: Gladys Clara, aged 6, born at Bath, Albert James, aged 4, born at Twerton on Avon, and Lily May, aged 2, born at Twerton on Avon.</p> <p>Lily May Hurford, aged 35, of 5 Victoria Road. Victim of second attack.</p>
L E Burden	Edgar Leonard Burden (1894-1942)	<p>Edgar Burden is in the list of Bath Blitz casualties. Edgar Leonard Burden, aged 48, of 21 Percy Terrace, son of Mr A and Mrs A L Burden. Victim of first attack.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 21 Percy Terrace, Bath: Albert Edward Burden, aged 48, general engineering - iron foundry, born at Beckington (Som), wife Annie, aged 47, married 28 years 7 children, born at Westbury (Wilts), and children: Walter Nelson, aged 22, unmarried, butcher, born at Frome, Edgar Leonard, aged 16, greengrocer, born at Frome, and Edward Gilbert, aged 12, born at Frome.</p> <p>The death of Edgar Leonard Burden, aged 48, was registered 1942/Q2 Bath.</p>


Crypt

The memorials in the crypt date from the periods when the chapel was used by the Congregationalists (1820-1834) and then Methodists (1834-1838). The numbers given to the graves indicate that there were 6 rows and the highest plot number found is 20.

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<p>6</p> <p>Mary Vaughan (1810-1835)</p> <p>William Vaughan</p>	<p>SACRED TO THE MEMORY of MARY Wife of WILLIAM VAUGHAN Who Departed this life Feb'y 16th 1835 AGED 24 YEARS. most deeply lamented by her beloved friends as being an Industrious, Frugal, and Obedient Wife little More than 12 Months.</p>	 <p>From the burial register: Mary Vaughan, aged 24, of Kingsmead Square, was buried on 22-Feb-1835 in grave 10/2.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Sarah Martha Ford (1812-1831)</p> <p>William Raymond Ford (1831)</p> <p>Caroline Ford (1810-1833)</p> <p>William Ford (1774-1834)</p>	<p>Sarah Martha Ford Obit March 23. 1831. Ætat 17. Years.</p> <p>William Raymond Ford. Obit April 24. 1831. Ætat 2.Months.</p> <p>Caroline Ford. Obit April 30th 1833 Ætat 22 Years.</p> <p>William Ford. Obit Dec^r 25th 1834 Ætat 60 Years.</p>	 <p>From the burial register: William Ford, aged 60, of Carriage Road, was buried on 4 Jan 1835 in grave 17/4.</p>

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<p>8 Caroline Litman (1813-1833)</p>	<p>SACRED [to] the Memory of Caroline Litman [who] departed this life July 24, 1833 Aged 20 Years and 6 Months. Weep not for me my Parents dear; I am not dead but Sleeping here; Weep for yourselves, for soon you must Like, me be turned to Dust: And Angels watch my Sleeping Dust, [Until Je]sus come to raise the Just; I wake with sweet.</p>	 <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Thu 1 Aug 1833 p3: July 24, Caroline Litman, aged 20, only daughter of Mr. John Litman, of this city.</p> <p>In the 1841 census at Lower Camden Place, Bath: John Litman, aged 45, City Waterman, born in Somerset, Ann Litman, aged 40, born in Somerset, and William Stoner, aged 35.</p>
<p>9 Matilda Platt (1790-1835) James Platt</p>	<p>To The Memory Of Matilda Platt The Wife of JAMES PLATT <i>DIED</i> January 21st 1835 Aged 44 Years</p>	 <p>From the burial register: Matilda Platt, aged 44, of Mineford Brewery, was buried on 8 Feb 1835.</p>

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10	William Martin	[W]ILLIAM MARTIN OBIT <i>April 4 18__</i> ÆTAT 44	 A photograph of a stone memorial inscription. The stone is light-colored and shows some weathering. The inscription is partially visible, showing the words 'WILLIAM MARTIN' and 'OBIT'. The date 'April 4 18__' and 'ÆTAT 44' are also visible. The stone is set against a dark background, possibly a wall or a shadow.

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