

ST. MARTIN'S HOSPITAL

CHAPEL.

MEMORIAL TABLETS

MEMORIAL WINDOW

ORGAN

BANNER

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St Martin's Hospital was previously Bath Union Workhouse or Frome Road Workhouse.

This building (1) was opened on April 28th 1846, a fact recorded on the largest tablet inside it (2) which mentions who laid the first stone; the Chairman, Clerk and President of the Board of Guardians; the Governor and the Chaplain, but fails to mention John Plass, who laid all the stone at the age of 78. His tablet is in the entrance hall (3) together with the sketch made of him by a fellow inmate (4).

Memorial tablets to various staff are fixed on the walls:

Christian Brown, Clerk to the Board, died 5th February 1854 (5)

Eliza Norris, Schoolmistress, died 4th May 1854, aged 25 years, niece of the Governor (6)

Joseph Hagger, (Master) died 9th August 1859 and Mary Elizabeth, his wife (Matron) died 23rd September 1858 (7)

Rev. John B. Scott BD, Chaplain, died 31st August 1865 (8)

George Dowling, (Master) died 24th July 1888, aged 68 (9)

Mabel Snelgrove, (Probationer Nurse) died 24th December 1913, aged 22 (10)

Julia Emily Hennessey, died 30th December 1922, aged 51 (11)

Harry Nowell, organist, died 16th November 1960 and Martha, his wife, chorister, died 19th February 1971 (12)

The full text of each of these memorials is shown below.

There is also, as a memorial to Rose Bailey, midwife, a stained glass panel of a rose inset into the East window over the altar. (13)

The Chaplains are listed on a board in the entrance hall (14)

Pictures of the organ (15) and the banner (16) are included.

Memorial Tablets

2.

Ps.74 v.21 Let the poor and needy praise thy Name.

Matt.XIv.5. The poor have the Gospel preached to them.

This Chapel of which the first stone was laid by TRISTRAM WHITTER Esqr.. M.D. under the auspices of G.W.BLATHWAYT Esqr. at that time Chairman of the Board in obedience to a unanimous resolution of the Guardians under the Presidency of V. HOVENDEN Esqr. and which has so far as practicable been built (under the zealous & efficient superintendence of Mr HAGGER the Governor) by inmates of the Union Workhouse for whose spiritual benefit it was designed was opened APRIL 28th 1846. Revd. C. Paul M.A. Chairman; C. Brown, Clerk of Guardians. Revd. R Quarrell M.A. Chaplain, J. Hagger, Governor of Union Workhouse"

3.

"To record the services of JOHN PLASS an inmate of this workhouse who at the age of 78 working with much zeal and industry laid all the stone of this building. Died 5th June 1849 aged 82 and is buried in the adjoining ground"

5.

" The Officer of the Bath Union have erected this tablet to the Memory of CHRISTIAN BROWN, who after 17 years faithful servitude as Clerk to the Board of Guardians of this Union, died 5th February 1854, aged 55 years. His practice was to leave nothing to be done tomorrow, that ought to be done today."

6.

"Sacred to the Memory of ELIZA NORRIS late schoolmistress of this Union (during temporary absence) Died MAY 4th 1854 aged 25 years at Gravesend, Kent after a short illness borne with Christian fortitude. Respected and beloved by all who knew her. Erected by her affectionate uncle JOSEPH HAGGER the Governor"

7.

"In Memory of JOSEPH HAGGER who died August 8th 1869 aged 73 years. Also MARY ELIZABETH, his wife who died September 23rd 1858 aged 58 years. This tablet was erected by the Board of Guardians to commemorate the services of a Master and Matron of the Workhouse who served faithfully for upwards of 16 years."

8.

"In Memory of the REV. JOHN B. SCOTT B.D. for 12 years Chaplain of this house, who diligently read those scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation, and faithfully preached the Gospel of the Grace of God. Died August 31, 1863 and was laid by his own dying request among the departed of his poor flock in the cemetery. The Guardians and a few other friends erected this stone."

9.

"In Memory of GEORGE DOWLING who died July 24th 1888 aged 68 years. This tablet has been erected by the Guardians of the Bath Union in remembrance of one who for nearly 30 years acted as Master of their Workhouse and who by the firm yet kindly discharge of the duties appertaining to his office obtained the full confidence and hearty approval of successive Boards of Guardians during that lengthened period."

10.

"To the memory of Probationer Nurse MABEL SNELGROVE Aged 22 who was taken ill whilst in performance of her duty and died on Christmas Eve 1913. This tablet is erected by Members of the Bath Board of Guardians and the staff at Bath Workhouse and Infirmary as a memento of respect and esteem"

11.

"To the Memory of JULIA EMILY HENNESSEY aged 51, who was taken ill whilst in the performance of her duty and died 30th December 1922. This tablet is erected by members of the Board of Guardians and the staff at Frome Road House as a memorial of respect and regret. Affectionately remembered by her colleagues and patients. R.I.P."

12.

"In Memory of HARRY NOWELL who died on 16th November 1960 aged 78 years. For 42 years he was the organist of this chapel. Although he was blind, he had a wonderful gift of church and secular music; and throughout his long service rarely, if ever, missed attending services in this chapel twice each Sunday. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". ALSO his dear wife MARTHA who served this chapel faithfully as a chorister and passed away 19th February 1971 aged 87 years."



1. The Chapel of St Martin's Hospital, Frome Road, Bath. April 1996.



2. Memorial stone recording the opening on April 28th 1846.

Texts. Psalm 74. v.21 Let the poor and needy praise thy Name.

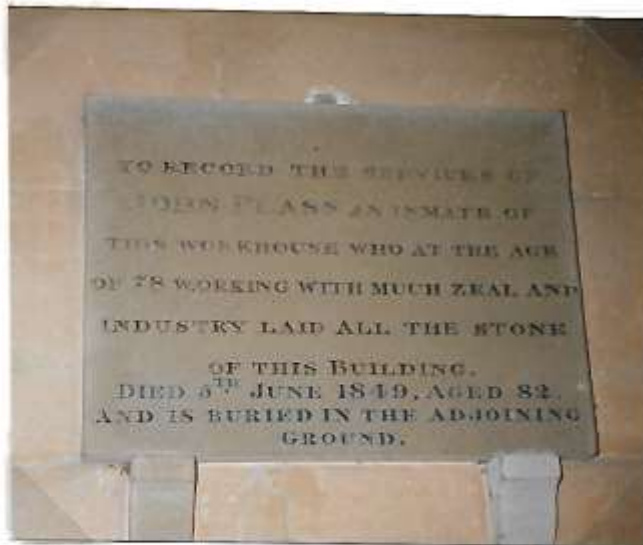
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Inscription.

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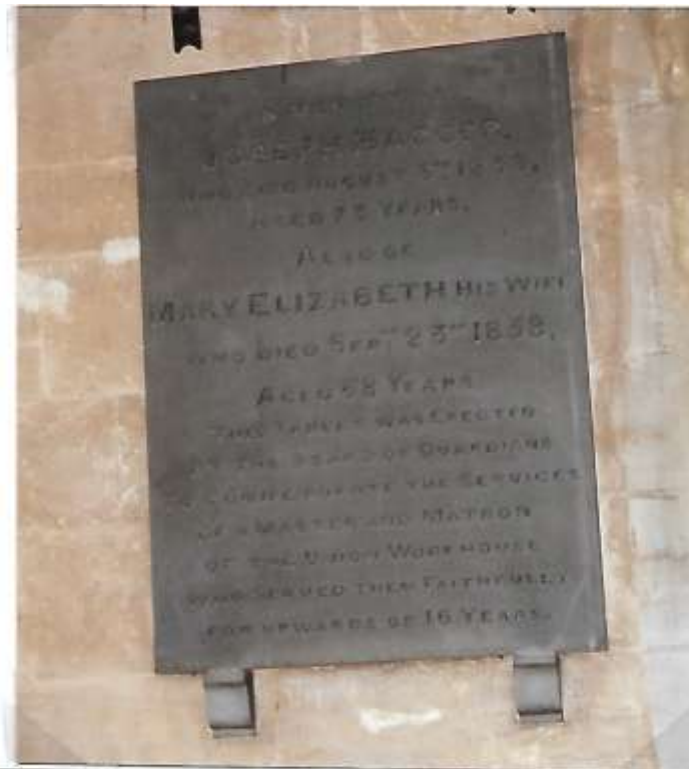
4.
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16.

George William Blathwayt (1797-1871)
Christian Brown (1798-1854)
George Dowling (1820-1888)
Elizabeth Hagger (1800-1858)
Joseph Hagger (1796-1859)
Julia Emily Hennessey (1871-1922)
Valentine Fowler Hovenden (1807-1890)
Eliza Norris (1828-1854)
Harry Nowell (1882-1960)
Martha Nowell (1883-1971)
C Paul
John Plass (1766-1849)
Richard Quarrell
John B Scott (1808-1865)
Mabel Snelgrove (1891-1913)
Tristram Whitter (1774-1855)