

WOOLVERTON

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

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Introduction



The church of St Lawrence, Woolverton

From the *Imperial Gazetteer* of 1870-72:

WOOLVERTON, a parish in Frome district, Somerset; 4 miles N of Frome r. station. Post town, Beckington, under Bath. Acres, with Chatley-Hill, 736. Real property, with Road, £4,884. Pop. of W. alone, 171. Houses, 38. The manor belongs to Mrs. Jones. The living is a rectory, annexed to Road. The church is good

From *Kelly's Directory of Somerset* 1889:

WOOLVERTON is a small parish and village, situated on the Bath and Warminster road, on the west of the river Frome, 4 miles north from Frome station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway and 9 south-east from Bath, in the Frome division of the county, Frome hundred, petty sessional division, union and county

court district, rural deanery of Frome, archdeaconry of Wells and diocese of Bath and Wells. The church of St. Lawrence is a small but ancient building of stone in the Tudor-Gothic style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch, vestry and a small western tower, with pinnacles and spire, and containing 2 bells: the church was thoroughly restored and re-seated in 1889. The register dates from the year 1570. The living is a rectory, annexed to that of the adjoining parish of Road, average tithe rent-charge £382, joint yearly value £550, including 85 acres of glebe, with house, in the gift of Mrs. Crofton, and held since 1886 by the Rev. Henry Woodward Crofton B.A., of Trinity College, Dublin. The old rectory house was razed in 1875, and a new one erected, at the cost of the Rev. William Samways Oak B.A. late rector. Robert Pool Henry Batten-Pooll esq., J.P. of Road Manor, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is stone brash; subsoil, clay. The land is chiefly in pasturage for dairy purposes. The acreage is 741, including Chatley Hill; rateable value, £1,798; the population in 1881 was 120.

(741 acres = 300 hectares)

The church of St Lawrence, Woolverton was part of the Rode major group of parishes. The church was declared redundant at the same time as Christ Church, Rode Hill and both buildings have found alternative uses. The church at Woolverton was converted into a private residence. The oak pews were transferred to St Lawrence church, Rode.

The church is Grade II listed by Historic England. The description has:

Church. C14 and early C15, restored in C19. Coursed rough faced Doulting stone and plain clay tile roofs with coped gables, finials and crosses. West Tower, Nave with South Porch and Chancel. Tower in 3 stages and 2 stage octagonal spire with finial and weather vane. Quatrefoil cusped openings on 4 sides, now blocked. 2-light windows to bell-chamber, blocked on East side. Battlemented parapet. To West of Tower, a vestibule with diagonal corner buttresses, slate roof with coped gable. Nave, two 2-light windows and central South porch with diagonal corner buttresses, slate roof with coped gable. Three, 2-light windows on North side. Chancel, single 2-light window rebuilt 1888/9. Early English cusped tracery under cusped arches with drip moulds. Interior: South Porch has pointed stone vault with 3 ribs on carved corbels and pointed arch to entrance, door vertical boarded with "Y" framework. Nave: barrel roof with 3-tie beams, plaster ceiling has been removed. Chancel arch said to be C13, pine boarded and panelled ceiling to Chancel. Perpendicular style font. C17 chairs, stools and altar table. Memorials include Thomas Wooley 1835, Thomas Meade 1845. External: On South East quoin stone to Nave, 3 inscribed dials; and on South East quoin to Chancel, inscribed in fine lettering "BM 212 FEET ABOVE THE SEA'.

Some of the tombs are also listed:

1176269: Lucy Hall chest tomb, in churchyard 4 metres north of nave,

1058870: Emma Wooley chest tomb, in churchyard 10 metres north of tower.

1058871: John Collet chest tomb, in churchyard 2 metres north of nave,

1058872: James King chest tomb, in churchyard 1 meter east of chancel



The burial register gives the number of the plot in the margin for some of the burials, this starting in 1836. Only the eastern part of the graveyard is accessible, the northern part and the church itself now being private property. As a result, only memorials with grave numbers above 30 are documented here.



Survey of Somerset Church Fonts by Harvey Pridham edited by Adrian Webb (published by Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society in 2013)

contains descriptions and line drawings made by Pridham of Somerset's ancient church fonts. Between 1886 and 1907 Pridham drew 374 measured line drawings and 49 perspective drawings of Somerset's pre-Victorian fonts, as well as recording fonts he found outside churches. This includes the font at Woolverton.

Burial Registers etc

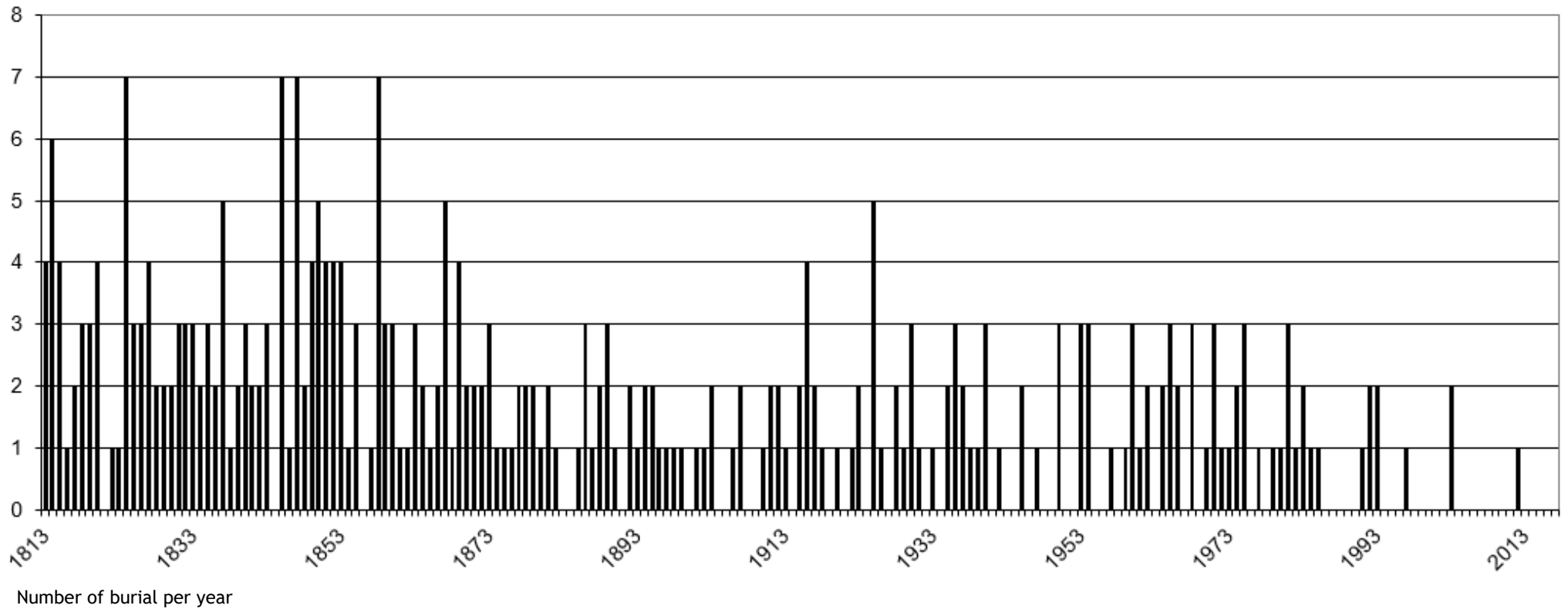
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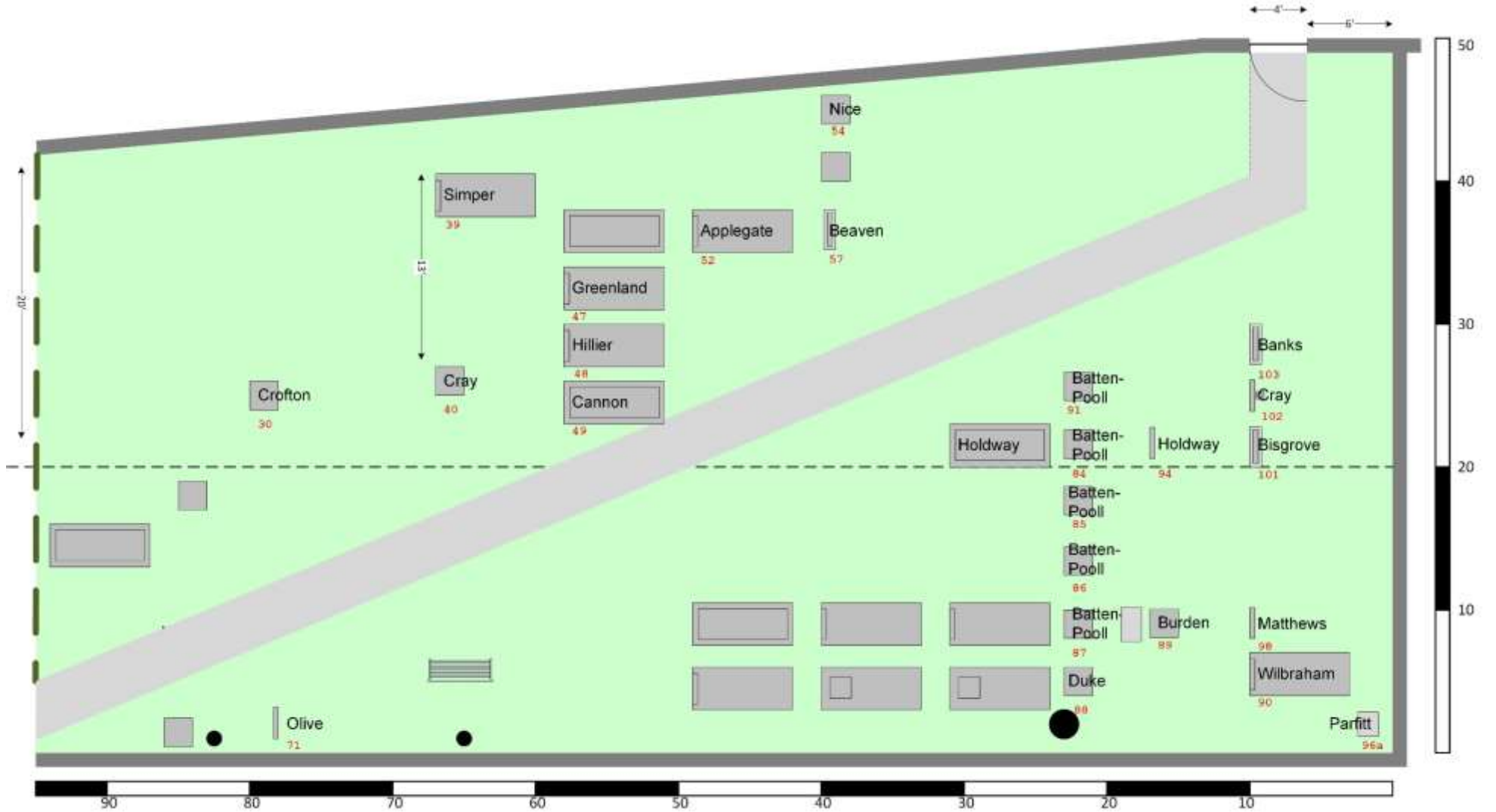
(no burial registers prior to 1813)

DD\X\SDFHS/48 Monumental inscriptions for Woolverton Church. [1728-1992]

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Layout




Churchyard



Eastern Section

30	Names	Inscriptions	Notes
	<p>Henry Woodward Crofton (1827-1894)</p>	<p>Henry Woodward Crofton February the Lord from their labours and their works do follow them</p>	<div data-bbox="1617 384 1904 762" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cross on plinths. Leaded inscription in a gothic script, obscured by orange lichen.</p> <p>Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1847-1964 has various land/properties owned by Rev Henry Crofton in counties Cork and Wicklow.</p> <p>The marriage of Henry Woodward Crofton to Jane Inglis Schenley was registered 1875/Q2 St Geo H Sq.</p> <p>In the 1881 census at St Mary's Rectory, Wisbech Road, March (Cambs): Henry W Crofton, aged 53, married, rector of St Mary's, March, born in Ireland, two daughters born in Burma, and four servants.</p> <p>In Kelly's Directory of Somerset 1895: Crofton Rev. Henry Woodward M.A. Rectory, Woolverton, Bath</p> <p>From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1894: CROFTON the reverend Henry Woodward of Wolverton rectory Somerset clerk died 12 February 1894 at 1 De-Beauvoir-terrace Guernsey Probate London 7 June to Jane Inglis Crofton widow and Wilhelmina Heathcote Tottenham spinster Effects £3170 16s. 7d.</p>


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39	<p>Edith Mary Simper (1868-1928)</p> <p>Francis Simper (1868-1938)</p> <p>Margaret Bessie Coombs (1901-1975)</p>	<p>Headstone:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PEACE EDITH MARY SIMPER DIED 20TH DECEMBER 1928 AGED 60 YEARS <i>IN GOD'S KEEPING</i></p> <p>ALSO FRANCIS HUSBAND OF ABOVE DIED 23RD MAY 1938, AGED 79,</p> <p>Plaque:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORY OF MARGARET COOMBS THEIR DAUGHTER DIED 20TH FEBRUARY 1975</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Low headstone, edging and a freestanding plaque.</p> <p>The birth of Margaret Bessie Simper was registered 1901/Q2 Wilton. Baptised on 21 Jul 1901 at Great Wishford (Wilts): Margaret Bessie, daughter of Frank & Edith Mary Simper.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Church Lane, Codford St May (Wilts): Francis Simper, aged 50, farm labourer, born at Wishford (Wilts), wife Edith, aged 40, married 15 years 6 children, born at Wishford, and six children. (Son Alfred, aged 14, was a plough boy on farm and Edmund, aged 13, a cow boy on farm.)</p> <p>The death of Edith M Simper, aged 60, was registered 1928/Q4 Frome.</p> <p>The marriage of Margaret B Simper to Edwin J Coombs was registered 1932/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Francis Simper, aged 79, was registered 1938/Q2 Birmingham.</p> <p>The death of Margaret Bessie Coombs, born on 23 Apr 1901, was registered 1975/Q1 Bristol. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1975: COOMBS Margaret Bessie of Heather Lodge Church Rd Leigh Woods Bristol died 20 February 1975 Probate Bristol 2 April £4377</p>


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40	Peter Cray (1939-1945) Percy Windell (1893-1954)	CHERISHED MEMORIES OF PETER CRAY DIED 3 RD APRIL 1945 AGED 5. AND PERCY WINDELL DIED 1 ST APRIL 1954, AGED 59.	 <p>Celtic cross on a plinth.</p> <p>The birth of Percy Windell was registered 1893/Q3 Frome. The birth of Ivy Grace Windell was registered 1898/Q1 Frome. (From the 1911 census, daughter of Simon & Eliza Windell, born at Road.)</p> <p>The marriage of Ivy G Windell to Edward J N Cray was registered 1926/Q1 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Peter Cray, aged 5, was registered 1945/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Percy Windell, aged 61, was registered 1954/Q2 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1954: WINDELL Percy of Shawford Farm Beckington Somersetshire died 1 April 1954 Probate Bristol 26 May to Edward John Noad Cray farmer and Ivy Grace Cray (wife of the said Edward John Noad Cray). Effects £4162 2s. 4d.</p>
47	James Charles Greenland (1870-1935) Agnes Greenland (1880-1966)	IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES C. GREENLAND DIED OCT. 10. 1935, AGED 65. AND OF HIS DEARLY BELOVED WIFE AGNES DIED MARCH 14. 1956, AGED 85.	 <p>Low headstone and edging.</p>

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			<p>The birth of James Charles Greenland was registered 1870/Q3 Frome. Baptised on 21 Aug 1870 at Woolverton: James Charles, son of Charles & Mary Ann Greenland, of Wolverton (sic), father's occupation: farmer. The birth of Agnes Windell was registered 1880/Q4 Westbury. (From the 1911 census, daughter of Simon & Eliza Windell, born at Southwick (Wilts).)</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Tellisford: James Greenland, aged 40, single, farmer, born at Woolverton, and Louisa Greenland, aged 50, single, sister, born at Southwick (Wilts).</p> <p>The marriage of James C Greenland to Agnes Windell was registered 1917/Q4 Frome.</p> <p>The death of James C Greenland, aged 65, was registered 1935/Q4 Winchester. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1935: GREENLAND James Charles of The Larches Wherwell Hampshire died 10 October 1935 at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester Administration London 22 November to Agnes Greenland widow and Percy Windell bank official. Effects £1796.</p> <p>The death of Agnes Greenland, aged 85, was registered 1966/Q1 Andover. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1966: GREENLAND Agnes of The White Lion Hotel Wherwell Hampshire died 14 March 1966 Probate Winchester 6 June to Victor Charles Pyke licensed victualler and Edward John Noad Cray retired farmer. £14081.</p>
48	<p>Ada Mary Hillier (1868-1936)</p> <p>Dinah Louisa Greenland (1862-1950)</p>	<p>IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF ADA MARY HILLIER, WHO DIED SEP. 29. 1936, AGED 68. AT REST. ALSO OF DINAH LOUISA GREENLAND SISTER OF THE ABOVE WHO PASSED AWAY DEC.31.1949,AGED 87. PEACE.</p>	 <p>Headstone and edging.</p>

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			<p>The birth of Dinah Louisa Greenland was registered 1862/Q1 Westbury. Baptised on 21 Aug 1870 at Woolverton: Dinah Louisa, aged 8, daughter of Charles & Mary Ann Greenland of Wolverton (sic), father's occupation: farmer.</p> <p>The birth of Ada Mary Greenland was registered 1868/Q1 Frome. Baptised on 12 Jan 1868 at Road/Rode: Ada Mary, daughter of Charles & Mary Ann Greenland, of Road, father's occupation: farmer.</p> <p>On 3 Sep 1908 at Staverton (Wilts): Henry Hillier, aged 50, widower, gardener, of Derry Hill, son of George Hiller, labourer, married Ada Mary Greenland, aged 40, spinster, of Staverton, daughter of Charles Greenland, farmer.</p> <p>The death of Ada M Hillier, aged 68, was registered 1936/Q2 Trowbridge. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1936: HILLIER Ada Mary of Southwick near Trowbridge Wiltshire widow died 29 September 1936 at the Trowbridge and District Hospital Adcroft House Trowbridge Administration London 12 December to Emily Mercy Wheeler widow and Dinah Louise Greenland spinster. Effects £294 15s. 2d.</p> <p>The death of Dinah L Greenland, aged 87, was registered 1950/Q1 Trowbridge.</p>
49	<p>Jane Eleanor Cannon (1865-1939)</p> <p>Thomas Cannon (1874-1940)</p>	<p>. . . . ELEANOR CANNON DIED OCT 19TH 193_</p>	 <p>Edging.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Pontnewydd (Mon): Thomas Cannon, aged 36, gardener & caretaker - parish church, born at Oldham (Lancs), wife Jane Elenor, aged 39, married 13 years 7 children of which 5 then living, born at Newtown, N Wales, and children: Elenor Caroline M, aged 13, born at Bonvilston (Glam), Florence J, aged 11, born at Bonvilston, Lucy E, aged 10, born at Bonvilston, Thomas, aged 8, born at Muthorne (Mon), and Cyril, aged 5, born at Pontnewydd (Mon).</p>

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		<p>In the 1939 Register at Meadow View, Woolverton: Thomas Cannon, born on 22 Jun 1874, head gardener, Jane E Cannon, born on 11 Oct 1865, incapacitated, and Lucy E Cannon (Somanowska), born on 16 Oct 1900.</p> <p>The death of Jane E Cannon, aged 72, was registered 1939/Q4 Frome. The death of Thomas Cannon, aged 65, was registered 1940/Q1 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1940: CANNON Thomas of Woolverton Tellisford Somersetshire died 2 March 1940 Administration Winchester 30 April to Eleanor Caroline Mary Baker (wife of Clement Herbert Baker.) Effects £147 6s. 3d.</p>
52	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR WIFE KATHLEEN MARY APPLGATE WHO FELL ASLEEP APRIL 24TH 1960, AGED 40. REST IN PEACE.</p>	<div data-bbox="1574 536 1951 820" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Low headstone and edging.</p> <p>The birth of Leonard C Applegate was registered 1921/Q4 Frome.</p> <p>The marriage of Leonard C Applegate to Kathleen M Stephens was registered 1942/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Kathleen M Applegate, aged 40, was registered 1960/Q2 Bath. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1960: APPLGATE Kathleen Mary of 1 Leazes Woolverton near Bath (wife of Leonard Charles Applegate) died 24 April 1960 at Manor Hospital Bath Administration Bristol 4 July to the said Leonard Charles Applegate welder. Effects £788 10s.</p> <p>Leonard Charles Applegate, born on 23 Nov 1921, died on 23 Dec 2015 Frome.</p>

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54	Thomas Nice (1876-1962) Sarah Nice (1886-1964)	IN LOVING MEMORY OF TOM NICE DIED 18 TH JULY 1962 AGED 85 YEARS ALSO HIS WIFE SARAH	 <p>Cross on a plinth.</p> <p>The birth of Sarah Windell was registered 1886/Q3 Westbury W.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Drynham, North Bradley (Wilts) in the household of Charles & Eliza Pickard: Sarah Windell, aged 4, niece, visitor, born at Southwick (Wilts).</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Shawford Farm, Road: Simon Windell, aged 64, farmer, born at Southwick, wife Eliza, aged 55, born at Southwick, seven children the second of whom was Sarah, aged 22, born at Southwick.</p> <p>The marriage of Thomas Nice to Sarah Windell was registered 1934/Q3 Frome.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Gate House, Woolverton: Thomas Nice, born on 9 Dec 1876, smallholder, Sarah Nice, born on 6 Jul 1886, unpaid domestic duties, and Emma Richards, born on 24 Nov 1855, widow, incapacitated private means.</p> <p>The death of Thomas Nice, aged 85, was registered 1962/Q3 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1962: NICE Thomas of Shawford near Beckington Somersetshire died 18 July 1962 at The Victoria Hospital Frome Somersetshire Probate Bristol 14 September to Richard Bertram Windell head herdsman. Effects £269 1s.</p> <p>The death of Sarah Nice, aged 77, was registered 1963/Q4 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1964: NICE Sarah of Green Acres Church</p>



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<p>57 Florence Jessie Beaven (1897-1968)</p> <p>George Henry Beaven (1892-1970)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF FLORENCE J. BEAVEN 10TH OCT. 1968 AGED 71 YEARS ALSO OF HER HUSBAND GEORGE 9TH FEB. 1976 AGED 77. YEARS.</p>	<p>Lane Rode Somerset widow died 29 December 1963 Probate Bristol 25 March to Richard Bertram Windell head herdsman and Percy Victor Windell farmer. £5740.</p>  <p>Small headstone.</p> <p>The birth of George Henry Beaven was registered 1892/Q4 Westbury. The birth of Florence Jessie Pike was registered 1896/Q4 Frome.</p> <p>The marriage of George H Beaven to Florence J Pike was registered 1923/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Woolverton: George H Beaven, born on 2 Nov 1892, lorry driver at brewery, Florence J Beaven, born on 28 Oct 1896, unpaid domestic duties, Roland Beaven, born on 1 Jun 1925, single, bottling stores at brewery, and Joan Beaven (Watts), born on 22 Jan 1927.</p> <p>The death of Florence J Beaven, aged 71, was registered 1968/Q4 Frome. The death of George Henry Beaven, born on 2 Nov 1892, was registered 1970/Q1 Bath.</p>



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71	<p>Gabriel Franklin Olive (1886-1945)</p> <p>Dorothy Olive (1883-1968)</p> <p>Lilian Aldrich (1884-1968)</p>	<p>IN MEMORY OF GABRIEL FRANKLIN OLIVE 1886 - 1945 DOROTHY HIS WIFE 1883 - 1968 AND HER SISTER LILIAN ALDRICH 1884 - 1968</p>	 <p>Headstone with a rounded top.</p> <p>The birth of Dorothy Aldrich was registered 1883/Q2 Prescott (Lancs). The birth of Lilian Aldrich was registered 1884/Q3 Liverpool. The birth of Gabriel Franklin Olive was registered 1886/Q1 Kingston.</p> <p>In 1 Aug 1911 at Wimbledon parish church: Gabriel Franklins Olive, aged 25, bachelor, schoolmaster, of RoReby, The Downs, Wimbledon, son of Charles Daniel Olive, schoolmaster, married Dorothy Aldrich, aged 28, spinster, of High Ridge, The Drive, Wimbledon, daughter of Charles Roper Aldrich, business manager.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Shawford House, Beckington: Gabriel F Olive, born on 15 Jan 1886, schoolmaster retired, Dorothy Olive, born on 9 May 1883, unpaid domestic duties, Charles P Olive, born on 13 Aug 1914, single schoolmaster, Faith Olive (Ross), born on 18 Mar 1916, and Lilian Aldrich, born on 12 Jul 1884, single.</p> <p>The death of Gabriel F Olive, aged 58, was registered 1945/Q1 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1945: OLIVE Gabriel Franklin of Shawford House Beckington near Bath died 12 January 1945 Probate Bristol 18 May to Dorothy Olive widow. Effects £3389 5s. 5d.</p> <p>The death of Dorothy Olive, aged 85, was registered 1968/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Lilian Aldrich, aged 83, was registered 1968/Q1 Wells.</p>


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		 <p>Edging.</p>
<p>73 Sarah Evans Squires (1852-1936) John Squires (1822-) Hester Squires (1830-)</p>	<p>SARAH SQUIRES, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE JOHN AND HESTER SQUIRES OF CHERRINGTON, GLOS. NURSE AND. REV. H BORN DIED</p>	 <p>Cross on a plinth.</p> <p>The marriage of John Squires to Hester Evans at Boxwell (Glos) on 18 Nov 1844 was registered 1844/Q4 Tetbury.</p> <p>The birth of Sarah Evans Squires was registered 1853/Q1 Stroud.</p> <p>In the 1881 census at Cherington (Glos): John Squires, aged 58, shepherd, born at Welsley (Glos), wife Hester, aged 50, born at Doughton (Glos), and six children.</p> <p>The death of Esther Rextone Squires, aged 67, was registered 1891/Q1 Tetbury.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Cherington (Glos): John Squires, aged 68, widower, shepherd, born at Willesley (Glos), children: Sarah Evans, aged 38, single, nurse domestic servant, born at Bisley (Glos), and</p>


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			<p>Georgina Julia Adelaide, aged 22, single, born at Cherington, and a grand-daughter.</p> <p>The death of Sarah E Squires, aged 83, was registered 1936/Q1 Kensington.</p>
74	Sarah Mary Wells (1856-1936)	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF SARAH M. WELLS WHO DIED AUG-5-1936 AGED 79 YEARS AT REST.</p>	 <p>Low headstone and edging.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Woolverton: Edwin Blick, aged 54, widower, farmer, born at Road (Som), Sarah Mary Wells, aged 54, single, sister-in-law, private means, born at Alderney, and Mary Ann Wells, aged 50, single, sister-in-law, domestic duties, born at Alderney.</p> <p>The death of Sarah M Wells, aged 79, was registered 1936/Q3 Bath. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1936: WELLS Sarah Mary of 28 Belvedere Bath spinster died 5 August 1936 Probate Bristol 9 September to Florence Vears widow and Percy Windell bank cashier. Effects £5627 8s. 6d.</p>
76	<p>Thomas Haine (1848-1917)</p> <p>Sarah Frances Haine (1852-1926)</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth Haine (1881-1960)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS HAINE DIED JAN. 1917 SARAH FRANCES HAINE DIED JUNE 1926 ALSO OF MARY ELIZABETH HAINE DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE</p>	 <p>Low headstone and edging. Incised inscription.</p> <p>On 20 Jan 1874 at Northover (Som): Thomas Haine, aged 26, bachelor, farmer, of Yeovilton, son of Thomas Haine, farmer, married Frances</p>

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			<p>Sarah Haine, aged 21, spinster, of Northover, daughter of William Haine, farmer.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Woolverton: Thomas Haine, aged 62, farmer, born at Batcombe (Som), wife Sarah Frances, aged 58, married 37 years 9 children of which 4 then living, born at Northover, Ilchester, and son George William, aged 27, single, traveller for grocer, born at Westbury (Wilts).</p> <p>The death of Thomas Haine, aged 68, was registered 1917/Q1 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1917: HAINE Thomas of Woolverton Somersetshire farmer died 27 Jan 1917 Probate Wells 20 February to Sarah Frances Haine widow. Effects £489 2s.</p> <p>The death of Sarah F Haine, aged 74, was registered 1926/Q3 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1926: HAINE Sarah Frances of Woolverton Somersetshire widow died 15 Jul 1926 Probate Wells 9 August to George William Haine dealer and Mary Elizabeth Haine spinster. Effects £396 6s. 2d.</p> <p>The death of Mary E Hane, aged 79, was registered 1960/Q3 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1960: HAINE Mary Elizabeth of Church Mead Woolverton Somersetshire spinster died 14 September 1960 at The Mendip Hospital Wells Probate Bristol 2 December to Edith Haine spinster. Effects £1184 14s.</p>
79	Thomas William Holdway (1892-1950)	IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS WILLIAM HOLDWAY, PASSED AWAY DEC. 13 1950, AGED	 <p>Edging. The leaded inscription is on the inner surface.</p> <p>The birth of Cicily Brown Arnold was registered 1887/Q3 Mere. The birth of Thomas William Holdway was registered 1891/Q3 Frome. Baptised on 7 Jun 1891 at Woolverton: Thomas William, son of William Joseph & Martha Culliford Holdway, of Woolverton, father's occupation: farmer.</p>

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			<p>In the 1901 census at Chatley Farm, Woolverton: William Joseph Holdway, aged 40, farmer, born at Norton St Philip, wife Martha C, aged 49, born at East Harptree (Som), two children and a servant.</p> <p>The marriage of Thomas W Holdway to Cicely B Arnold was registered 1916/Q4 Frome.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Lower Chatley Far, Woolverton: Thomas W Holdway, born on 13 May 1891, dairy farmer, Cicely B Holdway, born on 22 Jul 1887, unpaid domestic duties, Thomas P Holdway, born on 31 Dec 1917, farm carter, Barnard W Holdway, born on 27 Mar 1919, cowman, Clifford Holdway, born on 28 Jun 1920, horseman on farm, and two presumed lodgers.</p> <p>The death of Thomas W Holdway, aged 58, was registered 1950/Q4 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1951: HOLDWAY Thomas Williams of Chatley Farm Woolverton Somersetshire died 13 December 1950 Probate Bristol 19 March to Thomas Peter Holdway farmer and Albert Richard Edwards accountant. Effects £7363 11s. 6d.</p>
81	William Joseph Holdway (1859-1939)		 <p>Edging. The leaded inscription is on the inner surface.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at Chatley Farm, Woolverton: William Joseph Holdway, aged 40, farmer, born at Norton St Philip, wife Martha C, aged 49, born at East Harptree (Som), two children and a servant.</p> <p>The death of William J Holdway, aged 79, was registered 1939/Q2 Frome.</p>

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	<p>Walter Stewart Batten Pooll (1882-1953)</p>	<p>SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF CAPTAIN WALTER STEWART BATTEN POOLL (LORD OF THE MANOR OF RODE AND WOOLVERTON) BORN 4TH JULY 1882 DIED 13TH OCTOBER 1953.</p>	<div data-bbox="1617 226 1904 606" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Celtic cross on a plinth.</p> <p>The birth of Walter Stewart Pooll was registered 1882/Q3 Marylebone. Baptised on 4 Jul 1882 at Roade: Walter Stewart, son of Robert Pool & Sophia Frederica Christina Hastings Henry Batten Pool of Road, father's occupation: esquire.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Road Manor, Woolverton: Robert P H B Pool, aged 40, living on own means, born at Timsbury (Som), wife Sophia C H H B Pool aged 37, born in India, children: Robert D, aged 10, born at St George's, London, Walter S, aged 8, born at St George's, London, Mary M, aged 6, born at St George's, London, and John A, aged 1, born at St George's, London, a tutor (teacher of foreign languages) and ten servants.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Rode Manor: (Capt) Walter S Batten Pooll, born on 4 Jul 1882, single colliery director (retired) private mans, and a servant.</p> <p>The death of Walter S Batten-Pooll, aged 71, was registered 1953/Q4 Frome.</p>

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85	Robert Duncan Henry Batten Pool (1881-1894)	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT DUNCAN BORN MARCH 18, 1881 DIED AUGUST 11, 1894</p>	<div data-bbox="1621 225 1906 608" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Celtic cross on plinths.</p> <p>The birth of Robert Duncan Henry-Batten-Pool was registered 1881/Q2 St Geo H Sq. Baptised on 25 Jul 1881 at Rode: Robert Duncan, son of Robert Pool & Sophia Frederica Christina Hastings Henry-Batten-Pool, of Road, father's occupation: esquire.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Road Manor, Woolverton: Robert P H B Pool, aged 40, living on own means, born at Timsbury (Som), wife Sophia C H H B Pool aged 37, born in India, children: Robert D, aged 10, born at St George's, London, Walter S, aged 8, born at St George's, London, Mary M, aged 6, born at St George's, London, and John A, aged 1, born at St George's, London, a tutor (teacher of foreign languages) and ten servants.</p> <p>The death of Robert Duncan Batten Pool, aged 13, was registered 1894/Q3 St Geo H Sq.</p>

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86	<p>Sophia Frederica Christian Hasting Batten Pooll (1853-1925)</p> <p>Mary Margaret Batten Pooll (1884-1959)</p>	<p>Plinths:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO THE UNDYING MEMORY OF SOPHIA HASTINGS (NÉE MACRAE) BELOVED WIFE OF ROBERT HENRY BATTEN POOLL OF RODE MANOR·SOMERSET BORN 3RD NOV. 1853·DIED 23RD MARCH 1925.</p> <p>“FATHER, IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING LEAVE WE NOW THY SERVANT SLEEPING.”</p> <p>Plaque:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS TABLET IS ERECTED BY HER SURVIVING BROTHERS TO THE MEMORY OF MARY MARGARET BATTEN POOLL BORN OCTOBER 28TH 1884 DIED JULY 12TH 1959 BURIED AT DINARD, FRANCE</p>	<div data-bbox="1621 225 1906 608" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Celtic cross on plinths.</p> <p>The birth of May Margaret Batten-Pool was registered 1884/Q4 St Ge H Sq. Baptised on 1 Jan 1885 at Rode; Mary Margaret, daughter of Robert Pooll & Sophia Frederica Christina Hastings Henry Batten Pool, of Road, father’s occupation: esquire. (For a time the surname used was ‘Henry Batten Pooll’.)</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Road Manor, Woolverton: Robert P H B Pool, aged 40, living on own means, born at Timsbury (Som), wife Sophia C H H B Pool aged 37, born in India, children: Robert D, aged 10, born at St George’s, London, Walter S, aged 8, born at St George’s, London, Mary M, aged 6, born at St George’s, London, and John A, aged 1, born at St George’s, London, a tutor (teacher of foreign languages) and ten servants.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of 28-Mar-1925 p22 col a: BATTEN POOLL.—On the 23rd inst., at Rode Manor, Bath, Sophia Fredericka Christina Hastings, the dearly loved wife of R. H. Batten Pooll, after many months of great suffering heroically borne, Funeral at Woolverton Church, on Friday, at 2.30. Enquiries of Jolly and Son, Bath.</p> <p>From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1960: BATTEN-POOLL Mary Margaret of Le Vieux Clos St. Buc Le Minihic-sur Rance Ille et Vilaine France spinster died 9 July 1959 at L’Hopital de Dinard France Administration (with Will) (limited) Bristol 25 March to Westminster Bank Limited attorney of Louise de la Perouse. Effects £70046 18s.</p>

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87	Robert Pooll Henry Batten Pooll (1850-1930)	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT POOL HENRY BATTEN POOLL (LORD OF THE MANOR OF RODE AND WOOLVERTON) BORN 10TH MAY 1850 DIED 30TH OCT. 1930</p> <p style="text-align: center;">..... </p>	<p>(Minihic-sur-Rance is a village on the river Rance between Dinard and Dinan)</p>  <p>Celtic cross on plinths.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Road Manor, Woolverton: Robert P H B Pool, aged 40, living on own means, born at Timsbury (Som), wife Sophia C H H B Pool aged 37, born in India, four children, a tutor and ten servants.</p> <p>The death of Robert P H Batten-Pooll, aged 80, was registered 1930/Q4 Marylebone. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1931: BATTEN-POOLL Robert Pooll Henry of Roade Manor near Bath died 30 October 1930 at 4 Dorset-square Middlesex (limited to settled land) Bristol 7 October to George Redston Warner esquire the honourable George Savile captain H.M. army and Henry Wilson Cruttwell solicitor. Effects £23235. Resworn £30538 11s. 6d. Former Grant D.R. Bristol March 1931.</p>
88	Agnes Duke (1856-1917)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF AGNES DUKE (OF ULVERSTONE, LANCASHIRE) BORN AUGUST 29, 1856, DIED AT RODE MANOR JANUARY 3, 1917</p>	

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			<p>Cross on a plinth.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Road Manor: Agnes Duke, aged 52, single, servant, housekeeper (domestic), born a Dalton in Furness (Lancs), and two other servants.</p> <p>The death of Agnes Duke, aged 56, was registered 1917/Q1 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1917: DUKE Agnes of Road Manor Woolverton Somersetshire died 2 January 1917 Administration London 31 March to the Solicitor for the affairs of H.M. Treasury. Effects £238 8s. 11d.</p>
89	Emily Ada Burden (1878-1965)	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF EMILY ADA BURDEN 8TH JAN 1965 AGED 86 AT REST.</p>	 <p>Cross on a plinth.</p> <p>The birth of Emily Ada Burden was registered 1878/Q3 Poole. Baptised on 4 Sep 1878 at St James, Poole: Emily Ada, daughter of William Thomas & Louisa Emma Burden, of Longfleet, father's occupation: brickmaker.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 12 Gladstone Road, Upper Parkstone (Dorset): William Thomas Burden, aged 55, brick manufacturer - employer, born at Lytchill (Dorset), wife Louisa Emma, aged 56, married 33 years 11 children, born at Trigon (Dorset), six children (of which the third was Alice Kate, aged 19), and Sarah Mary Vincent, aged 83, widow, mother-in-law.</p> <p>The death of Emily A Burden, aged 86, was registered 1965/Q1 Frome. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1965: BURDEN Emily Ada of The Little House Woolverton Somerset died 8 January 1965 Probate Bristol 9 April to Alice Kate Burden spinster. £7367.</p>

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	<p>Thomas Roger Wilbraham (1907-1966)</p> <p>Iris Janet Wilbraham (1905-1993)</p>	<p>Headstone:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAJOR THOMAS ROGER WILBRAHAM THE RIFLE BRIDGE BORN 11TH MARCH 1907 DIED 14TH FEBRUARY 1966 IRIS JANET WILBRAHAM BORN 26TH AUG 1905 DIED 20TH MARCH 1993</p> <p>Plaque:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTOPHER ROGER LAURIE BORN 20 OCTOBER 1941 DIED 16 JANUARY 2009</p>	<div data-bbox="1570 225 1951 507" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Low headstone and edging.</p> <p>The birth of Thomas Roger Wilbraham was registered 1907/Q1 Chelsea. Baptised on 22 Apr 1907 at St Luke's, Chelsea: Thomas Roger, son of Edward Sydney & Ida Gwenddin Jane Eliza Wilbraham, of 6 Cheyne Gardens, father's occupation: land agent.</p> <p>The birth of Martin J Wilbraham was registered 1931/Q2 Chelsea, mother's maiden name: Martin.</p> <p>The death of Thomas R Wilbraham, aged 58, was registered 1966/Q1 St Marylebone. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1966: WILBRAHAM Thomas Roger of Woolverton House Bath died 14 February at Beaumont House Beaumont Street London W.1 Probate London 29 June to Iris Janet Wilbraham widow and Martin John Wilbraham stockbroker. £24651.</p> <p>The death of Iris Janet Wilbraham, born on 26 Aug 1905, was registered 1993/Q1 Mendip. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1994: WILBRAHAM, IRIS JANET OF BECKINGTON HSE BECKINGTON BATH DIED 20 MARCH 1993 PROBATE BRISTOL 25 APRIL £292829</p> <p>The birth of Christopher R Laurie was registered 1941/Q Kensington, mother's maiden name: Hill</p>

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91	<p>Gwendolen Augusta Batten Pooll (1906-1974)</p> <p>John Alexander Batten Pooll (1889-1965)</p> <p>Arthur Hugh Batten Pooll (1891-1971)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GWENDOLEN AUGUSTA WIFE OF LT.COL.J.A.BATTEN-POOLL 1906 - 1974.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF LT. COL. JOHN ALEXANDER BATTEN-POOLL, D.S.O, M.C, 5TH ROYAL IRISH RANGERS AND 7TH QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS. 6. OCT. 1889 - 23. JAN. 1965</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF CAPT ARTHUR HUGH BATTEN-POOLL, V.C, M.C, ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS 27. OCT 1891 - 21. JAN. 1971.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Celtic cross on plinths.</p> <p>The birth of John A Henry-Batten-Pool was registered 1889/Q4 St Geo H Sq. Baptised on 23 Nov 1889 at Road: John Alexander, son of Robert Pool & Sophia Frederica Christina Hastings Henry Batten Pool, of Road Manor, father's occupation: gentleman.</p> <p>The birth of Arthur Hugh Pool was registered 1891/Q4 St Geo H Sq. Baptised on 17 Jan 1892 at Road: Arthur Hugh, son of Robert Pooll & Sophia Christine Hastings Henry-Batten-Pool of Road Manor, father's occupation: gentleman.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of Sat 29 Mar 1930 p4 col b: Col. Batten-Pool to Marry Miss Gwendolen Shaw.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The marriage of Miss Gwendolen Shaw, only daughter of the late Capt. Walter Shaw, and of Mrs. Shaw, of Rood Ashton House, Trowbridge, and Colonel Batten-Pooll, second surviving son of Mr. R. H. Batten-Pool, and the late Mrs. Batten-Pooll, of Rode Manor, Somerset, will take place at West Ashton Church on Thursday, May 15th.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Prebendary Gough, of Brompton Parish Church.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at the Old George Hotel, Salisbury: Gwendoline Batten-Pool, born on 16 Mar 1905, unpaid domestic duties, and John A Batten-Pool, born on 5 Oct 1889, Lt Col army.</p>


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			<p>The death of John A B Pool, aged 75, was registered 1965/Q1 Totnes. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1965: BATTEN-POOL John Alexander D.S.O. M.C. of Ugborough House Ivybridge Devon died 23 January 1965 Probate London 2 March to Gwendolen Augusta Batten-Pool widow. £100906.</p> <p>The National Army Museum has a group of six medals for medals for Arthur Hugh Barren-Pool: Victoria Cross (VC) awarded by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 4 No 1916, the Military Cross (25 Feb 1917), British War Medal, Victory Medal with Mention in Despatches Oakleaf, King George VI Coronation Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal. A <i>West Country Potpourri</i> by A.H. [Arthur Hugh] Batten POOL (1 Jan 1969).</p> <p>The death of Arthur Hugh Batten-Pool, born on 27 Oct 1891, was registered 1971/Q1 Newton Abbot.</p> <p>The death of Gwendolen Augusta Batten-Pool, born on 16 Mar 1905, was registered 1974/Q2 Newton Abbot.</p>
94	Bernard William Holdway (1919-1975)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF BERNARD W. HOLDWAY 1919 - 1975 PEACE AFTER PAIN</p>	<div data-bbox="1617 758 1904 1141" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Small rectangular headstone.</p> <p>The birth of Bernard W Holdway was registered 1919/Q2 Frome, mother's maiden name: Arnold.</p> <p>The death of Bernard William Holdway, born on 27 Mar 1919, was registered 1975/Q1 Bath. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1975: HOLDWAY, Bernard William of 43 Dursley Rd Trowbridge Wi[its] died 28 February 1975 Administration Bristol 6 June £8724</p>


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	<p>Leslie Matthews (1898-1981)</p> <p>Gladys Annie Matthews (1900-1991)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF LESLIE MATTHEWS 1898 – 1981 ALSO HIS BELOVED WIFE GLADYS ANNIE 1900 – 1991 WHO FARMED CHURCH FARM FOR</p>	 <p>Headstone and a square vase.</p> <p>The birth of Leslie Matthews was registered 1898/Q4 Frome. The birth of Gladys Annie F Frost was registered 1900/Q1 Axbridge. Baptised on 17 Jan 1900 at Brent Knoll: Gladys Annie Florence, daughter of Edgar & Florence Frost, of Brent Knoll, father's occupation: farmer.</p> <p>The marriage of Leslie Matthews to Gladys A F Frost was registered 1928/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Church Farm, Woolverton: Leslie Matthews, born on 3 Oct 1898, arable farming, Gladys A F Matthews, born on 22 Dec 1899, unpaid domestic duties, and Nellie Barton, born on 8 Aug 1885, widow, (companion) domestic duties.</p> <p>The death of Leslie Matthews, born on 3 Oct 1898, was registered 1981/Q4 Mendip. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1981: MATTHEWS, Leslie of Woodside Woolverton Bath Avon died 4 October 1981 Probate Bristol 11 December £21932</p> <p>The death of Gladys Annie F Matthews, born on 22 Dec 1899, was registered 1991/Oct Bath. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1992: MATTHEWS, Gladys Annie Florence of Woodside Wolverton Bath died 11 October 1991 Probate Bristol 6 February £35599</p>


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101	<p>Gordon Kenneth Bisgrove (1905-1983)</p> <p>Ivy Pauline Bisgrove (1908-2012)</p>	<p>GORDON KENNETH BISGROVE BORN 12th OCTOBER 1905 DIED 22nd APRIL 1983 ALSO HIS WIFE IVY PAULINE NÉE GOULD BORN 18th OCTOBER 1908 DIED 14th AUGUST 2012</p>	 <p>Small headstone on a base.</p> <p>The birth of Gordon Kenneth Bisgrove was registered 1905/Q4 Clutton. The birth of Ivy Pauline Gould was registered 1908/Q4 Clutton.</p> <p>The marriage of Gordon K Bisgrove to Ivy P Gould was registered 1933/Q2 Clutton.</p> <p>The death of Gordon Kenneth Bisgrove, born on 12 Oct 1905, was registered 1983/Jun Mendip.</p> <p>From the <i>Bath Chronicle</i> of 23 Aug 2012: BISGROVE Ivy (Polly) Peacefully at home on August 14th 2012 aged 103 years. A beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service was at St Philip and St James Church, Norton St Philip on Thursday August 23rd. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Claverton Cats & Dogs Home c/o Barker & Courtiers, 52 Bond Street, Towbridge, BA14 0AS.</p>


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102	<p>Edward John Noad Cray (1897-1984)</p> <p>Ivy Grace Cray (1897-1993)</p> <p>June Reid (1936-2013)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD JOHN NOAD CRAY 1897 - 1984 AND OF HIS WIFE IVY GRACE 1897 - 1993 AND BELOVED DAUGHTER JUNE REID 1936 - 2013</p>	 <p>The birth of Edward John N Cray was registered 1897/Q2 Westbury. Baptised on 25 Apr 1897 at Rode Hill: Edward John Noad, son of Edward & Mary Jane Cray, of Road Hill, father's occupation: butcher. The birth of Ivy Grace Windell was registered 1898/Q1 Frome.</p> <p>The marriage of Edward J N Cray to Ivy G Windell was registered 1926/Q1 Frome.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at Shawford Farm, Beckington: Edward J N Cray, born on 28 Feb 1897, dairy farmer, Ivy G Cray, born on 16 Dec 1897, unpaid domestic duties, and June Cray (Reid), born on 26 Jun 1936.</p> <p>The marriage of June Cray to Jeffrey I C Reid was registered 1959/Q3 Frome.</p> <p>The death of Edward John N Cray, born on 28 Feb 1897, was registered 1984/Mar Mendip. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1984: CRAY, Edward John Noad of 40 Church La Rode Som died 29 February 1984 Probate Bristol 10 May £7240.</p> <p>The death of Ivy Grace Cray, born on 16 Dec 1897, was registered 1993/Jun Mendip. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1993: CRAY, IVY GRACE OF GREENHILL GRANGE CATHERSTONE CLOSE FROM DIED 05 JUNE 1993 PROBATE LONDON 31 AUGUST £218178</p>


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103	<p>Norman St George Banks (1904-1985)</p> <p>Nora May Banks (1906-1992)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF NORMAN ST GEORGE BANKS 1904 - 1985 ALSO NORA MAY BANKS 1906 - 1992 AT REST</p>	 <p>The birth of Norman St George Banks was registered 1904/Q2 Bath, mother's maiden name: Meadus. Baptised on St John's, Weston, Bath: Norman St George, son of Herbert Lawson & Emma Banks, of 36 St John's Road, Weston, Bath, father's occupation: baker. The birth of Nora May Morgan was registered 1906/Q2 Frome.</p> <p>The marriage of Norman St George Banks to Nora May Morgan was registered 1929/Q4 Bath.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at 1 East Terrace, Woolverton: Norman St G Banks, born on 23 Apr 1904, chauffeur handyman, Nora M Banks, born on 6 Apr 1906, unpaid domestic duties, one other (blanked out, and Peggy D Banks (Rhymer), born on 11 Oct 1932.</p> <p>The death of Norman St George Banks, born on 2 Apr 1904, was registered 1985/Jan Mendip. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1985: BANKS, Norman St George of 1 East Terr Woolverton Bath died 2 Jan 1985 Administration Bristol 20 November Nor exceeding £40000</p> <p>The death of Nora May Banks, born on 6 Apr 1906, was registered 1993/Sep Trowbridge.</p>

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96a	<p>Stanley Vowles Parfitt (1889-1981)</p> <p>Alice Louisa Mary Parfitt (1900-1990)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF STANLEY VOWLES PARFITT BORN 13th MARCH 1889 DIED 24th MAY 1981 AND HIS WIFE ALICE LOUISA MARY PARFITT BORN 18th MARCH 1900 DIED 20th MAY 1990</p>	

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Edward John Noad Cray (1897-1984)	IN MEMORY OF JOHN CRAY CHURCHWARDEN 1954-1978	 <p data-bbox="1375 520 1850 544">Metal plaque on the wooden entrance gate.</p>

Northern Section

Not accessible.

Church

Not accessible.

War Memorials

THESE MEN OF OURS UNSELFISH UNAFRAID WENT TO THE WORLD-WIDE FIGHT FORGET NOT HOW THEY FOUGHT AND HOW WE PRAYED FOR ENGLAND AND FOR RIGHT <i>HENRY NEWCOTT</i>	ERECTED BY THE VILLAGERS OF WOOLVERTON TO THE SACRED MEMORY OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918	WALTER HAINE 11TH BN K.R.R.C. FRANCE 1916
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The birth of Walter Haine was registered 1888/Q4 Westbury.

In the 1901 census at Alice Street Farm, Cloford (Som): Thomas Haine, aged 52, farm manager, born at Batcombe (Som), wife Sarah F, aged 49, born at Northover, Ilchester,

and children: Edith, aged 23, born at Westbury (Wilts), and Walter, aged 12, born at Westbury

Walter Haine, Rifleman R/6146 11th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, died aged 28 on 17 Sep 1916; son of Thomas and Sarah Frances Haine of Woolverton, native of

Westbury, Wilts; Guard's Cemetery, Lesboeufs (Somme), VIII.N.2 [CWGC].

The quotation appears on war memorials at Madron (Cornwall), Lepton (Yorks), Aisholt and Rode.

IN MEMORY OF
KENNETH CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND
RIPLEY
SERGEANT PILOT R.A.F.
KILLED IN ACTION 25. SEPT. 1940.

THIS STONE MARKS THE SPOT WHERE
HE FELL, AFTER HAVING DESTROYED
AN ENEMY HEINKEL.



The marriage of Harold G Holland to Ina G Christopher was registered 1917/Q2 Weymouth. Kenneth Christopher Holland, Sergeant (Pilot) 754503 152 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve died aged 20 on 25 Sep 1940; son of Harold George and Ina Gladys Christopher Holland; ward of Mr J I E Ripley of Camelford, Cornwall [CWGC]. The death of Kenneth C Holland, aged 20, was registered 1940/Q4 Frome.

In St Materiana's Church, Tintagel, Cornwall is a plaque which has:

THIS STATUE IS PLACED HERE TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF MY DEARLY LOVED ADOPTED SON
KENNETH CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND RIPLEY.
SERGT. PILOT R.A.F. WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON
SEPT.25
1940 NEAR WOOLVERTON.SOM.AGED 20 YEARS HE WAS
BAPTISED
AT THE FONT IN THIS CHURCH IN SEPT.13.1936

The statue above the plaque is of St Christopher carrying Christ.

From *Bude Today* of 25 Nov 2009:

AT THE RECENT Remembrance Sunday service, I was reminded of the story of a young Camelford, Battle of Britain pilot, which I am sure will be of interest to local people.

The story begins with Major Ripley, who served in the First World War with the Middlesex Regiment in France.

After the war, he came home to his family seat, Bedstone Court in Shropshire – a grand 'calendar' house, said to have had a window for every day of the year, twelve chimneys for the months, fifty-two rooms and seven entrances; a sign of good luck.

However, the Major could not settle. He had been wounded, gassed and badly shell shocked. He became quite discontented and began to travel a great deal, having, I believe, mining interests in South Africa.

Sometime during his travels, he became guardian to a young lad called Kenneth Christopher Holland.

The Major then bought Melorne House at Camelford Station – a fine house, formerly the station hotel.

In 1936, the Major decided to adopt Kenneth and, being a deeply religious man, the Major had him christened Kenneth Christopher Holland Ripley (Christopher) at Tintagel Church.

Christopher went on to join the RAF, along with Major Ripley's other son. Sgt Pilot Christopher Ripley flew in 152 sqdn spitfires at Wormwell in Dorset, for the Battle of Britain, as part of 10 group.

They had to defend Bristol, Exeter and Plymouth from mass bombing raids.

On September 25, 1940, 152 sqdn were scrambled and Sgt Pilot Ripley shot down three enemy bombers. He then manoeuvred his spitfire into position and attacked his fourth enemy aircraft, a Heinkel HE111, which caught fire and started to rapidly lose height.

Christopher banked round and down to take a closer look at the crashing aircraft, not realising the tail gunner was still in action.

Christopher's spitfire took a direct hit and crashed to earth near Woolverton in Somerset. Sgt Pilot Ripley was killed, and afterwards cremated in Weymouth. Later, Major Ripley had a memorial stone erected on the crash site.

In Tintagel Church, the Major had a small statue placed on the wall with a plaque below on which is inscribed the words: 'This statue is placed here to the glory of God and in the memory of my dearly loved, adopted son Kenneth Christopher Holland Ripley, Sgt Pilot RAF who was killed

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in action in the Battle of Britain September 25, 1940, near Woolverton, Somerset, aged 20 years. He was baptised at the font in this church September 13, 1936.'

At Melorne House, Christopher's bedroom was kept by Major Ripley as a shrine, complete with the urn containing Christopher's ashes, until the Major moved and sold the house to a local family in 1950.

Let us hope that Major Ripley finally found peace and happiness.

The German tail gunner survived his crash and sent the Major a very moving letter of condolence. There seems to have been some honour, even in war.

Lest we forget.

By David Keast, Camelford.

The History of the Battle of Britain Fighter Association: Commemorating the Few by Geoff

Simpson (2015) p84 also has a listing of the inscription and the circumstances of the death.

The Battle of Britain Memorial website (<http://www.bbm.org.uk/airmen/HollandKC.htm>) states that Kenneth Christopher Holland was born in 1920 at Sydney, NSW.

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