

MENDIP HOSPITAL CEMETERY

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

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Introduction



The cemetery's mortuary chapel

The Lunacy Act and the County Asylums Act were passed by Parliament in 1845. These acts superseded the County Asylums Act of 1808 which had led to the establishment of a small number of asylums. The new act established a framework for the administration and inspection of asylums, headed by commissioners reporting to the Home Secretary.

Mendip Hospital opened in 1848 as the Somerset and Bath Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Horrington, near Wells. The *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 2 Mar 1848 p4 reported '*WELLS.-The County Lunatic Asylum erected near this city is now ready for the reception of paupers chargeable to the several poor-law unions within the county, and some of the Boards of Guardians have obtained orders for the immediate transfer of all their lunatics from private asylums*

to the county asylum here. . .' A patient's cost was chargeable to their parish. Private asylums in the area existed at Bailbrook House, Bath, Brislington and Box. It was reported in 1850, in a case concerning someone 'not in a fit state to be transferred to the county asylum' that the cost of keeping a person at Bailbrook House was 12 shillings per week (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 17 Oct 1850 p3).



The newspapers reported regularly on the number of inmates in the union workhouses and the county asylum. In Bath there were moves to accommodate people who would in normal circumstances be sent to the county asylum at the union workhouse and the committee that investigated this recommended that 'a separate building shall be erected for the reception of lunatics, to the south-west of the present Workhouse' (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 28 Mar 1855 p4). Provision was to be made for 100 people. The article goes on to make it clear that that the motivation was to save money on paying 'the costly

establishment at Wells', the cost of using the workhouse being calculated as 4 shillings per week per inmate rather than 11 shillings 3½ pence per week at Wells. In the same year Walcot parish was paying 12 shillings 10½ pence per week each for its eighteen patients and again there were moves to use the workhouse instead (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 19 Apr 1855 p5). The article also reported that the parish's vestry clerk had stated that 'The County Asylum was full, and he had heard it mooted that the Bath and Bridgwater lunatics were likely to be sent home.'

In 1858 the County Asylum came to an arrangement with the Guardians of the Poor at Cardiff, 'for receiving, for two years, a certain number of patients, not exceeding fifty'. (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 7 Jan 1858 p5). A report to the House of Commons stated that there were 15,054 lunatics in the 38 county asylums and 7,000 pauper lunatics in the workhouses (*Bath Chronicle* 24 Jun 1858). In 1857 there were 4,687 people confined in private asylums and hospitals and that the cost for confinement in borough or county asylums was about 3 times that for union workhouses (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 30 Sep 1858 p7).

There was pressure from the Home Secretary for Bath to build a borough asylum but the town clerk considered that the provision of the county asylum with 'the Asylum recently erected in the Union Workhouse' rendered this unnecessary. Despite a frosty reply from the Home Secretary that 'this provision was not in conformity with the law', the Mayor suggested that the subject be 'allowed to drop' (*Bath Chronicle* Thu 28 Oct 1858).

The function as an asylum was partly taken over by Tone Vale Hospital in 1897, after which Mendip Hospital provided services for long-stay elderly and mentally infirm patients. While Tone Vale Hospital catered for the south of the county, the Mendip Hospital catered for Axbridge, Bath, Bedminster, Clutton, Frome, Keynsham, Shepton Mallet, Wells and Wincanton. Burial registers for a number of parishes give an abode of 'Mendip Hospital' or 'Asylum, Wells' for various burials.

For the period 1848-1854 burials were at East Horrington and, when this became full, at the Wells Cemetery. However, in 1873 the Wells Burial Board gave notice to the Visiting Committee of the Asylum 'that no further interments of the remains of pauper lunatic dying in the asylum would be permitted after the remaining nine spaces had been filled up' (*Wells Journal* 29 May 1873 p4). Later that year the hospital tried to buy land for a cemetery with a sum of £100 being requested at the Somerset Quarter Sessions to complete the purchase (*Bath Chronicle* 16 Oct 1873 p3). From the *Bath Chronicle* of Thu 6 Aug 1874 p3 in an article on the 28th Annual Report by the Commissioners in Lunacy: *In our last Report we stated that money had been voted by the Quarter Sessions for the purchase of some land for the purpose of forming a special cemetery for the use of the Asylum. The difficulties which then existed relative to the fencing of the ground, the erection of a mortuary chapel, and the intended road of approach, have since been overcome; and the approval of the Secretary of State has been obtained to a contract for the purchase of 4½ acres of land, 2½ acres of which will be appropriated to the purposes of the cemetery. The purchase money amounted to £400, and a further expense of £38 has been incurred in acquiring a roadway.'*

According to the burial register the first burial occurred in 1874. The ground was extended in 1921 by one and a third acres (0.54 ha), this additional ground being consecrated by the Bishop of Bath & Wells (*Wells Journal* Fri 9 Dec 1921). It closed in 1962 with subsequent burials occurring at Wells Cemetery at Portway run by the City Council. The hospital closed in 1991, the building and grounds at South Horrington being converted into houses and flats.



During the 85 years that the cemetery was in use, 2,900 burials took place.

The Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation took over the responsibility for the upkeep with the objective of using it as a nature reserve and environmental study centre for local schools. These plans never came into effect, and in early 1997 the gates were locked and all maintenance ceased.

In July 2000 the NHS Estates offered the cemetery to be sold at a public auction describing it as a "freehold development opportunity", this statement was later acknowledged by an NHS representative to be an error. It was withdrawn from sale at the last minute following intervention by Wells MP David Heathcoat-Amory representing the views of many local people. Immediately a group called The Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery was established with the objective to keep the site in pristine condition and to encourage people to visit on open weekends.

See *Mendip Hospital Under Its Physicians Superintendent* by Dr Morag S Hervey.



As might be expected there are very few memorials, about two dozen survive and four of these are for members of the staff. However, the plots have numeric markers in cast iron. Unlike church and municipal cemeteries each plot was used, in almost all cases, for burying just one individual.

Burial Registers

At Somerset Heritage Centre:

A/CQY/521/1 Alphabetical index by surname, giving: name, parish or abode, date of burial, age at death, and name and title of clergyman performing the burial ceremony. [See D\H\men/22/1-4 for the original burial registers.]

D/H/men/22/1/1-4 Burial registers. 1874-1896, 1896-1921, 1921-1962, (patients buried in Wells Cemetery) 1971-1981.

DD/X/JENS/23 Monumental inscriptions for the cemetery at the Somersetshire Asylum, Wells, later Mendip Hospital. [1874-1962]

The 5-page typed document by Pat Jenkins in 1992 has 17 memorials. Other memorials have been found subsequently.

D/H/men/5/1/32 Plan of new cemetery



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Layout

The original extent of the cemetery was Sections A-G with Section G for staff, although some burial of patients did occur in this section. In 1921 two further sections H and J were added to the west.

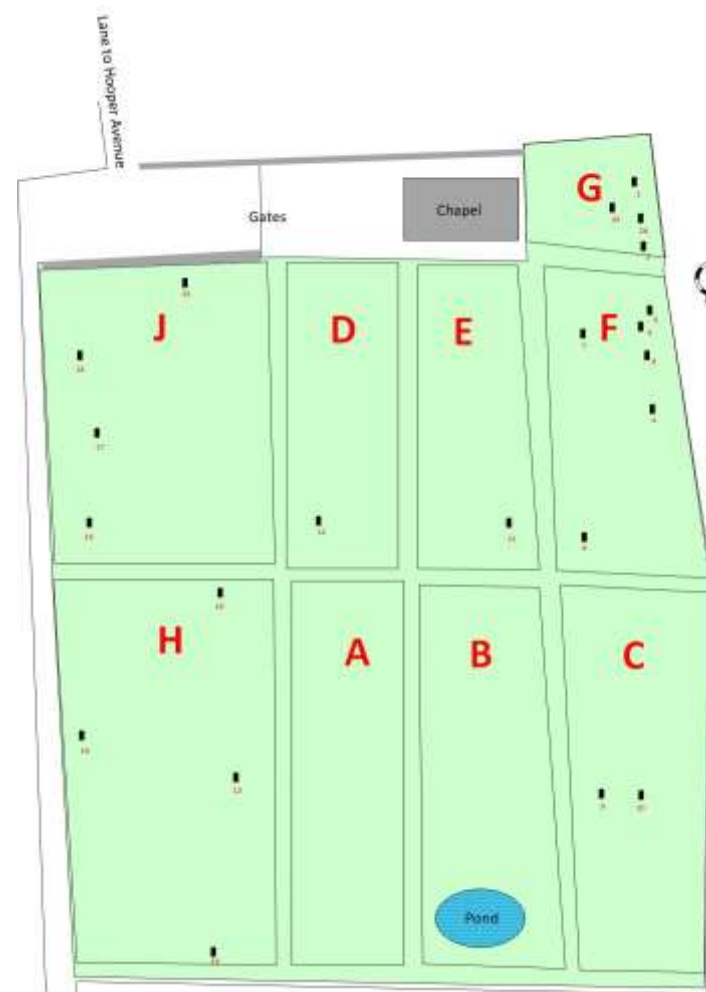
Section	Date Range	Nr burials	Plots	Arrangement
A	1874-1881	304	304	8 x 38
B	1881-1888	371	342	9 x 38
C	1888-1894	268	304	8 x 38
D	1894-1900	304	304	8 x 38
E	1900-1910	342	342	9 x 38
F	1910-1918	306	304	8 x 38
H	1921-1942	532		14 x 38
J	1942-1962	352		11 x 38

The map of the original layout has blocks of 9 rows each containing 38 plots for Sections B and E giving a total of 342 plots per section and blocks of 8 rows each containing 38 plots for Sections A, C, D and F giving 304 plots per section. The number of burials per section from the grave register differs from this, with the exception of Section E. Despite having a seasonal pond, the number of burials in Section B is 29 more than the nominal number of plots.


The grave register uses some section numbers with an 'a' suffix. This occurred in the period 1918-1921, presumably as space for burials was running out. The numbers for these additional plots (Aa 9, Ba 8, Ca 6, Da 13, Ea 7, Fa 18) suggests that one or two groups of 8/9 plots were added in the borders. Unfortunately no memorials exist in these areas to confirm this.

The burial regulations in 1874 state that the 'grave-spaces for the burial of persons above 12 years of age shall be at least 9 feet by 4 feet, and those for the burial of children under 12 years of age, 6 feet by 3 feet. . . . One body only shall be buried in a grave at one time, unless the bodies be those of members of the same family. . . . No unwalled grave shall be re-opened within 14 years after the burial of a person above 12 years of age . . . unless to bury another member of the same family. . .' In other cemeteries the standard measurement of a plot was 7 feet by 3 feet with a gap of foot. Thus a double plot was a square of 7 feet.


For Section H, the number of burials suggests 14 rows and for Section J 11 rows, each of 38 plots.



Memorials

	Names	Inscriptions	Notes
C.140	Theodore Hook (1855-1890)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEODORE HOOK OF TAUNTON DIED DEC^R 2ND 1890 AGED 35 TO DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST WHICH IS FAR BETTER.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Headstone. Incised inscription.</p> <p>In 1860 census at Waukegan, Illinois: Richard Hook, aged 31, butcher, born in England, Adlcladeh Hook, aged 28, born in England, Richard W Hook, aged 7, born in Illinois, Levina Hook, aged 4, born in Illinois, Theodore Hook, aged 2, born in Illinois, Charles G Hook, aged 1 month, born in Illinois, Mary A Hook, aged 13, born in England, an apprentice butcher, seven members of a Tucker family and two servants. (Waukegan is north of Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan.)</p> <p>In the 1871 census at Penzoy, Woolavington in an entry that has been crossed out: Richard Hook, aged 44, farmer & landowner, born at Westonzoyland (Som), wife Adelaide, aged 40, born at Sherborne (Dorset), and children: Richard, aged 17, born in America, Lavinia, aged 15, born in America, Theodore, aged 12, born in America, and Charles G, aged 11, born in America.</p> <p>The death of Theodore hook, aged 35, was registered 1890/Q4 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1891: 22 January. Administration of the Personal Estate of Theodore Hook late of Wells in the County of Somerset Bachelor who died 2 December 1890 at Wells was granted at Wells by Charles George Hook of Taunton in the said County Grocer the Brother and one of the Next of Kin. Personal Estate £676 1s. 2d.</p>


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		<p>In the 1891 census at 6 Cheapside, Taunton: Charles G Hook, aged 31, grocer, born in North America British Subject, wife Ellen, aged 31, born at Combe St Nicolas (Som), three children and a servant.</p> <p>In Kelly's Directory of Somerset 1895 at Taunton: Hook Charles George, grocer, 6 Cheapside</p> <p>In the 1901 census at 2 Fons George Road, Taunton: Charles G Hook, aged 41, grocer, born in America British Subject, wife Ellen, aged 41, born at Chard, four children and a servant.</p>
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D.46	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF HELEN KRINKS WHO DIED MARCH 16TH 1895 AGED 65 YEARS.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Low headstone. Incised inscription with poor legibility.</p> <p>Baptised on 25 Jul 1830 at SS Philip & Jacob, Bristol: Angelina Helen, daughter of Jacob & Elizabeth Krinks, of Baptist Mills, father's occupation: brass solderer.</p> <p>On 22 May 1848 at SS Philip & Jacob, Bristol: Thomas Marttin, bachelor, shoe maker, of St Philips, son of Thomas Martin, horse dealer, married Lavinia Jane Krinks, spinster, of St Philips, daughter of Jacob Krinks, brass worker.</p> <p>In the 1881 census at 8 Burlington Buildings, Westbury on Trym in the household of Edward Thomas, teacher of deaf & dumb: Angelina Krinks, aged 50, unmarried, servant, housemaid, born at Bristol, three other servants and nine pupils.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Martins Houses, Oldland, Glos: Levina J Martin, aged 65, widow, living on own means, born at Baptist Mills, Bristol, two daughters, and Angelina H Krinks, aged 61, single, sister, no occupation, born at Baptists Mills, Bristol.</p>



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			The death of Helen Krinks, aged 65, was registered 1895/Q1 Wells. From the burial register: Helen Krinks, aged 65, from Weston super Mare, was buried on 22 Mar 1895.


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E	Names	Inscriptions	Notes
E.298	Frank Perry (1844-1908)	<p style="text-align: center;">OF FRANK PERRY WHO DIED AT WELLS . . . 30. 1908 AGED 65 YEARS</p>	 <p>The remains of plinths. Leaded inscription. The age of 65 on the inscription has been verified.</p> <p>Baptised on 5 Aug 1844 at St Thomas, Bristol: Frank, son of John & Mary Perry.</p> <p>In the 1881 census at 19 Oxford Street, Bedminster: Frank Perry, aged 37, single, lodger, independent, born at Bristol.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at Claver Lane, Yatton (Som): Frank Perry, aged 57, single, boarder, living on own means, born at Bristol (Glos), fits.</p> <p>The death of Frank Perry, aged 63, was registered 1909/Q1 Wells. From the burial register: Frank Perry, aged 63, from Yatton, was buried on 7 Jan 1909. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1909: PERRY Frank of the Somerset and Bath Asylum at Wells Somerset died 30 December 1908 Probate London 5 February to Edward Nelson Marsh accountant. Effects £1287 5s. 11d.</p>



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<p>E.313 Elizabeth Webb (1833-1909)</p>	<p>IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH WEBB, WHO DIED ON THE 16TH APRIL 1909 AGED 75 YEARS THROUGH TRIAL AND TRIBULATION IN A HAVEN OF REST JESU MERCY R.I.P.</p>	 <p>Headstone. Incised inscription.</p> <p>The death of Elizabeth Webb, aged 75, was registered 1909/Q2 Wells. From the burial register: Elizabeth Webb, aged 75, of Bath, was buried on 23 Apr 1909.</p>
<p>F.6 Ellen Dorothy Thomas (1830-1910) Thomas Thomas (1785-1878)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELLEN DOROTHY THOMAS WHO DIED 1910 AGED 82 YEARS WIDOW OF REV^D THOMAS THOMAS BAPTIST MINISTER OF CALSTOCK</p>	 <p>Broken headstone. Incised inscription.</p> <p>In the 1861 census at Baptist Chapel Cottage, Calstock (Cornwall): Thomas Thomas, aged 62 (!), Baptist Minister, born in Carmarthenshire, Wales, and wife Ellen D W, aged 32, school mistress, born at Plymouth.</p> <p>In the 1871 census at Hooe, Plymstock (Devon): Thomas Thomas, aged 84, superannuated Baptist Minister, born at Llanllway (?), Carmarthenshire, and wife Ellen D W, aged 40, born at Stoke.</p> <p>The death of Thomas Thomas, aged 92, was registered 1878/Q1 Plympton.</p>

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F.9	Herbert George Mackie (1877-1910)	<p data-bbox="779 363 1115 555" style="text-align: center;">IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF HERBERT GEORGE MACKIE, OF CASTLE CARY DIED JULY 15TH 1910, AGED 33. — —</p> <div data-bbox="1619 339 1904 719" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="1379 722 1821 746">Headstone surmounted by a Celtic cross.</p> <p data-bbox="1379 778 2145 858">The birth of Herbert George Mackie was registered 1877/Q4 Wincanton. Baptised on 16 Dec 1877 at Castle Cary: Herbert George, son of James & Susan Mackie, of Castle Cary, father's occupation: cheese merchant.</p> <p data-bbox="1379 890 2145 1026">In the 1901 census at Alesford House, Castle Cary: James Mackie, aged 65, cheese factor, born in Scotland, wife Susan, aged 58, born at Galhampton (Som), children: William B, aged 29, cheese factor, born at Castle Cary, and Herbert G, aged 23, clerk, born at Castle Cary, and two servants.</p> <p data-bbox="1379 1058 2145 1166">The death of Herbert G Mackie, aged 33, was registered 1910/Q3 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1910: MACKIE Herbert George of Castle Cary Somersetshire died 15 July 1910 at Wells Administration London 30 September to Susan Mackie widow. Effects £492 8s. 1d.</p>

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F.29	James Bennett Prescott (1886-1911)	<p style="text-align: center;">TO THE MEMORY OF JAMES BENNETT PRES. . . DIED APRIL 19TH ____ AGED 24 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GONE BUT.</p>	 <p>A headstone now broken into several pieces and flat face-up. Incised inscription.</p> <p>The birth of James Bennett Prescott was registered 1886/Q4 Frome. Baptised on 1 Oct 1886 at Christ Church, Frome: James Bennett, son of Samuel & Edith Prescott, of Fromefield.</p> <p>From <i>Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848-1939</i>: James Bennett Prescott, born 17 Aug 1886 at Frome, page boy, joined on 17 Aug 1904, and served on various ships until 15 Mar 1911, the record for the last line having 'G W W insanity'. The 'G W W' may be 'G D D'.</p> <p>The death of James B Prescott, aged 24, was registered 1911/Q2 Wells.</p>
F.152	Elizabeth Catley (1840-1914)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH CATLEY WHO DIED 19TH DECEMBER 1914 AGED 75 YEARS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ASLEEP IN JESUS</i></p>	 <p>On 24 Apr 1859 at St Paul's, Portland Sqaure, Bristol: Thomas Henry Catley, bachelor, accountant, of Newfoundland Gardens, son of Henry Catley, engineer, married Elizabeth Hand, spinster, of Grosvenor Place, daughter of Edwin Hand, ship carpenter.</p> <p>Baptised on 13 May 1860 at St Paul's Bristol: Edith Eva, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Catley, of Marlbro St, St James, father's occupation: accountant.</p>



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		<p>In the Post Office Bath Directory for Somerset 1884-85: Catley Henry, assistant overseer for Lyncombe and Widcombe, and collector of rates, 16, Claverton buildings.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at 16 Claverton Buildings, Widcombe, Bath: Henry T Catley, aged 58, (retired assist. overseer) & accountant, born at Bath, wife Elizabeth, aged 58, registry office keeper - employer, born at Clifton, Edith E Drury, aged 40, married, daughter, medical electrician, born at Bath, and a servant.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 16 Claverton Buildings, Widcombe, Bath: Thomas Henry Catley, aged 68, pensioner - Bath Corpotaion, born at Bath, wife Elizabeth, aged 70, married 50 years 2 children, domestic agency office keeper, born at Clifton, and a niece.</p> <p>The death of Elizabeth Catley, aged 74, was registered 1914/Q4 Wells.</p> <p>The death of Thomas H Catley, aged 77, was registered 1918/Q3 Bath. Buried on 10 Jul 1918 in Lycombe & Widcombe and St James Cemetery (plot Y.D.27 - no memorial).</p>	
F.222	John Rutter Mallinson (1844-1916)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In Loving Memory</i> of JOHN RUTTER MALLINSON BORN JANUARY 31ST 1844 DIED APRIL 28TH 1916. <i>SO HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP.</i></p>	<div data-bbox="1619 786 1904 1169" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Headstone with a rounded top. Incised inscription.</p> <p>The birth of Thomas Rutter Mallinson was registered 1840/Q1 Melksham The birth of John Rutter Mallinson was registered 1844/Q2 Melksham.</p> <p>In the 1851 census at Bank Street, Melksham: Charles Mallinson, aged 51, tea dealer, born in Yorkshire, wife Ann, aged 48, born at Hailey (Oxon), children: Sarah, aged 14, born at Melksham, Mary, aged 12,</p>



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		<p>born at Melksham, John Rutter, aged 7, born at Melksham, and Edward, aged 5, born at Melksham, a visitor and two servants.</p> <p>On 23 Nov 1867 at Keynsham parish church: John Rutter Mallinson, bachelor, of Keynsham, son of Charles Mallinson, traveller, married Anne Drury, spinster, of Saltford, daughter of William Drury, farmer.</p> <p>Baptised on 4 Apr 1869 at Keynsham: John Rutter and Henry Martin, sons of John & Ann Mallinson, of Saltford, father's occupation unspecified.</p> <p>From <i>The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate</i> (Parramatta, NSW) of Wed 27 Jun 1900 p 2: Thomas Rutter Mallinson, a man hailing from the Rookwood Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute, was sent to gaol for one month for having in his possession a quantity of tinned meats and other goods, supposed to have been stolen from the Asylum. The goods were taken by defendant to Ralph's yards to be sold; and subsequently the police arrested the defendant with the goods in his possession.</p> <p>(Rookwood is about 15km west of Sydney's CBD. Opened in 1893, Rookwood Asylum was later renamed Lidcombe State Hospital.)</p> <p>In the 1901 census at the Somerset and Bath Pauper Lunatic Asylum: John R Mallinson, aged 60, widower, Army Pensioner, born at Melksham, lunatic.</p> <p>The death of John R Mallinson, aged 72, was registered 1916/Q2 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1917: MALLINSON John Rutter of the Somerset and Bath Asylum Wells gentleman died 28 April 1916 Administration (with Will limited) Wells 1 February to Henry Charles Hone solicitor attorney of Henry Martyn Mallinson. Effects £207 12s. 8d.</p> <p>There is a plaque in Saltford church for Anne Rutter Mallinson (1832-1883), wife of John Rutter Mallinson.</p>

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<p>F.255 Philippa Rose Williams (1865-1917)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF PHILIPPA ROSE WILLIAMS FELL ASLEEP JAN 23RD 1917 AGED 51.</p>	 <p>Cross on 3 plinths. Incised inscription.</p> <p>The death of Phillippa R Wiliams, aged 51, was registered 1917/Q1 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1917: WILLIAMS Philippa Rose of 31 Gordon-road Clifton Bristol spinster died 23 January 1917 at the Somerset and Bath Asylum Wells Administration (with Will limited) Bristol 13 March to Charles Heath Palmer licensed valuer. Effects £1692 11s. 11d.</p>
<p>F.267 Martha Anne Pinniger (1870-1917)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTHA ANNE PINNIGER DIED MARCH 17TH 1917 AGED 45</p>	 <p>Cross on plinths.</p> <p>The birth of Martha Ann Pinniger was registered 1870/Q2 Devizes.</p> <p>In the 1891 census at Stanton St Bernard (Wilts) in the household of Thomas & Louisa Pinniger: Martha A Pinniger, aged 20, daughter, unmarried, born at Stanton St Bernard.</p>


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			<p>The death of Martha A Pinniger, aged 46, was registered 1917/Q1 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1926: PINNIGER Martha Ann of 6 Westbourne-terrace Weston-super-Mare spinster died 17 March 1917 at Wells Administration London 16 August to Walter Lane Pinniger timber traveller. Effects £30 13s. 6d.</p>
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G.?	Elizabeth Caldwell (1846-1888)	<p style="text-align: center;">ELIZABETH CALDWELL, DIED APRIL 9TH 1888, AGED 41. FOR NINE YEARS DEPUTY HEAD SUPERINTENDANT AT THE COUNTY ASYLUM</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Headstone with a rounded top. Within a circle a carving of a cross. Leaded inscription. The spelling of 'Superintendent' is as found.</p> <p>The death of Elizabeth Caldwell, aged 41, was registered 1888/Q2 Wells. From the <i>Wells Journal</i> of Thu 19 Apr 1888 p5: On 6th inst., at Wells Asylum, Elizabeth Caldwell, age[d] 41 years.</p>
G.?	Alfred John Ayers (1866-1896)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALFRED JOHN AYERS WHO DIED JULY 15TH 1896 AGED 32 THROUGH TRIAL AND TRIBULATION TO A HAVEN OF REST</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Three plinths. Presumably originally surmounted by a cross. Leaded inscription.</p> <p>In the 1871 census at The Mount, East Woodhay (Hants): William Ayers, aged 39, gardener, born at East Woodhay, wife Elizabeth, aged 36, born</p>



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		<p>at Echingswell (Hants), seven children of which one was Alfred, aged 5, born at East Woodhay.</p> <p>On 18 Oct 1893 at St John the Evangelist, East Horrington: Alfred John Ayers, aged 28, bachelor, attendant at the County Lunatic Asylum, of West Horrington, son of William Ayers, gardener, married Mary Ann Vincent, aged 19, spinster, attendant at the County Lunatic Asylum, of West Horrington, daughter of William Vincent, farm labourer.</p> <p>The death of Alfred Ayers, aged 30, was registered 1896/Q3 Wells.</p>	
<p>G.17?</p>	<p>James Henry Jetsum (1836-1897)</p> <p>Jane Jetsum (1851-1926)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES HENRY JETSUM THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF JANE JETSUM WHO DIED JANUARY 29TH 1897 AGED 60 YEARS <i>Until the day break and the shadow Flies away</i></p>	 <p>Headstone. Leaded inscription.</p> <p>In the 1851 census at Abbotsfield, Great Malvern (Worcs) in the household of Marianne W Dowdeswell: James Jetsum, aged 23, servant, footman, born at Widecomb (Som).</p> <p>On 2 Sep 1852 at St Martin's, Birmingham: James Henry Jetsum, aged 26, bachelor, servant, of Banbury St, son of Henry Jetsum, brewer, married Mary Sophia Johnson, aged 30, spinster, of Banbury St, daughter of George Holden Johnson, s[c]hoolmaster.</p> <p>In the 1881 census at High Street, Wincanton in the household of Dr James B Colthurst: James H Jetsum, aged 44, widower, visitor, medical attendant, born at Bath.</p> <p>On 13 May 1891 at St John the Evangelist, East Horrington: James Henry Jetsum, aged 52, widower, attendant at the Lunatic Asylum, of West Horrington, son of Henry Jetsum (decd), publican, married Jane Allen,</p>

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		<p>aged 39, spinster, attendant at the Lunatic Asylum, of West Horrington, daughter of Thomas Allen (dec'd), mechanic.</p> <p>The death of James Henry Jetsum, aged 60, was registered 1897/Q1 Wells.</p> <p>The death of Jane Jetsum, aged 75, was registered 1926/Q3 Preston. From the National Probate Calendar 1926: JETSUM Jane of 43 Tennyson-road Preston Lancashire widow died 13 August 1926 Probate London 15 September to John James Allen joiner. Effects £178 7s. 5d.</p>
G.19	Thomas Mason (1846-1902)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS MASON WHO DIED FEBRUARY 28TH 1902 AGED 55 YEARS — — —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIS ANGUISHING HEAD IS AT REST ITS ACHINGS AND THINKING ARE O'ER HIS QUIET IMMOVABLE BREAST IS HEAVED BY AFFECTION NO MORE.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>Headstone with a rounded top on a base. Leaded inscription.</p> <p>In the 1871 census at 4 Market Place, Wells as a lodger: Thomas Mason, aged 25, unmarried, labourer at paper mill., born at Nether Stowey (Som).</p> <p>The marriage of Thomas Mason to Rhoda McKnott was registered 1873/Q3 Wells.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at West Horrington: Thomas Mason, aged 54, attendant in Lunatic Asylum, born at Nether Stowey (Som), wife Rhoda, aged 56, born at Bath, and children: Elizabeth, aged 24, single, born at West Horrington, Arthur, aged 16, agricultural labourer, born at West Horrington, and Ethel, aged 12, born at Horrington.</p> <p>The death of Thomas Mason, aged 55, was registered 1902/Q1 Wells.</p>


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H.106	<p>Muriel Gladys Zoe Rosa Dalton (1898-1926)</p> <p>James Dalton</p> <p>Ada Eizabeth Dalton (1860-1937)</p> <p>Edna Lillian Maxwell Robertson (1887-1963)</p> <p>Frederick Charles Dalton (1889-1955)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF MURIEL GLADYS DALTON DAUGHTER OF JAMES & ADA AND SISTER OF LILY & FRED BORN FEB. 22-1898 DIED MAY 13-1926 "PEACE BE UNTO THEE."</p>	 <p>The marriage of James Dalton to Ada Elizabeth Marriott was registered 1883/Q4 Portsea. (From the banns at Cransley (Northants), he bachelor of St John's, Portsea and she of Cransley.)</p> <p>The birth of Edna Lilian M Dalton was registered 1887/Q2 Portsea.</p> <p>From <i>Jamaica, Civil Registration Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1878-1995</i>: Muriel Gladys Zoe Rosa Dalton, daughter of James Dalton & Ada Elizabeth Marriott, was born on 22 Feb 1898 at Kingston, Jamaica.</p> <p>The birth of Frederick Charles W Dalton was registered 1889/Q4 Portsea.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at Cransley, Kettering (Northants): Herbert Marriott, aged 42, single, farmer, born at Cransley, Rosa Marriott, aged 45, single sister, housekeeper, born at Cransley, and Edna Dalton, aged 23, single, niece, assistant teacher, born at Portsmouth.</p>



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		<p>In the 1911 census at the Magdalen Hospital School, Combe Down, Bath: Muriel Dalton, aged 13, patient, imbecile, born at Kingstown (sic), Jamaica. (The 1911 census has that it was a 'School for Imbeciles' and had 15 male and 28 female patients. Rockhall House in Rockhall Lane, Combe Down still operates but now as council-run 'extra care housing' for those aged over 55.)</p> <p>The death of Muriel G Z R Dalton, aged 28, was registered 1926/Q2 Wells.</p> <p>The death of Ada E Dalton, aged 76, was registered 1937/Q2 Southampton. From the <i>National Probate Calendar 1937</i>: DALTON Ada Elizabeth of 9 Cumberland-place Southampton widow died 1 April 1927 at Southampton Borough Hospital Southampton Probate London 16 June to Edna Lilian Maxwell Robertson (wife of Paul Douglas Robertson). Effects £6873 9s. 8d.</p> <p>From <i>Summit County, Ohio, U.S., Marriage Records, 1840-1980</i>: On 8 Jul 1941 Fred C Dalton, aged 51, born in Hampshire, England, son of James Dalton & Ada E Marriott, married once before but divorced, maintenance mechanic, of 291 Berry Ave, Akron Ohio, married Mabel Luella Lingo, aged 48, clerk, widow, maiden name: Harris.</p> <p>In the 1950 US census at 256 W Thornton St, Akron, Ohio: Fred Dalton, aged 60, married, born in England, maintenance man - rubber factory, and Mabel Dalton, aged 57, married, born in Ohio.</p> <p>From <i>US Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940</i>: Fred Charles or Frederick Dalton, born 18 Mar 1891 (!), residence: Akron, Ohio, military date: 6 Jun 1919, died 12 May 1955. From <i>Ohio, U.S., Soldier Grave Registrations, 1804-1958</i>: Fred C Dalton, born on 18 Nov 1889, buried on 16 May 1955 in Crown Hill cemetery, Twinsburg, Ohio. (Twinsburg is between Akron and Cleveland.)</p>



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<p>H.241 Grace Lefebure (1866-1931)</p>	<p>SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF GRACE LEFE'BURE WHO DIED 4TH OCTOBER 1931</p>	 <p>Cross on 3 plinths. Leaded inscription. Cross broken off and missing.</p> <p>From <i>Civil Engineer Records, 1820-1930</i>: on 12 Dec 1887 Edward Elie-Lefébure of Essington, Beckenham, Kent applied to become an associate member of The Institution of Civil Engineers.</p> <p>In <i>Kelly's Directory of Somerset</i> 1902 at Draycott (Som) under private residents: Elie-Lefébure Edward</p> <p>From the Western Daily Press of Thu 19 Feb 1915 p12: ELIE-LEFEBURE.-On 17th Feb., Annie Essington Elie-Lefebure. of 7, Cavendish Road, Westbury-on-Trym. widow of Henry Elie-Lefebure. Esq., of Rouen and London, in her 93rd year.</p> <p>The death of Grace Lefebure, aged 65, was registered 1931/Q4 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1932: LEFEBURE Grace of the Mental Hospital Wells (wife of Edward Elie Lefébure) died 4 October 1931 Administration (limited) London 16 July to Ernest Bolton Duncan solicitor and Arthur Gilbert retired bank manager attorneys of the said Edward Elie Lefebure. Effects £1217 10s. 8d. in England.</p> <p>From <i>Alberta, Canada, Deaths Index, 1870-1968</i>: Edward Elie Lefebure died on 3 Oct 1935 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.</p>

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<p>H.502 Edward Tilling (1875-1941)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD TILLING b. 10 FEB 1875 d. 9 JULY 1941 NOW IS YOUR TIME OF GRIEF BUT I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN AND YOU WILL REJOICE AND NO ONE WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR JOY JOHN 16 V.22</p>	 <p>Dqaure grey plaque with an incised insription,</p>
<p>H.515 John Ernest Sellwood (1869-1941)</p>	<p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN ERNEST SELLWOOD DIED NOV. 20 1941 AGED 72. WITH CHRIST WHICH IS FAR BETTER.</p>	 <p>Cross on plinth.</p> <p>The birth of John Ernest Sellwood was registered 1869/Q2 Islington. Baptised on 21 May 1869 at Holy Trinity, Islington: John Ernest, son of Charles & Annie Bourne Sellwood, of 200 St Paul's Road, father's occupation: clergyman, date of birth: 27 Apr 1869.</p> <p>The death of John E Sellwood, aged 71, was registered 1941/Q4 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1942: SELLWOOD John Ernest of 4 Spring-terrace Milton Weston-super-Mare died 22 November 1941 at Wells Mental Hospital Wells Somersetshire Administration 9 February to Vera Bromley Sellwood spinster. Effects £477 13s. 6d.</p>

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J.117	Catherine Janet Woodward (1860-1946)	<p style="text-align: center;"> IN LOVING MEMORY OF CATHERINE JANET WOODWARD DIED 22 NOVEMBER 1946 AGED 86. EXPECTO RESURRECTIONEM MORTUOREM ET VITAM VENTURI SAECULI </p>	 <p>Cross on a large tapered plinth. Incised inscription. On the stone cross a small metal cross.</p> <p>The birth of Catherine Janet Woodward was registered 1860/Q1 King's N. Baptised on 7 Mar 1860 at St John's, Ladywood, Birmingham: Catherine Janet, daughter of John Hawkes & Bridget Woodward, of Hagley Road, Edgbaston, father's occupation: solicitor.</p> <p>In the 1901 census at the Ladies Residential Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, Chelsea: Catherine J Woodward, aged 41, single, nurse, born at Edgbaston, Birmingham.</p>

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		<p>The death of Katherine J Woodward, aged 85, was registered 1946/Q4 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1948: WOODWARD Catherine Janet of St. Marys Convent Fore-street Wellington Somersetshire spinster died 22 November 1946 at Wells Somersetshire Administration London 31 January to Archibald Herbert Dankes retired major H.M. army. Effects £1465 1s. 2d. Former Grant P.R. 21 February 1947. (The previous grant had been to Sir Clendon Daukes who was a member of the Indian Political Service; he was British envoy to the Court of Nepal.)</p>
<p>J.175</p>	<p>Mary Emma Lane (1875-1950)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dedicated to the Life of MARY EMMA LANE (nee MABEY) Born 13th September 1875 Died 28th June 1950</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~Late of Dorset ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The one who was lost is now found.</i></p>
<div data-bbox="1570 504 1951 791" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Plaque with a incised inscription and the carving of a rose. Not at the burial place but at the top of section J by the wall.</p> <p>The burth of Mary Emma Mabey was registered 1875/Q4 Wimborne.</p> <p>On 18 Apr 1909 at Charlton Marshall (Dorset) parish church: Thomas Alfred Lane, aged 39, bachelor, contractor, of Charlton Marhsall, son of Edward Lane, dairyman, married Mary Emma Mabey, aged 34, spinster, of Charlton Marshall, daughter of Henry Mabey, labourer.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 8 Spring Gardens, Christchurch (Dorset): Thomas Alfred Lane, aged 42, contractor to municipal borough council - own account, born at Strutton nr Dorchester, wife Mary Emma, aged 36, matried 2 years 1 childm, born at Barnsley (Dorset), and daughter Elizabeth Maud, aged under 1 month, born at Christchurch.</p> <p>The death if Mary E Lane, aged 72, was registered 1950/Q2 Wells</p>		

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J.200	Names	Inscriptions	Notes
	Henry Lionel de la Trote Bluett (1875-1951)	<p style="text-align: center;">JESUS MERCY HENRY LIONEL BLUETT 16TH NOV. 1951</p>	<div data-bbox="1621 225 1906 608" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cross on a base. A leaded inscription on the cross.</p> <p>The marriage of Peter Frederick W Bluett to Gertrude Hewett was registered 1870/Q3 St Geo H Sq.</p> <p>The birth of Henry Lionel de la T Bluett was registered 1875/Q3 Kensington.</p> <p>On 26 Apr 1886 at Cheddleton (Staffs): Peter Frederick William Bluett married Annie Heath.</p> <p>Baptised on 10 Jul 1886 at St Luke's. Leek (Staffs): Henry Lionel de Latrote, son of Peter William Frederick & Gertrude Bluett,</p> <p>In the 1891 census at 31 Stockwell Street, Leek (Staffs): Peter F W Bluett, aged 43, married, general practitioner, born at Holcombe Regis (Devon), and children: Henry L De la T, aged 15, born at Bayswater, London, Percival E S, aged 12, born at Clifton, Anthony T Q, aged 4, born at Leek, Margery C, aged 2, born at Leek, and Arthur, aged 1, born at Leek, an assistant, Jane Heath, aged 64, mother-in-law, a visitor and two servants.</p> <p>In the 1939 Register at the Somerset & Bath Mental Hospital, Wells: Henry L T Bluett, born on 23 Jul 1875, married, artist.</p> <p>The death of Mary (!) de la T Bluett, aged 78, was registered 1951/Q4 Wells.</p>

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J.247	Emily Jane Francis (1874-1955)	<p style="text-align: center;">IN LOVING MEMORY OF EMILY JANE FRANCIS DIED FEBRUARY 19TH 1955 AGED 80 YEARS</p>	 <p>Almost rectangular headstone with an incised inscription.</p> <p>The birth of Emily Jane Stockman was registered 1874/Q2 Cheltenham.</p> <p>On 19 Feb 1900 at St Luke's, Cheltenham: Robert Ernest Charles Francis, aged 23, bachelor, tailor, of Charles St, Bath, son of Robert Francis (deceased), draper, married Emily Jane Stockman, aged 24, spinster, of Merton Villa, Bath Parade, daughter of Thomas Stockman, tailor.</p> <p>The birth of Irene Emily Francis was registered 1907/Q1 Bath, mother's maiden name: Stockman.</p> <p>In the 1911 census at 4 Rockcliffe Avenue, Bathwick, Bath: Robert E C Francis, aged 34, tailors cutter, born at Kensington, London, wife Emily J, aged 35, married 11 years 2 children, born at Cheltenham, children: Eric E J, aged 10, born at Bath, and Irene E, aged 6, born at Bath, and a servant.</p> <p>The death of Robert E C Francis, aged 76, was registered 1953/Q2 Bath.</p> <p>The death of Emily J Francis, aged 80, was registered 1955/Q1 Wells. From the <i>National Probate Calendar</i> 1955: FRANCIS Emily Jane of Mendip Hospital Wells Somersetshire died 19 February 1955 Administration (with Will) Bristol 18 March to Irene Emily Francis spinster. Effects £733 0s. 8d.</p>

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