

MEMORIALS

(WALL TABLETS, STONES, WINDOWS)

INSIDE MELLING CHURCH

Step inside St Wilfrid's church, and you will find a treasure-house of memorials to notable inhabitants of the parish.

Many of these memorials are in dark or inaccessible corners, making it difficult to read the inscriptions from floor level.

Here is a list of most of these memorials, with some details of the inscriptions.

Additions and corrections welcome!

DON

SOURCES

BG Billion Graves www.billiongraves.com - photographs

FG Find a Grave www.findagrave.com - photographs

GG Geograph www.geograph.org.uk - 70 images of Melling SD 5971, taken in 2017

LG Lancaster Gazette July-September 1890 - a mine of information about Melling church

MEMORIALS [in surname order]

BELL

FG GG [wall tablet]

In loving memory of Major Gen Henry James Bell 105th Light Infantry Second Son of the late William George Bell JP DL of Melling Hall Died at Florence April 6 1900 Aged 69 years

BENISON/FENWICK/WINDER

FG GG [floor stone at head of the nave]

'Here lyeth interred near the remains of his father the body of Thomas Benison, late of Lancaster, Esq., obiit 2nd November, 1738, aetat 42.

Also the Body of Mrs Anne Winder Benison, his wife, died the 6th of August, 1762, aged 68.

Also the body of Mrs Anne Fenwick, widow of John Fenwick, Esq., of Burrow Hall, and daughter of the above Thomas and Anne Benison, of Hornby, who departed this life the 28th of April, 1777, aged 53.

[Ann Fenwick née Benison 1724-1777 was a Roman Catholic litigant and heir, who was connected with the establishment of the Catholic mission at Hornby; she was the only child of Thomas Benison 1696-1735, a Lancaster attorney, and his wife Ann Doobi **GG** in 1694-1762, widow of a Mr Winder]

EDMUNDSON

LG [tablet on S side of the masonry between the N aisle arches]

On the south side of the masonry between the north aisle arches I read this tablet:—"Near this place lyeth interred (in hopes of a joyful resurrection) Edward Edmundson, only son of William Edmundson, of Owthwaite-in-Roberandale, in this parish, who departed this life Iuly ye 10th, 1734, aged 22 years. Greatly lamented by his father, who caused this monument to be erected to his memory."

Lancaster Gazette 26/7/1890

LG [on W of the pillar beneath]

On the west of the pillar beneath is a small brass stating that "Near unto this place lyeth Ann, late wife of William Edmondson, of Outhwaite. She departed this life March 25th, 1717, aged 30." The older memorial is Edmondson, the more recent Edmundson, while Owthwaite in the brass appears as Outhwaite.

Lancaster Gazette 26/7/1890

FENWICK [SEE BENISON]

FORBES

LG [flat stone in chancel on N side - see L Gaz 19/7/1890] vicar for 45 years

GREEN

FG GG [wall tablet in N aisle]

'Near this place lie the remains of John Green late of Bainsbeck, who died the 15th of March 1776 aged 60 years Also of Dorothy his wife who departed this life the 8th of January 1796, aged 76 years. And also of Robert Green late of Bainsbeck their son who died the 27th May 1801 aged 58 years. Also his wife Ann Green who died September 18th 1836 aged 75 years.'

HESKETH

FG [marble wall tablet in S aisle]

'[...] the remains of Henry, son of Robert and Maria Hesketh, of Wennington, are near this marble deposited. He departed this life May 1st, 1805, aged 10 years [...].'

HOPE [SEE SAUNDERS]

HOSKINS [SEE ALSO PARKER]

LG [marble tablet in S aisle]

“ In memory of Alexander Hoskins, Esq. He was endeared to his family and friends by equanimity of mind and suavity of manners, by his many virtues, formed to piety, by early study of the sacred scriptures. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him. In his public duty, as chairman of the magistrates of the county of Cumberland which office he filled with ability many years, his conduct was exemplary. He died the 1st July, 1800, aged 77 years.” The arms are attached to the tablet, the three lions being very conspicuous.

Lancaster Gazette 26/7/1890

GG [floor stone]

Beneath this stone lie the remains of Margaret Hoskins. Died 18th February 1838 Aged 64 years

FG [wall tablet in S aisle]

“ In the south aisle of this church are interred the remains of Margaret, daughter of Stephen Smith of Wray, Esq and widow of Alexander Hoskins of Lincoln's Inn, Esq she died at Hornby House, February 18th 1838 aged 64 years. Her husband, Alexander Hoskins died at Ville Bernard May 9th 1830 aged 64 years. And was buried in the cemetery at St Servan, Bretagne their fourth daughter, Maria, died October 16th 1829 aged 22 years at St Servan and was buried in the same cemetery. To the memory of their honoured parents and beloved sister this tablet was erected as a tribute of gratitude and affection by the surviving children.”

Lancaster Gazette 19/7/1890

MARSDEN

GG [memorial wall tablet in Morley Chantry]

‘Near this place is interred the body of Sanford, third son of Henry Marsden, of Wennington, Esq.; and Elizabeth his wife born April the 28th, 1728, died First of June, 1735.’

LG [wall tablet next to tablet for John Tatham opposite the N end of the Holy Table]

Horatian epitaph in Latin to ‘Henrici Marsden, Armigeri de Gisburne. In agro Eboracensi [...] Obiit 10mo Oct Anno Salutis 1742 Aetatis suae 47’

MARSHALL

GG LG [dark square tablet on N wall behind the organ]

‘Near this place is interred the remains of William Marshall of Wray, who departed this life the 20th of November 1773, in the 73rd year of his age to perpetuate whose memory his son John Marshall of Liverpool caused this monument to be erected

FG BG GG [wall tablet in S aisle]

‘Sacred to the memory of John Marshall, Esq., of Wray, late of Liverpool, who departed this life 2nd December, 1802, aged 56. Also the remains of his father William, and his mother Catherine, are deposited in this sanctuary.’

MORLEY

FG LG ‘Window in Tower erected to their beloved memory by their surviving sons and daughter. Charles Morley, Clervaux Morley, George Morley, Frances Debonnaire’ [window dated 1897]

On the north side of the nave you observe five clerestory lights. Two or three appear to have been inserted in memory of members of the family of Saunders of Wennington Hall, while another reveals the arms of the Bells. There are four corresponding lights on the south side, but only one coloured, viz., that directly over the arch of the Morley chantry. The Marsden escutcheon on the north wall of the chancel has already been noticed.

The east window has its three lights filled in with beautiful figures of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Peter, and St. John. It was inserted in accordance with the bequest of the late Miss Tatham, and was designed by J. Holliday.

The south chancel window is "In memory of Admiral Sandford Tatham, Lord of the Manor of Hornby and Manor of Tatham, who died 24th January, 1840, aged 84 years, and of Ann, his wife, who died 3rd April, 1842. They are interred in the chancel of Hornby Chapel within the parish of Melling." In this two-light window are the texts "Then are they glad because they are at rest." "So he bringeth them to the haven where they would be."

The north west window given by Catherine Remington as the brass indicates, is filled in with the words "The Redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing into Zion. And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain gladness and joy and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." A lancet stained light adorns the south west end of the church and its subject is read in the words "*Ecce Agnus Dei.*"

In this sanctuary are two fonts, one at the north-west end consisting of marble, apparently Spanish, the plinth being black. On the east side are the words, "Ex dono Gulielmi Gillison Bell, Armigeri de Melling Hall, A.D., 1830." The font at the south-west end rests on a pillar and is relieved by four marble columns having stone bases.

MOUNTEAGLE

FG [wall tablet]

The second Baron Mounteagle left directions in his will that he should be buried in the chancel. There is, however, no monument or inscription to mark the place. In 1898 Canon Grenside erected on the north wall a wooden panel on which is inscribed: 'In this chancel rest the remains of Thomas Stanley, second Baron Mounteagle of Hornby Castle, who died in the month of August 1560. By his will directed his interment here.'

MURRAY

FG GG [wall tablet]

John Murray Esq. Of Hornby Hall their only son born Oct. 7 1797, died April 16. 1887.

Eliza Esther Marianne his wife, born at Constantinople Dec 20th 1811, died at Bath August 3. 1898.

FG GG [marble wall tablet in S aisle]

'Sacred to the memory of David Murray Esq., of Hornby House, who died 3rd November, 1822, aged 72.

Also of Agnes Murray, his Wife, who died on the 21st November 1840, aged 80.

This Murray tablet is surmounted by the arms and crest of the family [...].'

[over S door] Large escutcheon representing the arms of the Murray family

PARKER

LG [marble wall tablet in S aisle]

“ With sentiment of tender and ardent gratitude, this monument is inscribed to the memory of Timothy Parker, Esq., of Hornby Hall, who died January 27th, A.D. 1805, in his 57th year. In marriage with Ann Hoskins, now his most afflicted widow, he was the father of sixteen children two of whom, Hoskins and George, died before him, in their infancy. A third infant, Edmund, scarcely survived him. Ten sons and three daughters remain to deplore the loss of a parent who with an affection the most happily understood, constantly applied the energies of a vigorous mind to promote their advantage.”

FG GG [marble wall tablet in S aisle]

‘Sacred to the memory of Anne Parker, relict of Timothy Parker, Esq., of Hornby Hall, in this parish, and daughter of Alexander Hoskins, Esq., of Broughton Hall, Cumberland who died on the 10th day of August, 1819, aged 57 Years. [Timothy Parker d. 1805]

PROCTER

[in S aisle]

‘Sacred to the memory of John Procter, Esq., of Beechfield, Yealand Conyers, who departed this life on the 21st day of November, 1851, aged 62 years.’

‘Also of Dorothy his wife, daughter of John Tatham, Esq., of Lowfields, Burton in Lonsdale, who departed this life on the 13th February, 1868, aged 78.’

REMINGTON

FG [wall tablet in S aisle]

‘In memory of Reginald Remington, Esq., who died August 10th, 1854, aged 83 years.

Catherine, his wife, died March 7th, 1857, aged 83 years.

John, their third son, died September 2nd, 1817, aged 14 years

Thomas, their second son, in holy orders, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Incumbent of Cartmel 26 years. Died May 5th, 1855, aged 53 years.

Isabel, their second daughter, died February 3rd, 1867, aged 61 years.

William, their youngest son, died May 20th, 1889, aged 76 years.

Catherine, their youngest daughter, died at Church Gates Melling August 5th 1898, aged 83 years.’

[brass at NW end]

‘To the glory of God, and in memory of her beloved mother, who entered into rest, March 7th, A.D. 1857, aged 83 years. This window and the clock of this church are given by Catherine Remington.’

[slate-like tablet high above the brass at NW end]

‘Near this place lie the remains of Reginald Remington and Henry his son, both of Melling, gentlemen. The former departed this life January the 6th, 1766, aged 70, the latter November the 1st, 1771, aged 50. Reader, behold and admire two shining examples of primitive integrity and simplicity of manner [...]. Here also is interred the body of Mrs Elizabeth Remington (relict of Reginald and Mother of Henry Remington, who departed this life November the 20th, 1774, aged 78.’

[brass at left]

‘Reginald Remington of the Crow Trees, Melling, who died August 10th, 1854, aged 83 years, by his last will gave the sum of £100, the yearly interest, to be distributed in bread after divine service on each Lord’s Day, to poor persons attending Melling Church and

being inhabitants of the townships of Melling with Wrayton or Wennington. One shilling's worth of bread to be given each Lord's Day and the residue on Christmas Day.'

ROME

GG ['modern and well executed' brass on S wall]

'In memory of William Rome, of Liverpool and Melling Hall, who died May 8th, 1887, aged 64. This tablet is erected by the Captains and others in his service in Liverpool, as a mark of their esteem and regard.'

RUMPFF

[marble memorial on E wall of S side; erected in 1900]

'Clementine Louise

Fourth daughter of FRANZ KARL RUMPFF,

Staff Captain in the German Army.

Born at Frankfort, Nov. 23rd, 1825

Died at Melling, Dec. 19th, 1898

FULL OF LOVING SYMPATHY.

Her life was spent in work for others.'

SAUNDERS

FG GG [wall tablet]

William Allen Francis Saunders of Wennington Hall d. 5/11/1879 b. 22/8/1818

Dorothy Morley S his wife d. 19/2/1874

Francis Morley d. in infancy 11/8/1850

Adeline Cleere d. 12/1/1854 aged 7

Eleanor Jane [Saunders] wife of Charles Stead Hope d. 19/12/1896

SMITH [SEE ALSO HOSKINS]

LG [marble wall tablet in S aisle]

“ Sacred to the memory of Stephen Smith, Esq., of Wray. Obt. 29th September, 1811, aetat 84. And of Margaret his wife, the only daughter of Edward Wildman of Roeburndale, Esq., Ob. 5th August, 1778, aet 44. Their remains were interred near this place.

Lancaster Gazette 26/7/1890

FG GG [wall tablet in S aisle]

'Sacred to the memory of Thomas Smith, Esq., of the honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn,

and of Wray in this County, who died the 24th of April 1831 aged 75'

'Jane, relict of the above Thos Smith Esqre died the 29th of May 1837 aged 65. Her remains are interred in this church.'

FG [In floor]

'Beneath this stone lie the Remains of Jane Smith who departed this life the 29 day of May 1837 aged 65 years'

TATHAM

GGLG [wall tablet almost opposite the N end of the Holy Table]

In memory of the Reverend John Tatham 58 years Vicar of this parish who died February 5th 1851, aged 88 years. Agnes his wife died May 6th 1813 aged 49 years. He succeeded his father the Rev. John Tatham BA Vicar of this Parish from 1749 to 1797 who died Rector of Tatham January 9th 1809 aged 82 years.

LG [flat stone in centre of chancel – see L Gaz 19/7/1890]

'Beneath lie the remains of the Rev. John Tatham for 58 years vicar of Melling' [b. 12/3/1763 d. 5/2/1851]

LG [marble slab on wall of S side of the chancel – see L Gaz 19/7/1890]

'Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Sandford Tatham and Elizabeth his wife. He was the 3rd son of William Tatham of Over Hall, Esq by his wife Mildred eldest daughter and coheiress of William Sandford of Askham Hall in Westmorland Esquire. She was the 2nd daughter of Henry Marsden of Gisburne Hall in Craven and of Wennington Hall in this parish by Elizabeth 3rd daughter of the above William Sandford. Also to the memory of Henry Tatham Esq 2nd son of the said Sandford and Elizabeth Tatham who died at Hornby 29th March 1797. This tribute of dutiful respect to his parents and sincere affection for a beloved and excellent brother is erected by Rear Admiral Tatham, 1817. [...] Below are the Tatham arms with their various quarterings.

WILKINSON

FG GG [wall tablet]

In loving memory of Ann Wilkinson, who died Feb. 9th 1901, Aged 81 years.

This tablet is placed in grateful recognition of 62 years faithful and devoted service in the family, by Charles Morley & Frances Debonnaire Saunders.

WINDER [SEE BENISON]

WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL

GG [wall tablet]

the 'Melling Six'