

## CLARE CHURCH.

This is the third time members of the Institute have met in the ancient town of Clare. In regard to its etymology, it is believed to be derived from the Latin "Clarus," or French "Clair," as having respect to the beauty of the situation, or the clearness of the stream on which it stands, called by some "Clare flumen."

This place gave the title to the Earls of Clare, and also name to that county in Ireland. From the same source are also borrowed the title of Duke of Clarence, and that of Clarenceux Herald, whilst Clare College, Cambridge, was so named because re-built and endowed by Lady Elizabeth de Clare.

That a church existed here at the time of the conquest appears from the Survey of Domesday. We look, however, in vain for any traces of Norman work.

The present church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, is large and handsome. Tradition assigns its erection to Richard, Earl of Clare, in the middle of the 13th century.

It consists of a nave, two aisles, and a chancel, with a square embattled tower at the west end. There are porches on the north and south sides, with a chapel on the south, and a vestry on the north sides.

The Nave appears to have been re-built in Perpendicular times, on an extended plan, as it encroaches on the porches, which, with the southern chapel, are of older date.

The lower portion of the tower, and the lancet windows are Early English, but the upper part is later, of Perpendicular character.

The west doorway is good. There is a stair turret on each side of the chancel arch, terminating in a spire. These were probably the rood turrets, the doorways remain on either side of the chancel arch.

The priory Chapel, as also the porches, are Decorated.

The Chancel, which had fallen down, was re-built by diverse benefactors in the years 1617 and 1618, and the glass then inserted in the windows contained their names.

A few years afterwards the fabric suffered sorely at the hands of the iconoclast Dowsing, as recorded in his journal of 1643 (Vol. vi., p. 248).

The pillars dividing the nave from the aisles are very lofty, and embattled at the capitals. The string course beneath the six large clerestory windows is richly carved with heads and foliage, the whole being embattled at the top.

The Font is Perpendicular, octagon in form, with good panelling.

Eight bells hang in the tower, the oldest is dated 1579.

There is a good brass eagle lectern, said to have been presented to the church by Queen Elizabeth, as was also the remarkable chalice.

The choir stalls are deserving of attention, also fragments of an old coffin lid, which may have been brought from the Priory. The Cross and general form suggest that it formerly covered the grave of one of the Priors. On the floor of the nave is a stone thus inscribed :—  
 “Quondam Prior ordinis nostri,” &c. Some have considered that this church was also a Priory Church of a different order to the one just visited. Possibly other coffins were brought to Clare Church for interment on the dissolution of the Priory.

Notes on Clare Church, taken Nov. 9, 1805, by H. I. and D. E. Davy.

The Chancel is separated from the Nave by a wooden screen, which also crosses the aisles. The pillars dividing the Nave from the aisles are very lofty, and clustered, 4 in each. The roofs are all leaded.

IN THE CHANCEL. In the East Window are the following coats of Arms, and over them the sun and moon.

1. Vert. a Saltire, or. Crest on a Wreath, a lion sejant, arg. langued, gu. Beneath, Sir George Le Hunt Knt. a good Benefactor to this church 1617.

2. Sa. a fess chequée or. and az. bet. 3 horses heads erased, arg. Crest. on a wreath, a horse's head erased, arg. Inscription beneath, Sir John Higham Knight, a good benefactor to this church 1617.

3. Az. a fesse dancettée erm. bet. '6 cross crosslets fitchée, arg. Crest, on a wreath, a bittern or. in bullrushes, legd. and beaked, gu. Ins. Sir Thos. Barnardiston Knt., a good benefactor to this Church 1618.

4. Gu. a chev. bet. 3 mallets, or, a crescent for diffce. Crest broken. Ins. Sir Stephen Soames Knt and Alderman of London, a good benefactor to this Church.

5. Sa. a bend arg. bet. 2 cotises indented, or. Crest broken. Inscip. William Clopton Knt., a good benefactor to this church. 1617.

6. Barry nebulée of 6 arg. and az. on a bend gu. a lion pas. guard. or. Crest. a man's head prop. Insc. . . . Haberdasher . . . to this church.

In a square. The windows of this church were repaired A.D. 1690. Daniel Har . . . . John Raymond ch. wardens.

In the N. window.

1. Or. 2 lions rampant, gu. addorsed. Ins. . . . de Cordes Widow of Erasmus de la Foun . . . glazed this win . . . own costs and charges 1618.

In a Window in the S. aisle : A shield, the arms nearly gone, beneath inscribed Clopton and Barnardiston. Clopton sinister side, a small part remaining.

In another Window in same aisle : Arms, Barnardiston impaled, a coat which is gone. Ins. beneath, Giles Barnardiston glazed this Window cost and charges.

In a third window, is a shield, the arms gone, date beneath, 1618.

In a fourth do. Barnardiston impales Clopton. Ins. . . . Knight glasse . . . this window at his own cost and charges 1618.

In a Window in the Nave, on N. side. Sa. 3 acorns or.

The Chancel rebuilt by diverse benefactions, about 1617.

Further Notes taken 1831.

The Church consists of a Nave, Chancel, Side Aisles, Chapel and Vestry.

The Chancel is 20 ft. 8 in. long, and 23 ft. 8 in. wide covered with lead. The Communion table is raised 2 small steps, and railed round : over it, are the commandments, Lord's Prayer and Belief. In the S. wall, near the E. end, is a cinquefoil-headed Piscina.

Another portion of the Church is considered as part of Chancel, extending to 32 ft. 4 in. which communicates with the aisles on each side by 2 lofty pointed arches, on quatrefoil pillars, over which are 2 clerestory windows, on either side.

The Nave is 73 ft. long, and 23 ft. 7 in. wide, covered with lead. It is separated from the aisles on each side by 7 pointed arches, supported by quatrefoil pillars, and lighted above by 7 clerestory windows on either part.

The Pulpit stands in the N. E. angle, of oak, octagon, modern. The seats are of deal, not painted, regular : in front of the reading desk stands a large brass eagle. There is a Gallery at the W. end, on which is a small organ ; and on the front a clock. The Gallery was erected 1822. On the front of this gallery were carvings of figures roses &c. collected from other parts of the Church.

The S. aisle may be considered as consisting of 2 parts; that part wch adjoins the Nave, and that part which adjoins the chancel.

The former part is 74 ft. 5 in. long, and 13 ft. 10 wide, covered with lead, between this part, and the latter is a low wooden screen. A pew near the E. end, is surrounded by a carved oak screen.

At the centre of this part of the aisle, is a chapel, with a raised floor, under wch is a Vault, entered by a trap door in the floor: above is a Pew which appears to belong to the Priory: a small gallery projects in front.

The dimensions of the Chapel E. and W. 14 ft. 8 in. by 9 ft. 6. Adjoining the W. side of this chapel is a Porch 9 ft. 9 in. by 9 ft. 9 in.

The aisle to the chancel, S. side is 34 ft. long, and 13 ft. 10 wide, covered with lead.

The N. Aisle may be considered as divided into 2 parts, as the S. is: that part adjoining the Nave is 74 ft. 5 in. long, and 13 ft. 10 in. wide, covered with lead.

On the N. side of this is another Porch, dimensions 7 ft. 3 in. N. and S. by 8 ft. 9 in.

The aisle to the Chancel is 32 ft. 9 in. long, and 13 ft. 9 in. wide, between this part, and the Isle to the Nave there is a low wooden screen.

The Font stands in the N. W. corner of the S. aisle.

The Steeple is a square embattled Tower of flints, with 8 bells; the dimensions within are 16 ft. 10 in. N. and S. by 14 ft. 2 in. E. and W.

The W. door is a good specimen of the Early English style: having the nail-headed ornament; the pillars supporting the door, round; a band above with 4 foils, and 3 blank shields.

The windows throughout the Church are alike.

The outside of the Church has been repaired in numerous places with red bricks by which the outside has a dull and mottled appearance.

## MONUMENTS.

*In the Chancel.*

In memoriam  
ELIZABETHÆ,

Filiæ dignissimi illius generosi HENRICI POULETT Armigeri, fratris prænobilis IOHANNIS Dñi POULETT, Baronis de HINTON S<sup>ci</sup> GEORGIj, eiusdem nominis primi: Nec non ELIZABETHÆ, vinicæ filiæ & hæredis GOWEN MALETT de PRESTON Torles, in agro Somersett Armigeri.

Quæ, dum laboravit Gemellis, die Iovis XIV Ianuarij, A<sup>o</sup>

Salutis MDCLXIII, et ætatis suæ XXXIV, obiit.

RICHARDUS CUTTS Armiger, maritus eius vere dolens, posuit hanc tabulam Quorum proles (post sex annos & amplius sterilitatis) fuerunt, POULETT, natus in parochia sancti Clementis dacorum, in Comitatu Midd, paulo post mediam noctem die sabbati VIII Septemb, MDCLX.

ELIZABETHA, in hac villa nata, inter primam & secundā  
horas, mane die veneris XXVII decemb, MDCLXI.

RICHARDUS, vnus Gemellorum, quem gemens mater, inter  
quartam et quintam horas mane die obitus sui, peperit :  
et Anonimus, alter Gemellorum, qui in vitæ officina a  
vita recessit, hunc modo mortuum, moriens mater, in  
ipso mortis ictu parturivit : et quamvis non in vtero,  
attamen in tumulo ad huc gaudet.

Ignarus & invidus, qui virtutem laudare nesciunt, hanc vituperent.

On the north side of this church  
are interred the remains of  
the Rev<sup>d</sup>. JOHN CHARLES COLEMAN, B.A.  
fourteen years vicar of this parish,  
he died December 22nd 1868, aged 63 years.  
to the memory of a faithful pastor and friend  
this tablet is erected by his parishioners and friends.

In a Vault under  
this stone lies interred y<sup>e</sup>  
Body of SUSANNA wife of EDW  
JOHNSON of Clare in y<sup>e</sup> county of  
Suff Gent, who died May y<sup>e</sup> 8 1707  
And near Adjoyning lies y<sup>e</sup> Bodies of  
BARNARDISTON EDWARD & KEZIA their  
Children who died young.  
when y<sup>e</sup> All conq'ring Prince who treads down Death  
At y<sup>e</sup> Last Trumpets Sound return<sup>s</sup> our breath  
Cloaths these dead clodds with Imortality  
To make them subjects for Eternity  
May we be rank<sup>d</sup> amongst y<sup>e</sup> saints in Rest  
And hear y<sup>e</sup> Joyfull Sound of Come ye bless<sup>t</sup>

In Memory of	Here lye interred, y <sup>e</sup> bodies,
TIMOTHY KEY : Gent:	of ELIZABETH, POVLETT CVTTS
who died 5 <sup>th</sup> June 1782 Aged 62 Years.	his mother, & her infant
Also of OBADIAH KEY Gent:	twinnes, RICHARD,
who died 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep <sup>r</sup> 1786 Aged 61 Years.	& ANONIMUS CVTTS.
And MARY his Wife who died	Hic Jacet JOHANNES POULTER, Gen.
the 27 <sup>th</sup> of June 1811 Aged 85 Years.	Vixit Annos LXXIV: Obijt MDCCXIV.

Here are Deposited  
The Remains of WILLIAM LAWS Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Rear Admiral of his Majesties Fleet  
an Intrepid Officer : a good Seaman.  
after more than 40 Years constant Service, In the Royal navy,  
The latter part of His Life was spent  
in this Parish, y<sup>e</sup> Place of His nativity,  
He died in y<sup>e</sup> Year 1758 Aged 68 Years.

Near this place are deposited  
 the mortal remains of MARY,  
 the beloved wife of JOHN SAYER esquire,  
 of Wick-house near Worcester,  
 and daughter of JOHN TAYLOR esquire, of Bordesley,  
 in the county of Warwick, deceased.  
 In the affectionate, endearing relations  
 of wife, daughter, sister, friend,  
 she was preeminent; a kind, generous, indulgent, mistress  
 to her domestics; religious, pious, benevolent,  
 charitable, humane, in manners gentle;  
 mild, amiable, forbearing, unassuming,  
 condescending, never preferring herself to others,  
 in faith and practice, a sincere and true christian;  
 she lived beloved, and died lamented,  
 on the fourth day of July A.D. 1823, aged 72 years.  
 also in the same vault, with MARY his wife,  
 lies interred the body of JOHN SAYER, esquire,  
 barrister at law of Lincolns Inn;  
 and formerly of Caius College,  
 in the university of Cambridge.  
 for many years a deputy lieutenant,  
 and an acting magistrate, for the county of Worcester.  
 he was a native of this town,  
 son of JOSEPH SAYER, esquire, serjeant at law,  
 and LYDIA his wife;  
 who both lie buried, with others of his family, in this chancel.  
 he died on the sixth day of July, A.D. 1831, aged 78 years.

Here Lyeth the Body of  
 MARY the Wife of JAMES YOUNG Gent<sup>n</sup>;  
 and one of the Dau<sup>rs</sup> of JOSHUA & ELIZ<sup>TH</sup> BRISE  
 who died 20<sup>th</sup> September 1768  
 in the 39<sup>th</sup> Year of Her Age.  
 FRANCES BRISE  
 another Daughter of JOSHUA & ELIZ<sup>TH</sup> BRISE  
 who died 18<sup>th</sup> October 1769 in the 47<sup>th</sup> Year of Her Age.  
 ELIZABETH, Second Daughter of  
 JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE  
 who departed this life in June 1793 Ætat: 75.  
 Widow of EDWARD COLDHAM Esq:  
 Formerly of Bury St. Edmunds.  
 SAMUEL BRISE Esq: Youngest Son of  
 JOSHUA & ELIZABETH BRISE  
 who departed this life 13<sup>th</sup> July 1827 Ætat 94

In Memory of  
 FRANCES Youngest Daug<sup>r</sup>. of

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

BECKFORD CATER Esq<sup>r</sup>. of Broxton  
 in y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex and Wife of  
 SHADRACH BRISE Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
 who died y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>br</sup> 1765  
 In y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Her Age. Also of  
 SHADRACH BRISE Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
 son of JOSHUA and ELIZABETH BRISE  
 who died 18<sup>th</sup> April 1783  
 Aged 58 Years. Also of  
 HENRY THOMAS, the Eldest Son of  
 THOMAS RUGGLES Esq : & of JANE his Wife  
 who departed this life in May 1786  
 Aged 5 Years. Also of  
 EDWARD COLDHAM Esq.  
 Formerly of Bury St Edmunds,  
 who departed this life in Oct<sup>r</sup> 1786.

Here lies the Body of  
 JOSHUA BRISE late of this Place Gent<sup>mn</sup>  
 who died 23<sup>d</sup> May 1750 Aged 74 Years.  
 Also y<sup>e</sup> Bodies of JOSHUA SHADRACH & JOANNA  
 three of his Children who died Young.  
 And also of ANN RUGGLES his eldest Dau<sup>tr</sup>  
 who died 23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1748, Aged 32 Years.  
 And two of her Children.

Likewise THOMAS RUGGLES her Husband

Here also lies Interr<sup>d</sup>  
 The Body of ELIZABETH BRISE Widow  
 Relict of the said JOSHUA,  
 who died 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>br</sup> 1764, Aged 72 Years.

M.S. ELISABETHÆ RUGGLES  
 Diem quæ clausit supremum  
 28 :<sup>o</sup> Novemb : 1776 Ætat : 28.  
 Marmor hoc Maritus posuit ;  
 debitâ spargens lacrymâ favillam.

Hic Jacent Fratres amicissimi Beneath this Stone are deposited  
 Joseph et Sachverell Barker the Remains of  
 Hic vixit Annos XXXI. Ob MDCCXII. M<sup>s</sup>: MARY ANN BANSON Spinster  
 Ille vixit Annos L. Ob : MDCCCL who died October 24<sup>th</sup> 1813  
 Aged 58 years.

*In the Nave.*

In Fraternal Memory of  
 His Royal Highness Prince Leopold  
 Duke of Albany Earl of Clarence K G  
 Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire,  
 Past Grand Junior Warden of England,

Grand third Principal of  
 Royal Arch Masons of England.  
 Fourth Son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria  
 who was born 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1853.  
 and died 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1884.  
 H.R.H being at the time  
 Worshipful Master  
 of the  
 Royal Clarence Lodge  
 of freemasons in this town.  
 No. 1823.

This Tablet is erected by the Officers and Members of the above Lodge,  
 and other Brethren in the Province of Suffolk.

In the nave of this church  
 are interred the remains of  
 ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of  
 the revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, M.A. vicar of this parish :  
 she died Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1837.  
 she was the only sister of Sir FRA<sup>s</sup>. WASKETT-MYERS, K.C.S.  
 by whose desire this tablet is placed  
 in testimony of his remembrance of her unvarying affection.

In the nave of this church lie the remains of  
 The revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN. D.D  
 who departed this life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1854.  
 In affectionate remembrance of one who faithfully laboured amongst  
 them ; first as curate, and afterwards as vicar, for thirty years ; the  
 parishioners of Clare have raised this tablet, recording thereon, the words  
 which he himself suggested for his epitaph : " A sinner saved by grace."

Here lies the Body of  
 ELIZABETH, the Beloved Wife of  
 The Revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN. M.A. Vicar of this Parish who died  
 the fifteenth of March, 1837,  
 beneath also, are the remains,  
 of the Revd. GEORGE WIGHTMAN, D.D.  
 who died on the 3<sup>d</sup>. day of August 1854, aged 57 years.  
 having had the spiritual charge of this parish,  
 first as curate, and afterwards as vicar, for thirty years.  
 " A sinner saved by grace."

Here are Deposited the Remains of  
 JAMES HUBBARD, (Late of this Place)  
 who departed this Life Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1796. Aged 56 Years.  
 A truly Valuable and Sincere Friend, to the Widow & Orphan.  
 Also of ANN his Wife who died Aug<sup>t</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1806.



Beneath are deposited  
the Remains of ANNE,  
the Daughter of  
JAMES and ANNE RAY ;  
who died 23<sup>d</sup>. March 1817,  
Aged 45 Years.

Also of the said JAMES RAY,  
who died January 25<sup>th</sup> 1827,  
Aged 81 Years.  
And ANNE his Wife,  
who died January 21<sup>st</sup> 1828,  
Aged 82 Years.

This tablet is erected in memory of  
WALTER G. B. GUNTON, esq<sup>re</sup>  
founder, vice-president and treasurer of the  
commercial travellers' benevolent institution,  
by the members of the board of management,  
who desire in this way to show  
their affectionate respect for what was  
excellent and worthy in the man,  
of his disinterested benevolence  
little mention is needed here.  
the institution had in death, as in life, the benefit of  
his bounty and paternal care. his last acts evinced his  
noble christian charity and goodness. may he rest in peace.  
died at South-Hall, Guildford, 18<sup>th</sup> January 1864, aged 64.

Near this Place are deposited the Remains  
of JAMES HARRINGTON Gent. late of this Parish  
He died Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1788, Aged 66.  
of SARAH his Wife

Daughter of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup>. GREENWOOD  
Rector of Darfield in Yorkshire and  
Relict of JOHN DALE Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
of Chesterfield in Derbyshire by whom  
She had Issue, one Daughter; SARAH.  
She died June 5<sup>th</sup> 1797, Aged 78.

To the Memory of their much esteemed Parents  
their surviving Children JOSEPH & JANE HARRINGTON  
in Conjunction with their Sister SARAH STEBBING inscribe this Stone

Near this place are deposited the mortal remains of  
BENJAMIN PRATT,  
37 years master of the free school,  
and vestry clerk of this parish.  
he died March 7<sup>th</sup> 1841, aged 68 years.  
he was a man of considerable abilities,  
which were employed more for the  
benefit of others, than of himself.  
this tablet was erected by his son  
BENJAMIN PRATT of Sudbury,  
in memory of his affectionate parent.

THO<sup>s</sup>. CLUBBE Gent : JANE his Wife died.  
died 9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1802 Aged 50 Years. 19<sup>th</sup> March 1802. Aged 48 Years.  
(Note Mrs. Clubbe was da. of Mr. Jas. Harrington.)

In memory of JOHN ISAACSON  
of Clare born 6<sup>th</sup> July 1784 :  
died 16<sup>th</sup> July 1870

also of BETSY ISAACSON his wife  
born 19<sup>th</sup> January 1799 :  
died 13<sup>th</sup> September 1883

*North Aisle.*

No one can be recall'd by tears.  
Underneath this Monument are deposited the remains of  
HARRIETT, & ANN WALLETT,  
Daugh<sup>rs</sup> of the Rev<sup>d</sup>. ABRA<sup>m</sup>. WALLETT, and MARY his Wife.  
HARRIETT, died 9<sup>th</sup> July 1786, Aged 12 Years.  
ANN, died 26<sup>th</sup> May 1788, Aged 18 Years.  
Rev<sup>d</sup>. ABRA<sup>m</sup>. WALLETT, Vicar of Clare,  
Died 1<sup>st</sup> Decr. 1790, Aged 46 Years.

Infra jacet CHARLOTTA  
Uxor pulchra pudica, pia SAMUELIS STEVENS.  
Multis illa admodum flebilis occidit  
Unico præsertim Fratri amantissimo  
GEORGIO CLUBBE PARSONS de Hadleigh,  
Orbato maximè omnium Marito,  
Qui eo, quo par est, Desiderio  
Tam chari Capitis  
Hoc Marmor debitum dicavit Defunctæ 8<sup>vo</sup> Id : Jan :  
Anno } Salutis 1808.  
      } Ætatis 33.  
Resurgemus.

*South Aisle.*

In the vault beneath  
are deposited the remains of  
CHARLOTTE, daughter of JOHN CONYERS Esq<sup>re</sup>  
of Copped-Hall Essex ;  
and of the lady HARRIET CONYERS his wife ;  
ob<sup>t</sup>. October 10<sup>th</sup> 1839, ætat 81.

To the glory of God ✝ In pious memory of  
John Barker of Clare Priory ; died 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1837  
and his wife Georgiana daughter of Col. Weston of Shadowbush ; died  
3<sup>rd</sup> Novr. 1873 also of  
Col George Baker 16<sup>th</sup> Queen's Lancers. died 22<sup>nd</sup> Decr. 1859  
and his wife Caroline Julia daughter of Col. Barker of Clare Priory died  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1873

This window is erected by their children 1885.

In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of  
JOHN BARKER, esq<sup>re</sup>  
son of the late JOHN BARKER, esq<sup>re</sup> of Clare Priory,  
and CAROLINE his wife ; ob<sup>t</sup>. August 20<sup>th</sup> 1837, Ætat 37.  
he married GEORGIANA, daughter of Col WESTON  
of Shadowbush in this county,

by whom this tablet is inscribed  
and whose consolation it is to believe,  
that thro' the riches of divine grace,  
his redeemed and glorified spirit  
is rejoicing in the presence of that Saviour  
whom while yet "having not seen he loved."

In the Vault beneath are deposited the Remains  
of JOHN BARKER Esq<sup>r</sup>.

of Clare Priory in Suffolk,  
who departed this life Novr. 27<sup>th</sup> 1804 Ætat 54.

He Married CAROLINE Daughter of  
JOHN CONYERS Esq<sup>r</sup>. of Copped Hall Essex  
by whom this Tablet is inscribed.

Not to record Virtues which  
have raised a lasting Monument in the Hearts  
of all who knew him : but to remind  
his Infant Children that the Dutiful Son,  
the Kind Brother, the Tenderly Affectionate  
Husband, the Fond Parent, the Brave Soldier,  
& the pious humble Christian, here lies :  
Buried : not Forgotten.

In the same Vault are deposited  
the Remains of CAROLINE, Widow of JOHN BARKER Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
youngest daughter of JOHN CONYERS Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
and of the Lady Harriet CONYERS his Wife.

Devoted to her maternal duties,  
and to the exemplary discharge of  
every other Christian relation.

She survived her beloved Husband  
during a period of 43 years. Passed at Clare Priory ;  
Where, esteemed and respected by all, and  
deeply lamented by her poorer neighbours,  
She entered into her rest. January 8<sup>th</sup> 1848,  
In the 80<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age.

In the Vault beneath  
are deposited the Remains of  
WILLIAM SHRIVE Esq<sup>r</sup>. of Clare Priory  
who departed this Life

February the 25 : 1803, Aged 61 Years.

This Stone is erected to his memory as a tribute  
of gratitude and affection, by His near Relation JOHN BARKER Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Here are Deposited the Remains of  
The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. TITUS STEBBING, Clerk  
Rector of Woodbridge Hasketon and Tattington,

In this County,  
who died y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>. of August 1772 Aged 38 Years.

In Memory of ROBERT POTTLE  
 who departed this Life  
 August 29<sup>th</sup> 1812 Aged 60 Years.  
 Upwards of thirty years  
 Church Clerk of this  
 Parish, and by strict  
 attention to the Duties of his Office was  
 universally respected.  
 Also of Amy his wife,  
 who died June 30, 1821, aged 73 years.

Sacred to the Memory of  
 JAMES YOUNG ESQ who died  
 the 25<sup>th</sup> of Sep: 1792 aged 55.  
 Also of SUSAN his Wife  
 who died the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1803  
 Aged 71.

In Memory of  
 MARY NUNN (Spinster) who departed this Life  
 the 27<sup>th</sup> of Febr<sup>y</sup> 1779 Aged 61 Years.

Here lie the Bodies of Joseph Sayer  
 Serjeant at Law, and Lydia his wife.  
 He died 18 January 1786, aged 71 years  
 She died 2<sup>d</sup> April 1766, aged 47 years.  
 Also the Body of Mary their daughter  
 who died March 19 1766, aged 21 years.  
 also the Body of Joseph their son  
 who died Jan<sup>y</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1763, aged 11 years.  
 Also the Bodies of Edmund their Son,  
 Ann their daughter, Sarah their daughter  
 and a second Anne, their daughter, who all died very young.

## PARISH REGISTERS.

A booke of Regester bought by Willyam Weekes beinge Churchwardone in the yeare of Our Lorde God 1599 a regina Elizabeath 41: written by Ambros Hollybreade Clarke under M<sup>r</sup> Coult Vicare of Clare in the yeare of our Lord God 1600 William Netherstret and Gilles Bambricke beinge then Church Wardens. An. Dom. 1600.

*Baptisms.*

- 1602 *Willims Coulte Filius Mr William Minester* die 9 Jan.  
 1605 *Griszalle Colte filia Mr. Wylliam Colte Minnester* 20 Octob.  
 1607 *Sarai Coulte filia to M<sup>r</sup> William Colt minister* die 15 Dec.  
 1610 *Jane Coult filia M<sup>r</sup> William Colte Mynester* 4 Dec.  
 1613 *Framcese Covlt filia M<sup>r</sup> William Coulte minister of Clare* xxiiij  
 day of Majj.  
 1618 *Anne Joyner filia Isaaci Joyner vickar of Clare Bapt mense*  
*Septembris die 23, Anno 1618.*  
 1620 *Cisly Joyner dagter of master Isaac Joyner* the xvij August.  
 1622 *Abagall Joyner daughter of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Joyner* 29 March.  
 1623 *Nathanjell wilmot sonne of M<sup>r</sup> Robart wilmot vicar of Clare* the  
 xvij day of March.  
 1626 *Eleazar wilmot sonne of M<sup>r</sup> Robart wilmot vicar of Clare* the  
 14<sup>th</sup> May.

- 1632 Anna Colt daughter of William 22 April.  
 Roger Cooke sonne of Mr *Roger Cooke* vicar of Clare 5 November.  
 1634 Mary Coke daughter of Mr Roger Cooke vicar of Clare 28 October.  
 1635 John Cooke sonne of Mr. Roger Cooke of Clare 1 March.  
 1637 Robart Cooke sonne of Mr Roger Cooke vicar of Clare 2 July.  
 1644 Ma. Mr Phillip Haves who kept a barn conventicle in this town  
 did baptize very many in private houses; and therefore their  
 names are not here registered.

## BURIALS.

- 1563 Johānus Vicarius sepult fuit die 9 August.  
 1567 *Thomas ROGERS* sepulta fuit die 7 December.  
 Elyzabeth uxor *Thomas Rogers* sepulta fuit die 2 March.  
 1568 Johānus *Whitakers* vicaro sepulta fuit die 24 May.  
 1598 *Jacobo Resolde* vicario sepultus est die 22 January.  
 1616 *Master Willielm<sup>o</sup> Colt vicario de Clare sepultus est die the  
 eleauenth daye of Decemberis* 11 1616.  
 1625 Simond *Wilmot* sonne of Mr *Robart Wilmot* Vicar of Clare was  
 buried 25 September.  
 1626 Master *Robert Wilmot* vicar of Clare was buried at Scrinkfilde in  
 Essex 22 June.  
 1626 Eleazer *Wilmot* sonne of Mr *Robart Wilmot* buried 4 Octr.  
 1703 John Kenyon Clerke buried Oct. 18.  
 1750 *Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Matthew Bell Vicar* 9 July.  
 1784 The *Rev<sup>d</sup> John Bell (the Vicar)* 17 April.  
 1790 *Rev<sup>d</sup> Abr<sup>m</sup> Wallett Vicar* December 17.  
 1854 *George Wightman D D Vicar of Clare August. 10<sup>th</sup> æt. 57.*  
 1868 *John Charles Coleman, Vicar of Clare* Dec. 29. 63.

Memorandum that on December 6. 1653 Thomas Milles of Clare did then come before me Sr Thomas Barnardiston Kt one of the Justices of peace for Suffolk and did then take his oath to execute the office of Register for the townne of Clare, he the said Thomas Milles being chosen thereunto by the inhabitants according to a late Act.

## VICARS OF CLARE.

The following list has been compiled from the Institution Books at Norwich. Though Dr. Tanner's Abstract (fol. 1228) proved useful, reference has been made to the original Registers; other sources of information have also been examined.

- 1307 JOHN DE STEBBYNG, instituted, 3 Non. Maij, ad præs. Pr. and  
 Conv. de Stoke. Resigned. (Reg. I., 23.)  
 RICHARD DE SCORDICH, 17 Kal. Apr. ad præs. eorund. (f. 26.)  
 1343 GILBERT DE KARLIOLO, May 30, ad præs. dñi Rx raōne p. emp.  
 Pr. de Stoke. (III., 70.)

- 1344 JOHN DE HOUGHTON de pua Adyngton Oct. 19, ad præ. dni Rx. (iv. 47.)
- 1348 JOHN JOYE (pmut cum S. Mart Orgar, Lond.), July 31. (69.)  
Was parson of S. Martin Orgar, Lond. On July 18 exchanged same with John Adyngton for Clare. J. Joy was afterwards of G. Bealings, and in Sep. 1352 exchanged for V. of Felsted, Essex. Last of all Joy was presented to S. Mary Monthaw, Lond., Dec. 3, 1361. (Newcourt Rep. I., 418.)
- 1350 NICHOLAS DE LYDGATE May 3 (pmut. cum M. Belyng) vacant by res. of Joye. (122.)
- 1361 THOMAS PORTER, Jan. 4, ad præ. Prioris et Conv. de Stoke non est ad damnum si Rx conc. Thomæ de Triskeny, et Joi Lens Cler quod ipsi. (v. 57.)
- 1388 RICHARD CLERK, Feb. 12, ad præ. dñi Rx raõne temp. de Stoke. (vi., 135.)
- 1390 WILLIAM HALL, May 3, vac. by resig. of R. Clerk (pmut. cum Hintlesham) ad præ. dni Rx. (146.)
- 1394 WALTER COVE, Dec. 14 (pmut. cum Newton juxta Sudb.) ad præ. Dni Rx. vac. by res. of W. Hall. (196.)
- 1398 WILLIAM REED, Nov. 19 (vac. by res. of Cove pmut. cum Tichewell) ad præ. Prioris et Conv. de Stoke test ejus prob. et dat. 1404. Hart. 316. (240.)
- 1404 THOMAS CUSTEN, Jan. 12, de Cavenham, ad præ. eorund. (313.)
- 1432 RICHARD PUMPY als. TYLNEY, Nov. 5, Testm ejus extat Brosian 286, sepeliend in Cancellu ubi legitur Legenda in introitu chori: ad præ. Decani et Coll. de Stoke juxta Clare. (ix. 58.)  
It is noted by Tanner that Mr. Pompy was a great Benefactor to this church in Copes, Books, &c., among other things ad fabricationem novæ vultæ ante crucifixum xx marc. ad fabricam novam de le Eelys (fleur de lis) ecclîæ de Clare xx marc. lego unum pratum jacens in villa prædeã juxta.
- 1462 THOMAS ASTY, Oct. 14, vac. by death of R. Pumpy: ad præ. eorund. (xi., 134.)  
JOHN MOTTON.
- 1467 JOHN KNIGHT, Aug. 21, vac. by res. of John Motton. (163.)
- 1468 WILLIAM WELLYS, M.A., Dec. 3, vac. by res. of J. Knight. (168.)
- 1470 ROBERT COLINGHAM, Feb. 18, vac. by res. of W. Wellys. (169.) ? 20<sup>m</sup>
- 1476 JOHN WYLLYS, Sep. 4, vac. by res. of R. Colingham. (xii., 50.)
- 1477 REGINALD ANNYSON, Oct. 6, vac. by res. of J. Wyllys. (57.)
- 1482 THOMAS SUTTON, Doctor, Feb. 11, vac. by death of R. Annyson. (96.)
- 1502 JOHN HALYMAN, Jan. 30, vac. by death of T. Sutton. (xiii., 19.)
- 1505 RICHARD TURNER, M.A., Mar. 19, vac. by death of J. Halyman. (63.)
- 1516 JOHN REISTON, S.T.B., Nov. 10, vac. by death of R. Turner. *View 1523.*  
(xiv., 132.) Bu. here. *Roger Cook - 1521 - See J. Butler -*
- 1562 ROBERT PARKER, Dec. 17, vac. by death, ad præ. dnæ Rx. (xix., 76.)  
JOHN METTON.
- 1565 THOMAS ROGERS, Dec. 16, vac. by death of J. Metton: ad præ. dnæ Rx raõne duc. Lancast. (121.) Bu. here.

- 1566 NICHOLAS WHITFILDE, Jan. 5, vac. by death of T. Rogers, ad præ. dnæ Rx duc. Lanc. (133.) Resigned.  
FRANCIS WATSONNE, 5 Feb. (Div. XI., 23, f. 8. Record Office.)
- 1569 RADULPH LEYVER, B.A., Jun. 14, vac. by res. of F. Watsonne: ad præ. dnæ K. Coll. Regali. (152.)
- 1582 ROBERT BALLARD, B.A., Nov. 27, vac. p' liberam resignacoem R. Lever ult. incumb. ad præ. dnæ R. Lanc. 1583. (xx., 84.)  
"Robert Ballard, A.B., Rector of Clare," is mentioned among the ministers suspended. Lives of Puritans by B. Brook, i., 46.
- 1591 JAMES RESOULD, M.A., Feb. 18, ad præ. dnæ Ræ. (f. 204.)  
Bu. here Jan. 22, 1598.
- 1598 WILLIAM COLT, M.A., Feb. 8, vac. p. mortem J. Resould in jure Ducatus Lancastriæ ltime spectan. (f. 274.) Bu. Dec. 11, 1616.
- 1617 DANIEL BOOTH, M.A., May 2, vac. per mort. ult. incumb. ad præ. dne Lanc. (xxii., 60.) Lib. Inst. A. III. 19 Record Office.
- 1617 ISAAC JOYNER, M.A., Jan. 9, vac. per resig. ult. incumb. ad præ. dnæ Rx Lanc. 1618. Consignation Book, p. 88, Isaacus Joyner artm bach vic. 24 Sep., 1605. (f. 73.)
- 1623 ROBERT WILMOT, M.A., was minister of Clare. Had a child bap. in 1623.  
Funeral sermon by T. H. says, he was of an holy life, sincere heart, and unspotted conversation. Cole's Ath. Cant. MS. 5,883, 23. b. M.A. 1619, married and left college (King's). Bu. June 22, 1626, at Scrinkfilde.
- ROGER COOK, M.A., Oct. 1, ad præ. dnæ Alicia Peyton. Consignation Bk. (f. 75). Priest by Thos. Peterbor' 1 June, 1618, instituted by Sam. Bp. of Norw. 1 Oct., 1623.
- 1627 WILLIAM GOOD, M.A., Jun. 22, vac. per res. ult. incumb. ad præ. dnæ Rx. Lanc. (xxii., 25.) A. III. 19 Record Office.  
WILLIAM PRIME.
- 1663 JOHN OCKLEY, M.A., Feb. 25, vac. by cession Gulielmi Prime ult. vic: ad præ. dni Rx. (xxvi., 2.) Presentations Duchy of Lancaster fr. Eliz. to Geo. II. No. 584, Vol. 16, 65, 32, Record Office.
- 1690 JOHN KENYON, Nov. 11, vac. per mort. of J. Ockley ult & c ad præ. Gul. and Mariam Angliæ reg. et Reginam. (xxviii., 86.)  
Bu. Oct. 18, 1703.
- 1703 OLIVER COBB, M.A., Feb. 12, vac. per mort. J. Kenyon ult. incum. pat. Queen Anne. B.A. 1688, M.A. 1692. (f. 194.)
- 1727 MATTHEW BELL, B.A., Jan. 24, vac. per mort. O. Cobb, pat. Geo. II. Duc. Lanc.; Jes. B.A. 1711. (xxx., 7.) Also R. of Gestingthorp and Poslingford, 1733 (Morant's Essex, II., 309). Bu. July 9, 1750.
- 1750 JOHN BELL, B.A., Sep. 18, son of Matthew, pat. Geo. II. (f. 145.)  
Also rector of Gestingthorp. Lond. Mag., Sep. 1750, 429-477. D. 10, b. 17 Ap., 1784; Gent. Mag. 54, 317.

*Roger Cooke signs Reg. 1629*

- 1784 WILLIAM LENS, Ap. 28, pat. Geo. III. Mem. This Institution is voided by virtue of His Majesty's Writ. (xxxI., 182.) Formerly of Thurlow; Gent. Mag. 54, 319.
- 1785 ABRAHAM WALLETT, Mar. 26 (f. 191); void by death of J. Bell. Pat. Geo. III. W<sup>m</sup> Lens lately admitted being amoved by virtue of H.M. Writ. Formerly of Stowmarket. Author: Sermon on Thanksgiving for recovery of H.M., Ap. 23, 1789, pp. 16. D. Dec. 1, 1790, æt. 46. M.I.
- 1791 WILLIAM BROOK JONES, B.A., Jan. 7; Linc. Oxf. B.A. 1784. Pat., Geo. III. (f. 242). Chap. H.M.S. Monarch. M. June 23, 1791, Elizabeth Winter, Gent. Mag. 61, 583. Wrote Visitation Sermon, Faith by Hearing, preached at Newmarket, 1794; also Sermon at Chelmsford, 1797.
- 1804 WILLIAM SADLER, M.A., June 12; also held Poslingford, vac. by d. of W. B. Jones. Pat., Geo. III. (Reg. xxxII., 92.) Of Great Horksley, Gent. Mag. 74, 686. M. 1789, Sarah, da. of Rev. Titus Stebbing, rector of Woodbridge, Hasketon, and Vic. of Tattingstone.
- 1819 HENRY BLUNT, B.A., Dec. 30, vac. by res. of W. Sadler. Pat., Geo. III. (f. 250.) Son of Henry and Mary Blunt, b. Aug. 12, 1794, ed. at Merchant Taylor's sch., ent. Pemb. Coll. Cam., 1813; B.A. 1817, M.A. 1820; D. and P. 1818; appointed to Clare 1819. Mar. Dec. 21, 1820, at Chelsea, Julia Ann Nailer, Gent. Mag. 563. In 1830 incumb. of Trin. ch., Sloan St. Presented in 1833 to Streatham, where he d. July 20, 1843, æt. 48 (Gent. Mag. 549). Author of "Lectures on Jacob; S. Peter; Abraham; S. Paul; Elisha; Life of Xt.; Articles of Ch. of Eng.; Sermons; Exposition of Pentateuch," 3 vols.; pub. the first Par. Mag. Brit. Mag. 1836, 228; Ch. Mag. III., 289-90; Dic. of Biography by Leslie Stephen, v., 1886.

## TABLET IN STREATHAM PARISH CHURCH.

Pastor in pace

Sacred

to the memory of

THE REV<sup>d</sup>. HENRY BLUNT, A.M.

Rector of Streatham.

"Whose faith follow, considering the end of his conversation,  
Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to day and for ever."

This devoted minister and servant of God

after a lingering illness which he bore with that christian resignation  
in which he was sustained to the end by those blessed promises

he had preached to others, entered into

the rest that remaineth for the people of God

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 1843 aged 48 years.

This tablet is erected

by her whom he has left widowed and a mourner

but comforted by the certain hope that

"them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."



- 1833 GEORGE WIGHTMAN, D.D., Jan. 24; Pat., Wm. IV. (xxxiii., 158). Native of Framlingham. S. Joh. Coll. Cam., B.A. 1823; M.A. 1826; D.D. 1835. Came to Clare in 1824 as C. to Rev. H. Blunt, upon whose resig. he suc. him. D. Aug. 3, 1854, æt. 57, bu. here. M.I. Gent. Mag. XLII., 313, 1854.
- 1854 JOHN CHARLES COLEMAN, B.A.; Trin. Coll. Dub., B.A. 1836; Deac. 1837; Pr. 1838; formerly P.C. of S. James, Nottingham; d. 22, bu. 29 Dec, 1868. M.I. Was author of Tracts.
- In Churchyard.
- The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Charles Coleman, B.A.,  
late vicar of this parish,  
died December 22nd 1868. aged 63 years.  
Anne, the beloved wife of  
The Rev<sup>d</sup>. J. C. Coleman, B.A.,  
died December 9<sup>th</sup> 1871, aged 64 years.
- 1869 THOMAS PARKINSON, D. 1864; P. 1865; C. of Bardsey, 1864-67; Clapham, Yorks, 1867-69; V. of N. Otterington, 1871; Author: Lays and Leaves of the Forest; Yorkshire Legends and Traditions.
- 1871 FREDERIC SAMUEL PIERPOINT SEALE, B.A., Trin. Coll. Ox., B.A. 1859; D. 1860; P. 1861; V. of Waterperry, 1863-66; N. Otterington, 1866-71; Eastover, 1876-84; V. of Pitminster, 1884.
- 1876 JOSEPH WILLIAM COLLINS, B.A., T.C.D.; B.A. 1859; Deac. 1860; Pr. 1861; formerly C. of Stogursey, 1860-67; V. of S. John, Eastover, 1867-76; R. of H. Trin., Ramsgate, 1882. In the churchyard is a cross to "Alice Collins fell asleep 17 January 1881."
- 1882 ROBERT SORSBIE, M.A.; B.A. 1847; M.A. 1850; D. 1849; P. 1850; Fell. Univ., Dur., 1849-56; Min. Can. of Roch., 1856-66; C. of Whickham, 1850-53; Oakham, 1853-56; V. of Sutton Valence, 1866-76; R. H. Trin., Ramsgate, 1876-82.

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Members having thoroughly examined Clare Church, adjourned to the "Half-Moon," itself an ancient balconied hostel, where dinner was served. On emerging from the hotel, the company found wagonettes in readiness to take them through the country mapped out for visitation, the first line lying in the direction of Poslingford, but shortly after leaving Clare a halt was made at the Chapel House, which the Honorary Secretary thus described:—