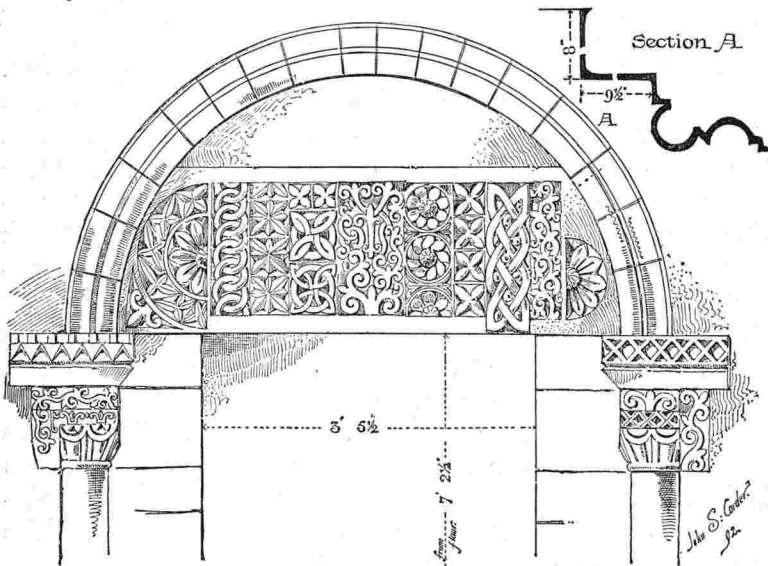


POSLINGFORD CHURCH.

BY THE REV. HENRY JARVIS, M.A., Vicar.

In Domesday Book the parish of Poslingford, or Poslingworth, as it was then written, is mentioned as one of the numerous lordships holden by Ralph Baynard. Juga, his widow, founded the Priory of Little Dunmow in Essex, and to that Monastery the impropriation and advowson of the vicarage belonged, and were granted by Henry VIII. to Robert, Earl of Sussex.



SOUTH DOOR, POSLINGFORD CHURCH.

The Church is dedicated to Saint Mary, and contains several different styles of architecture proceeding from the Norman foundation. Of its actual date there is no record, but the fine Norman doorway, and small Norman window, deeply splayed, in the northern wall of the Nave, point to the twelfth century as its presumable date. Of the Founder all that can be said is, that his effigy, as it is believed, is pourtrayed in the fresco on the Chancel wall,

with a square in his hand, and a gabled building on his shoulder. His name is unknown.

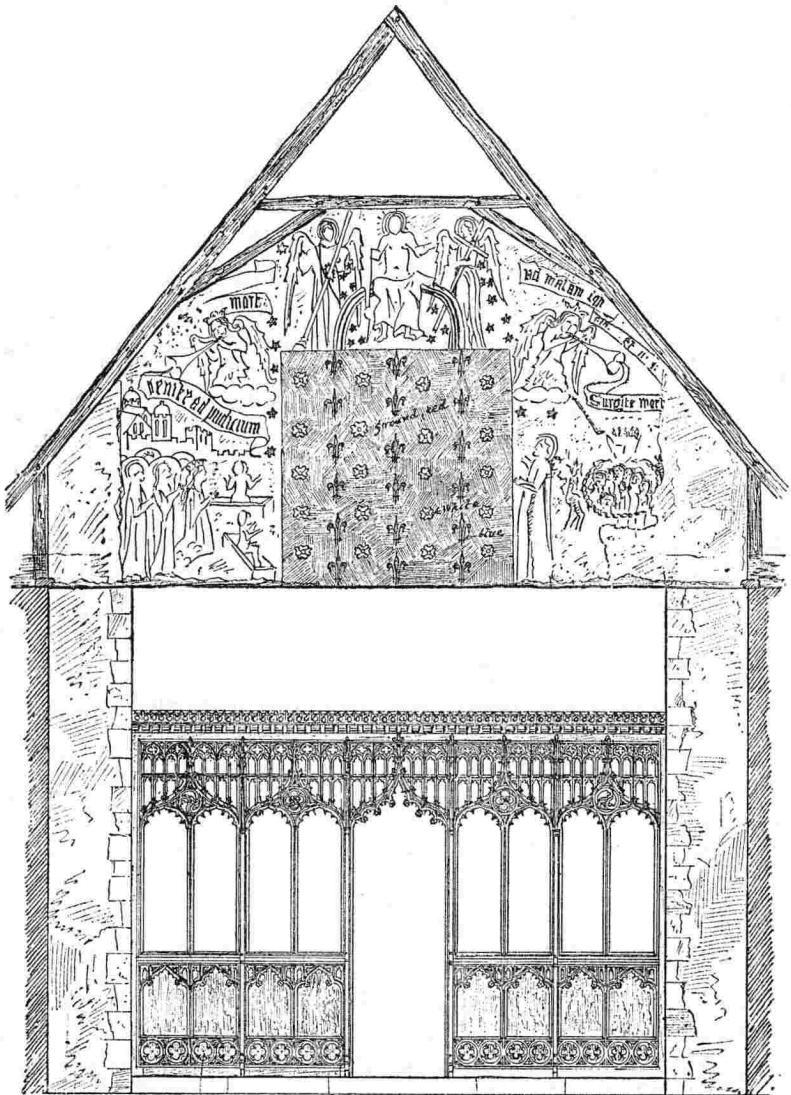
The South Porch is an interesting specimen of pre-Reformation brick-work, rare in the neighbourhood. The Stoup, which bears the marks of the destroyer, occupies a place outside the Porch. With the mutilation of the Stoup, we may probably associate the removal of the figures from the niches in the front; the centre one of the Virgin and Child, and the four Evangelists, two on either side.

The amount of pains bestowed by the Anglo-Normans in enriching and adorning the capitals and mouldings of their door-ways is well-known. In this case the moulding of the *Norman door-way* is plain, but the capitals are carved.

The tympanum with which the head of the arch is filled, is especially rare and interesting. These tympana, which were not unfrequently used in Norman portals, were sometimes rudely carved with scripture subjects. Sometimes the subjects were legendary, and at others a wreath formed of the cable and other mouldings, but all betokening the early execution of the work. It is remarkable in this case to observe the want of symmetry in the ends of the stone. Panels one, two, three, and four are Norman work. The next is a double scroll, on the same principle as the single scroll at the right hand end. Then follow two Norman panels. The next is pre-Norman in type, but cut in Norman times. It is two bands, not one—the Anglo-Saxon would probably have made it all of one band. The last panel is an early classical scroll.

The *Norman window* before alluded to, is evidently the style in which the Nave of the Church was originally built, followed by the lancet window in the chancel, and the other windows, which are mostly of the Decorated English style.

The *Screen*, which is a good specimen of a fifteenth century Screen, is so far imperfect, that it has lost the figures on each side, which originally stood on the bases still remaining, and must have largely contributed to the richness and beauty of the design.



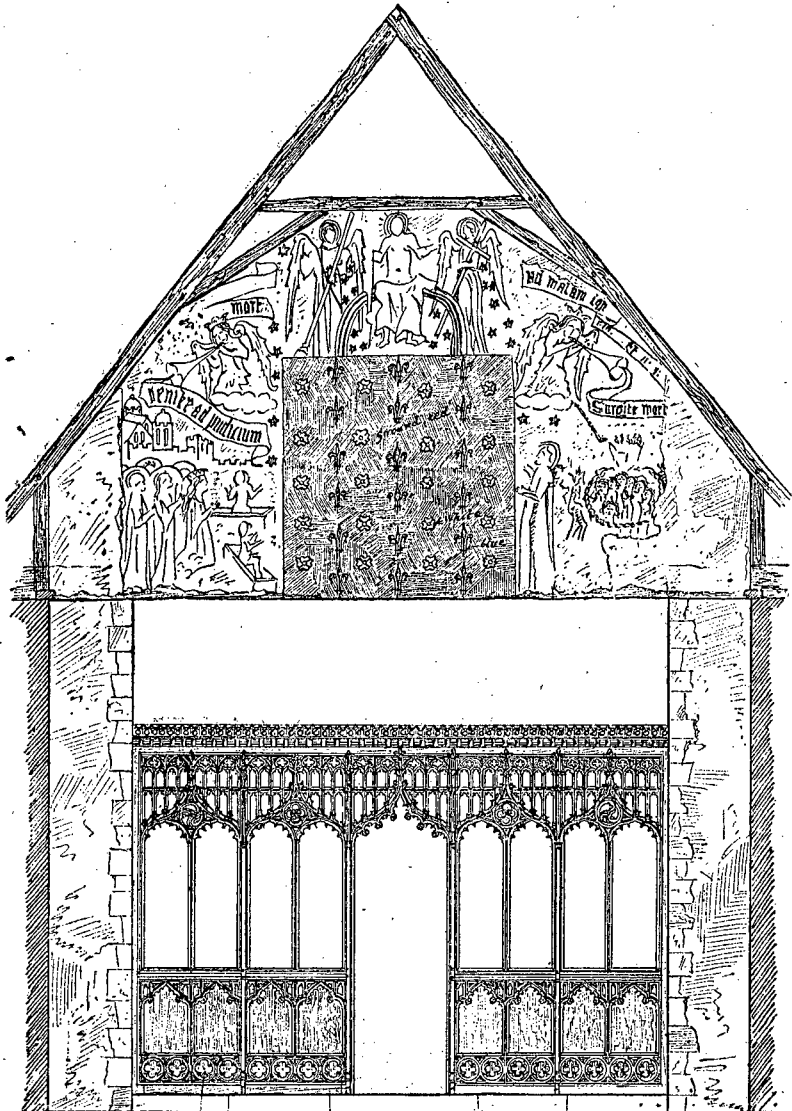
*Tracery found in the Chancel seats.*

EAST END OF NAVE, POSLINGFORD CHURCH.

Over it was the rood-loft, the entrance to which was obtained by two staircases discovered in the process of restoration; one through the doorway, the jambs of which are seen under the north-eastern window in the Nave, and the other from the ancient Sacristy, which was discovered outside the northern wall of the Chancel, and the foundations of which still remain. Above the screen the arch was filled in with plaster, and upon it was an elaborate fresco of the Last Judgment, representing the Saviour sitting upon a sphere, and an Angel on either side, with trumpets to their mouths, summoning the dead to Judgment. On the right were seen the righteous dead rising from their graves; and on the left the wicked, chained, and being led away by the devil and his angels. Among the latter it was instructive to observe, not only ordinary men and women, but also the crown of a king and the mitre of a bishop. It was intended to preserve this interesting work, but the ends of the rood-beam were decayed, and on a man going up to remove a tarpaulin, with which it was covered, the beam and fresco and man also, came down with a crash, destroying everything in its way. The screen had happily been previously removed for repair. The fresco was executed in red and yellow outline, with traces of other colours in the robes of the saints. The diaper work which occupied a square space below, was on a ground of red white and blue, ornamented with fleur de lis, and probably formed a background for the rood.

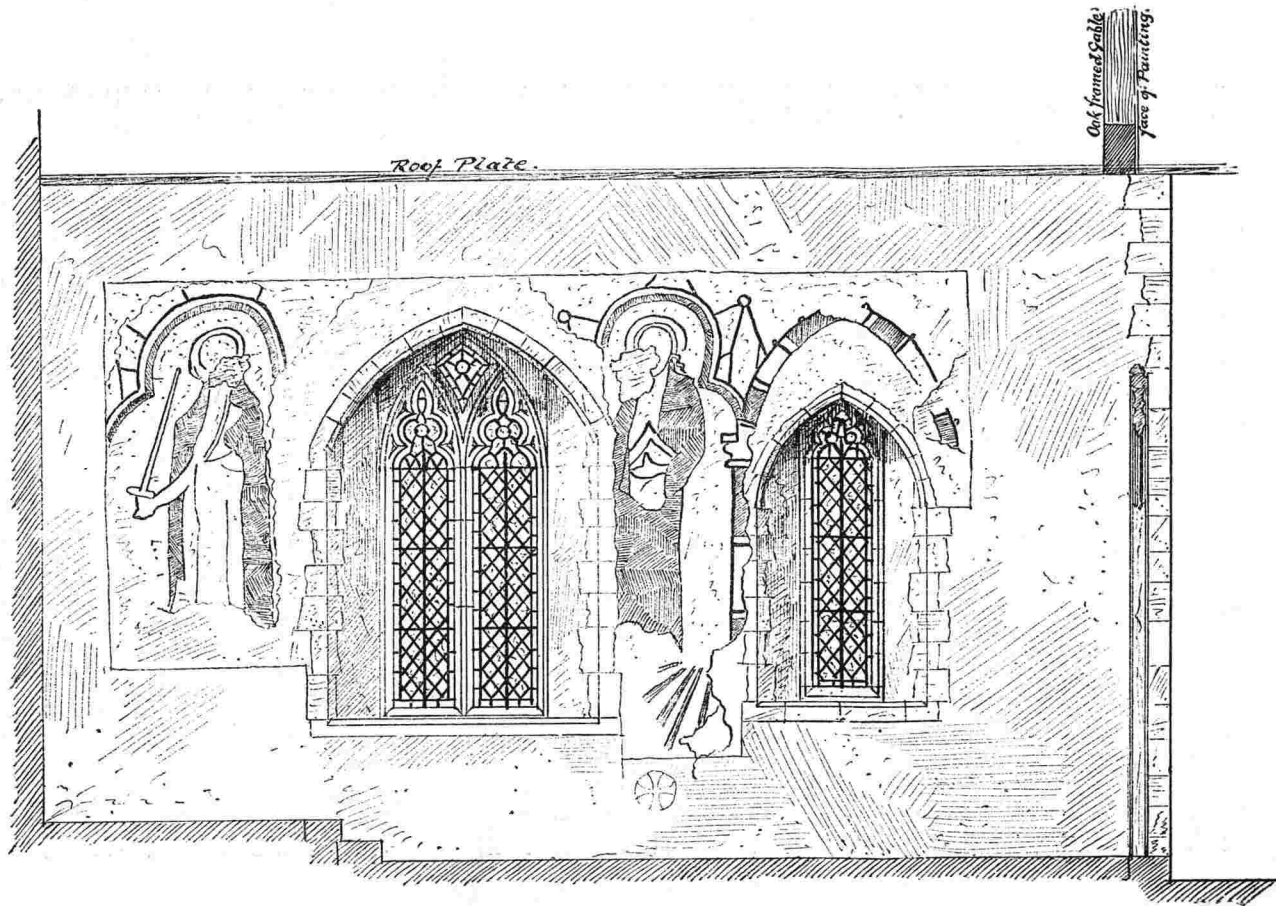
There are traces of colour in other parts of the Church indicating a complete scheme of subject painting.

The subjects on the south side of the Chancel (probably 13th century) are executed in a dark-red colour. We have surmised already that one of these represents the Founder of the Church. The other was perhaps S. Paul, with the sword in his hand. Opposite the western-most figure, but on the northern wall, were traces—but faint—of the Virgin and Child, and beneath each of the three figures a dedication cross and circle lightly carved in the plaster of the wall. These mural paintings were discovered in 1881,



*Panels found in the Chancel seats.*

EAST END OF NAVE, POSLINGFORD CHURCH.



SOUTH SIDE OF CHANCEL, POSLINGFORD CHURCH.

and drawings of them were carefully made by Mr. Colpoys, architect.

The *Font*, now restored to its original shape as a Norman Font, had been sadly mutilated, and stood in the middle of the aisle—the bowl placed on a massive pedestal of bricks and mortar. On removing and turning it up, the capitals of the five pillars upon which it now rests were discovered, and it was found that the corners of the bowl had been cut off, thus rendering the shape octagonal, for the convenience of persons passing it in the aisle. The corners were replaced, new pillars provided, and the Font restored to its original place at the south door.

The *Belfry* is furnished with five good bells, the tenor of which is said to be all that now remains of the ancient Abbey of Chipley, about half a mile distant, which was relegated to the College of Stoke by Clare in 1468. This Priory has now been converted into a farm-house, and the Conventual Church was entirely demolished in the year 1818. Many human bones, and some stone coffins (one of which is now in the churchyard) were brought here; and nothing now remains but the three fish-ponds—ascending one above another—one of which is said still to be well-stocked with fish.

#### FAMILY OF GOLDING.

The Golding family of New-House in this parish, were for a while considerable in the parish of Belchamp St. Paul, in Essex.

Thomas Golding of Cavendish, in Suffolk, Gent., married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Worthie, of Blamsters, in Halstead (Agnes, the other daughter, being the wife of John Sparrow, of Earl's Colne), and had by her John Golding of Paul's Belchamp and Halstead, one of the auditors of the Exchequer.

Sir Thomas Golding, was one of the Commissioners for certifying the charity lands in Essex. He married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas Roydon of East Peckham, Kent, widow of William Twisden (Berry's Kent Peds., 310). What issue he had by her is unknown; but George Golding of Poslingford was probably descended from him. The other son William Golding married Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund West of Cornard in Suffolk, by whom he had Edmund and Dorothy. Margaret their eldest sister, was wife of John de Vere, 16th Earl of Oxford, and had by him Edward, 17th Earl of Oxford (Morant's Essex, II., 328).

CHURCH NOTES. BY DAVY, 1831.

The Church consists of a Nave, Chancel, Porch, and Vestry, all covered with tiles.

The Chancel is 23 ft. long, and 18 ft. 3 in. wide. The Com<sup>n</sup>. table is raised 1 step and railed round. In the N. window are some remains of stained glass. Between the Nave and Chancel is a carved screen painted green. Over it in the centre are the arms of James, and on the sides the commandments.

The Nave is 40 ft. 6 in. long, by 23 ft. 5 in. wide, ceiled, as is also the Chancel. The Pulpit is of oak, plain, and stands near the centre of the S. wall. The Font is placed in the middle, a little westward of the door, of stone, octagon, plain. On the S. side is a porch of brick 11 ft. 2 in. N. and E. by 9 ft. 4 in. The arch into the Nave is circular.

The Steeple is a low square embattled Tower of Flints, containing 5 bells: dimensions within 9 ft. 2 in. square.

On the North side of the Chancel is a modern Vestry 12 ft. 6 in. long, by 8 ft. wide. The walls cast over.

PARISH REGISTERS.

*Baptisms.*

- 1683 William ye 3<sup>d</sup> son of John and Grace *Kenyon* born July ye 8 bap<sup>d</sup>. July 18.
- 1685 Eliz. ye 3<sup>d</sup> daughter of John and Grace *Kenyon* born on Sunday ye 12<sup>th</sup> of July and baptiz'd ye 21<sup>st</sup>
- 1687 John son of Robert and Sarah Rash Jun. 1.  
Edward ye son of John *Kenyon* Clerk and of Grace his wife born June ye 27 and bap<sup>t</sup>. July ye 12.

*Burials.*

- 1681 *Robert Rash* late Vicar of Poslingford in ye County of Suffolk was buried in Woollen only Aug<sup>t</sup>. ye 23<sup>d</sup> 1681 according to an Act &c. as appeareth by ye Affidavitt of Ann ye wife of Thom Coppinge ye 23<sup>d</sup> of Aug<sup>t</sup>.
- 1684 Eliz. the widow of Mr. Rash buried Ap. 16.
- 1697 The Ladie Mary *Villers* ye Relict of Sr G. Vyllrs of Goadby in Leices<sup>t</sup>. Bart. died suddainly at London ye 14 of Nov<sup>r</sup>. and was interr'd at Poslingford on tuesday the 23 of ye same month.
- 1721 Mr. *Richa. Webster* (late Vicar of Poslingford) was buried Jan. 18. Sarah Rash was buried 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- 1871 Catherine Rebecca Suttaby. æt. 67. Oct. 21.
- 1875 Reva. William Leonard Suttaby Vicar of this Parish July 31. aged 72.
- 1880 Mary Georgiana Jarvis May 7. æt. 49.



## MONUMENTS.

*In the Churchyard. North Side.*

Sacred to the Memory  
of the Honourable M<sup>rs</sup> ANNABELLA GOLDING  
Wife of GEORGE GOLDING Esq:  
Daughter of S<sup>r</sup>. SCROOP, afterward Lord Visc<sup>t</sup>. HOWE,  
and the Lady ANNE his Wife,  
Sixth Daughter of the R<sup>t</sup>. Honourable the Earl of RUTLAND  
who departed this Life,  
In Stedfast hope and full assurance  
of a Blessed Resurrection  
Thro' the alone Merits of Jesus Christ her Saviour  
In Life admir'd in Death lamented,  
Having been Pious Meek Humble,  
Compassionate Charitable Generous  
And in all things worthy imitation  
In an accomplish'd Lady, Exemplary,  
An Obedient Daughter Affectionate Wife and Sincere Friend.  
Born 1674. Buried 1720.

Hic THOMÆ GOLDING Arm<sup>g</sup>eri Conjuncti jacent  
juxta Conjugis dilectissimæ Cineres Obijt xi<sup>mo</sup> die Aug<sup>ti</sup> An. Dom. 1702.  
Ut in Vitâ, sic in morte

Ad Pedes hujus Venerandi Altaris Jacent Reliquiæ  
Illustrissimæ Dom<sup>us</sup> Dom<sup>us</sup> MARIE VYLLERS  
Coniugis charissimæ honorando Viro  
GEŌ VYLLES de GOADBY  
In Agro Leicestr Bar<sup>to</sup>  
Obijt xiv<sup>to</sup> die Nou<sup>be</sup> Ann. Dom. 1699

Hic a dextra Primogeniti sacræ vetat etiam hoc Marmore  
Requiescunt cineres pientissimæ dominæ charissimus conjux  
IODOCÆ GOLDING ; THO: GOLDING Armig.  
Matronæ adeo memorabilis hinc demigravit iv: Id: Jul:  
Ut quam virtus vetet mori An: Dom: MDCLXXXII:

My corps that We shall arise and  
here doth rest goe to ovr father  
shall soon be THOMAS GOLDING and  
fvly blest FRANCES his wife  
THOMAS GOLDING an<sup>o</sup>: dom: 1652  
aged 17 bvried

y<sup>e</sup> 7. of September An<sup>o</sup>. Dom: 1676.

Sacred to the Memory of two of his Children  
THOMAS COLEMAN, who died in their Infancy.  
who died June 4, 1828, Aged 52 Years. Also of MARY ANN his wife  
Also near this Stone lies who died Dec<sup>r</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup> 1831, Aged 67 Years.  
HELEN-MARY, and SAMUEL,

In Memory of  
 CAROLINE, Daughter of  
 THOMAS and MARY ANN COLEMAN,  
 who died Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1839, Aged 14 Years.

Sacred to the Memory of

THOMAS BROWN  
 late of Buly Green in this Parish ;  
 who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1842,  
 Aged 73 Years.

SARAH the Wife of  
 THO<sup>s</sup>. BROWN, of Poslingford,  
 who died  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> 1811, Aged 44 Years.  
 Leaving a Husband and ten Children  
 to lament her loss.

*East of the Church.*

Here rests in the hope  
 of a joyful resurrection the body of  
 HENRY LONG, who died November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1889, aged 75.  
 He was for many years a faithful and respected servant in the family of  
 M<sup>rs</sup> SEVERNE, and the late S. A. SEVERNE, Esq:  
 of Poslingford House, Suffolk.

Sacred to the memory of  
 ROBERT DEEKS,  
 who died after a very short illness  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> 1884, aged 64 years.

In Memory of  
 EAGLE ATKINSON,  
 who died April 6<sup>th</sup> 1818,  
 Aged 46 Years.

In memory of CHARLES GREEN PRICE late of  
 Kennington in the County of Surrey  
 Son of MATTHEW and ELIZ<sup>th</sup> PRICE  
 who are interred near this Place  
 He died the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1825, Aged 55 Years.

In Memory Of  
 ELIZABETH, the Wife of on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1802 Aged 31 Years.  
 GEORGE TURNER of this Parish Also of SARAH their Infant Daughr.

In Memory Of

MATT<sup>w</sup> PRICE Sen<sup>r</sup>.  
 who died Aug<sup>st</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>  
 1795 Aged 65 Years.

ELIZ<sup>th</sup> his Wife  
 who died July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 1790 Aged 54 Years.

In Memory Of

ROB<sup>t</sup>. GREEN PRICE  
 who died May 18<sup>th</sup> 1794  
 Aged 20 Years.

MATT<sup>w</sup> PRICE Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
 who died Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. 1788  
 Aged 21 Years.

In Memory Of  
 ELIZ<sup>th</sup> Wife of WILL<sup>m</sup> EAGLE  
 late of Hunden who died

1<sup>st</sup> of June 1751, Aged 67 Years  
 Also ELIZ<sup>th</sup> their Daughter  
 died 30<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1724 Aged 6 Y<sup>rs</sup>

Sacred to the memory of  
 SARAH Wife of WILLIAM FREEBORN  
 of Aldham Hall in this County,

And Dau<sup>r</sup>. of The late JOHN EAGLE  
of the Hall-Farm in this Parish ;  
She departed this Life Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1818. aged 53 years.  
Also of SAMUEL their Son  
who died March 30<sup>th</sup> 1807 aged 3 years and 8 months.

For the memory of MARY ANNE,  
Daughter of WILLIAM and SARAH FREEBORN.  
who departed this Life June 12<sup>th</sup> 1822, In her 17<sup>th</sup> Year.

Sacred to the memory of SAMUEL EAGLE late of Hundon  
who departed this life June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1850, Aged 35 Years.

Sacred to the memory of SAMUEL EAGLE  
Late of Hundon in this County,  
who died April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845, aged 78 years.

To the memory of  
SUSAN widow of the late SAMUEL EAGLE of Hundon  
who departed this life Feb<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1851, aged 74 years.

In loving memory of  
SIMON QUYE VIALI,  
who died January 11th 1885,  
in the 66th year of his age.

In Loving Memory of SARAH  
the Beloved Wife of REUBEN TAYLOR  
Who Departed this Life May 17th  
1885 Aged 21 Years.

In loving Memory of  
GEORGE BETTS Aged 32 Years who fell asleep July xvii, 1885

In Memory of JOHN LEVELL  
who departed this Life  
Agu<sup>st</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1881 Aged 78 years. Sacred to the Memory of  
SUSANNA the Daugh<sup>r</sup>. of  
JOHN EAGLE and of ELEANOR his Wife  
who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1794 Aged 66 Years.

*South of Church.*

In loving Memory of SUSAN, the beloved wife of JOHN READ,  
who died June 22nd 1885, Aged 63 years.  
JULIA ELIZABETH, their third daughter,  
who died May 4th 1864, Aged 3 years.

In memory of JAMES PRIER,  
who died Sep<sup>r</sup> 8th 1833, Aged 42 Years.  
Also of WILLIAM his Child who died an Infant.

Beneath are interred the bodies of  
JOHN SNELL,  
whodied March 19<sup>th</sup> 1857, Aged 84 Years. Sacred to the Memory of  
JOSEPH HUNT,  
who died Nov<sup>r</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup> 1842  
Aged 78 Years.  
And of MARY his Wife  
whodied Jan: 14<sup>th</sup> 1854 Aged 82 Years. FRANCES HUNT  
who died April 6: 1830.  
FREDERICK JAMES SNELL  
who died Dec: 21<sup>st</sup> 1821 Aged 6 Years.

In loving memory of  
GEORGE DEEKS, of Sturmer Hall, who departed this life  
February 8th 1892, in the 39th year of his age.

In loving memory of  
SARAH LOUISA, the beloved wife of GEORGE DEEKS,  
of Sturmer Hall, Suffolk, who died May 24th 1890, aged 34 years.

In Loving Memory of  
JAMES HENRY FISHER of  
Clopton Hall (for 24 years churchwarden of this Parish),  
Died March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881, aged 66 years.

In loving memory of  
JAMES AMBROSE,  
of Poslingford New House,  
who died February 8th 1892, aged 65 years.

Here lyeth the Body of JOHN SIMPSON  
Who departed this  
life October the 20 1700

In Memory of  
MARY the Dau<sup>tr</sup> of  
Fran<sup>s</sup> and J . . . BOWYER  
who died . . Nov 1777 Aged . . Years.  
(Bu. Nov. 15.)

In Memory of RICHARD MORTLOCK who died Sep<sup>t</sup>. 1784 Aged 53 Years. (bu. 19)  
Also of ANN MORTLOCK who died Sep<sup>t</sup>. 1784 aged 43 years. (bu. 11<sup>th</sup>)

Sacred to the memory of  
PHIL<sup>s</sup> HIBBLE Died 10 Dec 1808 Aged 70 Years  
ELIZ<sup>th</sup> his Wife Died 18<sup>th</sup> June 1809 Aged 66 Years

In memory of  
Mary Georgiana,  
the dearly loved Wife of Henry Jarvis, M. A.,  
Vicar of this Parish.  
who entered into rest April 30<sup>th</sup> 1880.  
With Christ which is far better. In pace.

In loving memory of  
AMY, the beloved wife of JAMES AMBROSE,  
who died April 27th 1888, aged 68 years.

In memory of  
SAMUEL ye Son of  
SAM<sup>l</sup>. and SUSANNA HILLS,  
who died 11<sup>th</sup> March 1754 Aged 12 Years.  
Nil præter Ætatem Puerile fuit.  
In affectionate remembrance of  
ELIZABETH,  
the beloved wife of  
DAVID RICHARDSON,  
who departed this life  
June 2nd 1882, aged 60 years.

In affectionate remembrance of  
ANN, wife of FREEMAN MUNNINGS,  
who died May. 13<sup>th</sup> 1880, aged 54 years.

In Memory of  
ELIZABETH, Wife of  
THOMAS WADE,  
who died June 10th 1853, Aged 73 Years.  
THOMAS WADE,  
died June 24th 1859 Aged 77 Years.

In Memory of

JOHN WADE

who died May 20<sup>th</sup> 1837 Aged 58 Years.

JOHN WADE

who died July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1798,  
Aged 74 Years.

MARY, his Wife

who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>. 1820,  
Aged 85 Years.

In memory of

BETT. wife of the late THO<sup>s</sup>. AMBROSE.

of Blacklands Hall Cavendish

who died Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1844, aged 67 years.

Sacred to the Memory of  
JOHN WADE AMBROSE.

who departed this life,  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1848, Aged 30 Years.

In memory of

MARY wife of JAMES AMBROSE, of Poslingford,  
who died March 2nd 1858, aged 42 years.

In loving memory of

THOMAS BASHAM,

who died March 7th 1885, aged 73 years.

KEZIA, his beloved wife

who died March 16 1885, aged 75 years.

In memory of

THOMAS FITCH, of this parish

who died Oct: 10<sup>th</sup> 1856, aged 64 years.

For all flesh is as grass.

also of his mother

ANN FITCH, of Depden

who died Dec: 10<sup>th</sup> 1854, aged 87 years.

In memory of

JOHN WILLIAM BENNETT,

who died March 29th, 1875, aged 57 years.

FANNY MARIA, his wife,

who died June 30th, 1864, aged 41 years.

INSIDE THE CHURCH.

*Chancel. North Window.*

To the glory of God and in memory of MARY GEORGIANA

wife of HENRY JARVIS M: A: vicar of this parish.

and only daughter of the late JOHN BARKER esq:

of Clare Priory, born January 15<sup>th</sup> 1831, died April 30<sup>th</sup> 1880

*South Side, Window.*

In memory of THOMAS WESTON BARKER who died abroad 13<sup>th</sup>

April 1871 aged 36

## IN THE NAVE.

*Over Door.*

H.S.E. Quod mortale fuit  
 Viri admodum reverendi CAROLI ANSON TISDALL  
 In Comitatu Eboracensi nati  
 Linguae Græcorum peritissimi atque Romanorum  
 Scholæ Grammaticis Wrexham in Comitatu Denbigh  
 Et Oswestry in Comitatu Salop per annos xx præfuit  
 Diem clausit supremum apud Clare A.D. 1811 Ætat. 73

*On West Wall.*

Vnder the stones beneath this Monvment  
 in expectation of a joyfvll resvrection  
 doe rest the bodies of FRANCES the wife  
 of THOMAS GOLDING of Newhourse in  
 Poslingford Esq who dyed and was here  
 bvried in the yeare of ovr Lord 1641  
 and the said THOMAS GOLDING Esq who  
 afterwards dyed and was here bvried  
 in the yeare of or Lord 1652 Leaveing  
 behind them THOMAS GOLDING Esq their son  
 and heir now liveing with several other  
 Sonns and davghters :  
 and likewise THOMAS GOLDING the first  
 borne son of y<sup>e</sup> said THOM : GOLDING Esq  
 now liveing by Joyce his beloved wife

In affectionate remembrance of  
 CATHERINE REBECCA,  
 the beloved wife of

WILLIAM LEONARD SUTTABY,  
 vicar of this parish ;  
 died October 16. 1871, aged 67 years.  
 also of the above named

WILLIAM LEONARD SUTTABY,  
 during a ministry of 27 years in this parish ;  
 he walked with God  
 and fell asleep in perfect peace July 25th, 1875,  
 in the 73rd year of his age.

In the vault in this chancel are  
 deposited the remains of colouel  
 THOMAS WESTON

late of the 14<sup>th</sup> royal veteran battalion,  
 and Shadowbush in this county. he died Nov<sup>r</sup>. the 27<sup>th</sup> 1843 aged 80.  
 this tablet is erected by his daughters as a tribute of affection to his memory.

In the vault in this chancel are  
deposited the remains of  
MARY WESTON,  
who died March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1839, aged 64.  
she was the beloved wife of  
col. WESTON, of Shadowbush in this county,  
by whom this tablet is erected  
as a tribute of affection to her memory.

Sacred to the memory of  
MARY SOPHIA  
the beloved wife of JAMES RAYMOND esq<sup>re</sup>  
of Baythorn Park Essex,  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the late Col. WESTON  
of Shadowbush in this county.  
died Aug<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845 aged 35.

*Window.*

In memory of SAM<sup>l</sup>. A. SEVERNE. of Poslingford  
who entered into his rest Jan<sup>y</sup>. 25. 1865

In Memory of  
THOMAS Son of  
JOHN and ELIZ<sup>th</sup>. EAGLE,  
who died 19<sup>th</sup> April 1788 Aged 25 Years.

In Memory of  
JOHN EAGLE | ELIZ<sup>th</sup> his Wife  
-Died July 21<sup>st</sup> 1806. Aged 80 Years. | Died April 5<sup>th</sup> 1803. Aged 75 Years.

In Memory of  
ELEANOR and SAM<sup>l</sup>: FENNER two Children of  
WILL<sup>m</sup>. and ELEANOR FENNER  
who died in their Infancy

In Memory of  
MARY Daughter of  
JOHN and HANNAH EAGLE,  
who died 11 April 1789  
in his Infancy

JAMES the Infant Son . . .  
of W<sup>m</sup> and ELEANOR FENNER  
died 1792. . . . .

In Memory of  
JOHN EAGLE the son of  
John and Eliz. Eagle.  
who died 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1792 Aged 37 years. who died Aug<sup>st</sup> 1795 Aged . . years  
She left three children  
Geo . . . and Sarah to lament her loss.

John Eagle Gent formerly of this Parish  
late of Chilton, died 14<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1757 aged 53.  
Eleanor wife of John Eagle Gent died May 6. 1766

## VICARS OF POSLINGFORD.

The following list has been made from the Bishops Registers at Norwich:—

- 1312 WILLIAM ATTE MORE, Aug. 9, ad præ. Pr. et Conv. de Dunmowe. (Reg. i. 48.)
- 1342 RICHARD SERLE de Thaxstede, Nov. 23, ad præ eorund. (III. 63.)
- 1349 JOHN JEKKE de Takele, May 20, ad præ eorund. (iv. 79.)
- 1349 RICHARD DE LENN, July 1, ad præ eorund. (88.)
- 1361 JOHN DE CHILTON de Clare, Aug. 24, ad præ eorund. (v. 48.)
- 1389 WILLIAM TADELAWE, Mar. 26, ad præ. eorund. (vi. 136.)
- 1392 GALFRIDUS ANDREW July 3 (pmut cum Harlston.) (167.)
- 1397 JOHN PARK, Jan. 6, ad præ eorund. (230.)
- 1402 ROBERT WHARRON, Oct. 7. by res. of Park (pmut Sutton Roff.) (286.) Robert Warham, alias Bringhandon, vic. of Sutton at Hone, which he resigned 1400. Had been vic. of Eastchurch, Kent. (Hasted II. 366.)
- 1404 WILLIAM TADCASTRE, Feb. 10. (314.)
- 1407 JOHN MONE, Dec. 17. (pmut cum Melreth, Elien.) (VII. 3.)  
WILLIAM SUTTON.
- 1429 WILLIAM MEYR, Jun. 23, vac. by death of William Sutton, ult. vic. (IX. 92.)
- 1433 JOHN OVYK, Oct. 13, vac. by res. of W. Meyr. (65.)  
JOHN BARNARD.
- 1486 RICHARD SKYNNER, Nov. 11, vac. by res. of J. Barnard. (XII. 120.)
- 1506 JOHN MYMYNG, July 27, vac. by res. of R. Skynner. (XIII. 68.)
- 1521 THOMAS HUKTON, May 7, vac. by death of J. Mymyng. (XVI. 61.)
- 1535 ROGER JACKSON, Mar. 22, vac. by death of T. Hukton. (10.)
- 1563 JOHN LEWYNS, Sep. 18, vac. by death of R. Jackson, ad præ. Thæ. Golding. (XIX. 88.)
- 1584 ROBERT ALLIN, vac. by death of J. Lewyns, ad præ. Geo: et Hen. Golding. (XX. 117.)
- 1587 MORGAN ROBERTS, Sep. 22. vac. by res. of R. Allin. (154.)
- 1590 WILLIAM COLTE, Jan. 13, vac. by res. of M. Roberts. (192.)
- 1599 ZACHARIAS SAUNDERS, M.A. Aug. 22, vac. by res. of W. Colte, ad præ. Thæ. Golding, Ar. (278.)
- 1601 WILLIAM JOHNSON, B.A. July 26, vac. p. deprivaçoem mri Zachariæ Saunders, ult. incumb. ad præ ejusd. (293.)
- \* 1627 FRANCIS ABBOTT, M.A., Ap. 7. ad præ ejusd. 1636 Consignation Book 77, ordinatus presb. p. Theop. Landava ep., 12 May, 1625. (XXII. 22, 23.) in pres. Thos. Golding, arm. (Lib. Inst., III., 21. Record office.) Buried June 5, 1654 at Cavendish.

1622. Augustine Scham - of Elmawell 1627-37.



- 1644 ROBERT RASH, M.A., Jun. 12, vac. by res. of F. Abbott. (xxiv. 41.)  
In pres Thos. Golding. Bu. Aug. 23, 1681.
- 1681 JOHN KENYON, Jan. 12, vac. by death of R. Rash, ad præs Thos.  
Golding. Also vic. of Clare. (xxvii. 75.)
- 1703 JOHN JEFFERY, Dec. 21. vac. by death of J. Kenyon, ad præs. Geo.  
Goldyng, ar. (xxviii. 193.)
- 1716 RICHARD WEBSTER, M.A. June 26, vac. per deprivatn J. Jeffery  
ult. inc. in pres. Geo. Golding arm. (109.) Bu. Jan. 18. 1721.
- 1722 MATTHEW BELL, B.A. June 1. vac. by death of R. Webster, in  
pres. Geo. Golding. ar. (201.) In 1733 R. of Gestingthorp,  
also Vicar of Clare. (Morant II. 309.)
- 1750 RICHARD GODFREY, M.A. Oct. 2 vac. by death of M. Bell, pres.  
Geo. Sherwood, Gent. (xxx. 146.) Lond. Mag. 1750. 477.
- 1766 JOHN BELL, Mar. 25, vac. by death of R. Godfrey, on pres. of  
Geo. Golding. (xxxI. 28.) also Vicar of Clare.
- 1767 ARTHUR KAY, B.A. Sep. 30, vac. by cession of J. Bell, on pres.  
Geo. Golding. Esq. (40.)
- 1804 WILLIAM SADLER, M.A. Jun. 12. vac. by death of A. Kay, pat.  
Rev. Geo. Golding Golding. (xxxii. 92.) Gent. Mag. 74. 686.  
Also Vicar of Clare.
- 1833 JOHN COX, M.A. Aug. 23, vac. by res. of W. Sadler, on pres. of  
Thos. Weston, a colonel in army, and Mary his wife.  
(xxxiii. 164.) Order transferring part of the Archdeaconry  
of Sudbury from the diocese of Norwich to the diocese of  
Ely, dated Ap. 19, 1837. Orders in Council. I. 48, pub. 1843.
- 1838 WILLIAM LEONARD SUTTABY, M.A. S. John's Coll. Cam. B.A. 1826;  
M.A. 1829, d. 1826, p. 1827, P. C. of Denston, 1836. Patron  
Thomas Weston. Mar. Ap. 18. 1844, at S. Dunstan's in the  
West, Catherine Seeley. (S. Jas. Chron. Ap. 18-20, 1844.)  
He d. July 28, 1875, æt. 72. M.I. Was vicar 37 years.
- 1876 HENRY JARVIS, M.A. Ch. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1843, M.A. 1847, d. 1844;  
p. 1845. Patrons Trustees of Thos. Weston. Formerly C.  
of H. Trin. Hurdsfield, Chesh. 1844-45; Witney, 1845-46;  
C. of Park Chap. Chelsea, 1855-61. Married Sep. 5, 1854,  
at Camberwell, Mary Georgiana Barker, who was bu. here  
May 7. 1880, æt. 49. M.I.

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Thurston Hall was next visited. This is an excellent example of the domestic architecture at the commencement of the seventeenth century. It is a matter of profound regret that the gradual decline which has taken place in agriculture, should have deprived such a unique structure of the class of tenant once found within its walls, but it is to be feared that this is only one of many old Halls in this district of which the same lamentable tale has to be told. Here appears its brief history as told by the Honorary Secretary.