



GRAVEYARD

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF THE LOWER ARROW VALLEY

WARWICKSHIRE

PART 1

ALCESTER: BAPTIST AND PARISH CHURCH CEMETERIES

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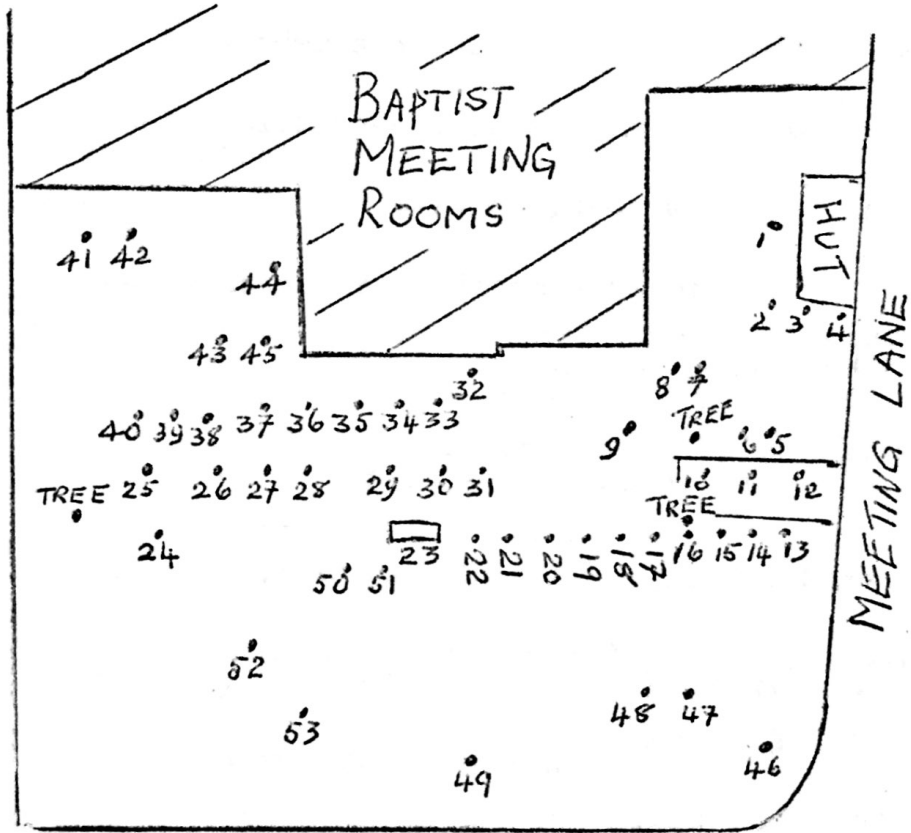
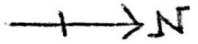
The contents of this Paper are part of a project of the Local History Society to publish the memorial inscriptions still readable in the cemeteries of the parishes of the Lower Arrow Valley, Warwickshire. Many gravestones are already unreadable and in a few years many more will be so. Where it is possible to do so, we append biographical notes on the families recorded in individual graveyards.

The following abbreviations are used:- CR - Cross; d - died; d - also daughter; H - horizontal stone; s - son; Sm - stonemason; ST - standing stone; w - wife.

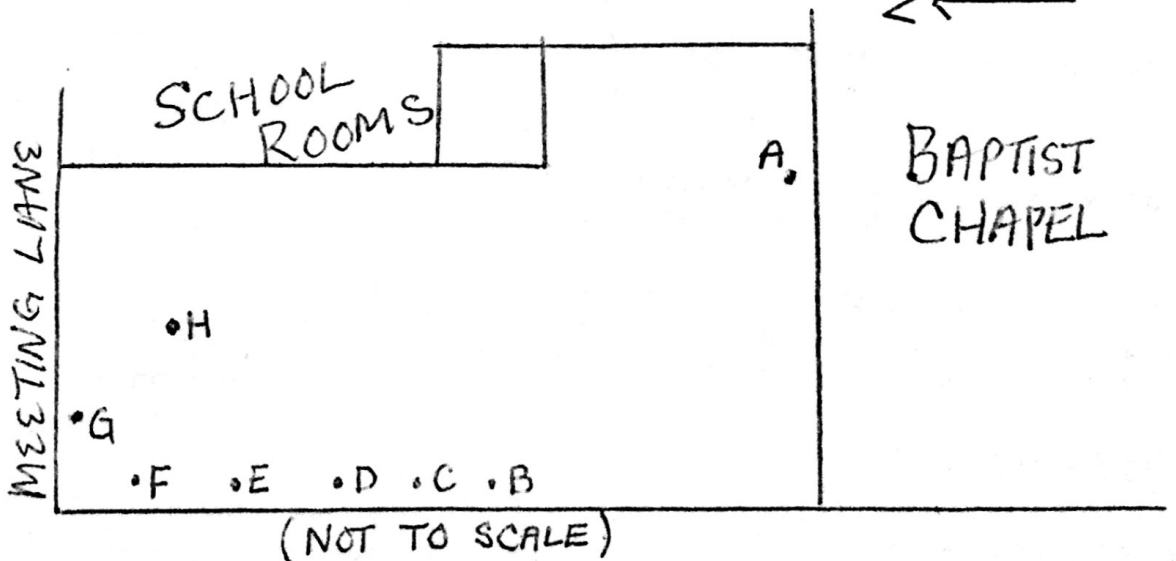
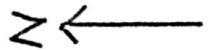
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1 CM = 2.5 M.
1 IN = 20.8 FT.

BAPTIST GRAVEYARD
ALCESTER



BAPTIST GRAVEYARD
FRONT SECTION



BAPTIST CEMETERY, ALCESTER: -- BACK OF THE MEETING ROOMS

No.on
plan

- 1 ST decayed Sm Thomas Davis, Inkberrow
- 2 ST decayed
- 3 ST probably readable but hidden by hut
- 4 ST " " " " " "
- 5 ST SMITH Alexander s of Richard & Elizabeth. Died at Toddington
- 6 ST CHATTAWAY Elizabeth d of Richard & Elizabeth. Died at Toddington
- 7 ST M---- M----- M----- children who died in their infancy
- 8 ST ----- Isaac s of Isaac & Esther
- 9 ST BARBER Joshua d Sept 26 1877 aged 72: Joshua d Aug 11 1877 aged 37 eldest s: Frances Esther d Oct 15 1876 aged 5 d: F.M. d Jan 26 1890 aged 77 Relict:
- 10 ST WRIGHT Josiah d Jan 26 1874 aged 85 of Alcester: Mary d March 21 1864 aged 72 wife: Sm Davis Bidford
- 11 ST C----- J-----
- 12 ST WATSON Joseph d July 29 1906 aged 84: Mary d Feb 1902 aged 78
- 13 ST SIMMONS Catherine Susanna d Sep 3 1861 aged 10: Mary fanny d May 25 1865 aged 16: ds of William & Ann
- 14 ST SIMMONS William d Nov 18 1880 aged 73: Ann d Feb 4 1893 w aged 80: Sm Berridge
- 15 ST SHERIFF Edward d Feb 21 1875 aged 70 of Alcester: Emma d Sep 11 1902 aged 73 d: Sm Davis Bidford
- 16 ST WRIGHT Eliza d July 23 1880 aged 51 second w of late Josiah Wright: Sm Davis Bidford
- 17 ST WRIGHT Ann w d Jan 24 1889 aged 75: William d Mch 1 1896: Sm Berridge Alcester
- 18 ST LANE Pethania d Jan 10 1884 aged 50 w of Samuel late of Haselor
- 19 ST BUTTLER Thomas: M-----:
- 20 ST DAVIS John d 188- died at Nuneaton, buried Chilvers Coton: Jane Elianor d 1861 aged 19 d of John: Sm Davis Bidford
- 21 ST DAVIS Margaret Susanna d 1863 aged 19 d of John & Jane of Nuneaton: Sm Davis Bidford. The sisters were lovely and Pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not long divided
- 22 ST DAVIS Jane d Feb 24 1870 aged 63 w of John, Nuneaton Sm T. Chape-1 & Son
- 23 VERTICAL BOMFORD Benjamin d Oct 21 1879 aged 59: w Susanna d 4 SIDED May 3 189- aged 80: Eleanor Susanna d July 8 1865 aged 14: Mary Jane d Feb 29 1868 aged 16: -ar- Elizabeth d March 25 1888 aged 32: DAVIES Rosa Emily d May 27 1891 aged 33 widow of Rev. Walter Davies: CRYSTAL Margaret Louisa d April - 1-35 widow of Rev. Colin Chrystal:

- 24 H PAM--- Matthew
- 25 ST FENNEMORE John d Nov 26 1891 aged 60 Sm Berridge
- 26 H PHILPIN Moses d Aug 1889 aged 72: Marietta w d June 17 1906 aged 81
- 27 ST CORBETT Mary Ann d Oct 6 1920 aged 75: William d Dec 18 1928 aged 82: Emily d Dec --- aged 47 d
- 28 ST CORBETT William d Nov 27 1877 aged 6 eldest s of William & Mary Ann of Oversley Hill Farm: Tom, "dear little" d Feb.2 1878 aged 4. For William, "after 3days illness of diphtheria". For Tom "after 6 days illness of diphtheria" Sm Davis Bidford
- 29 H BROWN Hugh Frazer d Feb 20 1870 aged 40: Martha w d July 27 1901 aged 73: Catherine d Nov 27 1870 aged 86: Frank d Feb 4 1899 aged 39 Caulk Hill Evesham.
- 30 ST decayed
- 31 ST decayed
- 32 H SALMON Herbert James April 9 1930 aged 74: Mary Hannah d Feb 5 1943 aged 86: brother and sister
- 33 H BOMFORD James d Nov 19 1871 aged 47: w Elizabeth d Mch 1909 aged 75. Sarcophagus type stone
- 34 ST BOMFORD Percy "dear" d Feb 14 1898 aged 25: Edith "dear" d May 27 1897 aged 33: brother & sister. s of and second d of Benjamin & Helen
- 35 ST BOMFORD Harry "dear" born Aug 25 1870 d 1877: 3rd s of Benjamin & Helen, born New Zealand, died Alcester
- 36 ST BOMFORD Bertie "dear" d May 17 1875 eldest s of Benjamin & Helen; born New Zealand Jan 17 1866 died at Alcester aged 9 years: Amy Charlotte d July 10 1873 aged 3 months, 3rd d: Sm Davis Bidford
- 37 H BOMFORD Benjamin d May 25 1882 aged 47: late of Alcester, d.Great Alne: Helen d Jan 5 1917 aged 81. Sarcophagus type stone.
- 38 ST BOMFORD Nellie May 4th 18-- aged 5 years Worcester; 6th d of Benjamin & Helen Sm Davis Bidford
- 39 ST STANLEY David d March 12 1885 aged 60: w Ann Maria d 1901 aged 75
- 40 CR SMITH Edwin d Dec 25 1907 aged 82: Sophia d Feb 8 1906 aged 75 w: JOHNSON Amelia d Feb 22 1882 aged 82 m-in-law
- 41 H WILLIAMS James d Aug 9 1921 aged 66
- 42 H WILLIAMS Sophia d 1946 aged 89
- 43 ST HITCHINGS Sarah Jane d Aug 18 1890 aged 11 d of Thomas & Jane
- 44 ST KNIGHT George d Aug 12 1923 aged 79: w Emily Ann d June 4 1926 aged 79
- 45 H HITCHINGS Thomas d Jan 29 1898 aged 74: w Jane d July 8 1883 aged 41-- of Alcester
- 46 ST FREEMAN Henry d Nov 17 1896 aged 74: w Mary d March 4 1889 aged 78
- 47 ST decayed Sm -ril--
- 48 ST LEWIS William d Jan 22 1890 aged 65: w Elie Abeth d June 3 1892 aged 64 Sm Berridge

- 49 H BROOKE Sophia d Jan 1 1-61 aged 71
 50 H BOMFORD Fanny d March 13 1880 aged-9
 51 H SIMPSON Florence Alexandra born March 10 1863 d June 2
 1886 wife of Alfred: HITCHINS Charles James, her broth-
 er d Feb 1887 aged 30
 52 ST SALMON James d July 1 1879 aged 75: w Rebecca d March 24
 1909 aged 91 Sm Berridge Alcester
 53 H DOLPHIN George d Nov 22 1903 aged 72: w Harriett d Sep 3
 1909 aged 78: children:- Ida d Dec 16 1877: Ada and
 George in infancy Sm Davis Bidford

ALCESTER BAPTIST CEMETERY:--- FRONT OF MEETING ROOMS

- A H CAWLEY William d March 21 1840 aged 84: s Robert
 d Sep 22 1838 aged 54
 B ST Decayed
 C ST Decayed
 D ST Names unreadable d 18-- aged 8- Sm Davis Bidford
 E ST Decayed
 F ST COX Job d 1775 aged 6-: w Ann d 1744: s Joseph
 GO--E William d June 20 1783 Hooknorton. Cherubs heads
 G ST WRIGHT John William d Jan 17 1830 aged 15 s of Josiah
 and Mary "After a long and painful affliction"
 H ST HUGHES Benjamin d April 1836 aged 69: w Mary

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Biographical Notes on Some of the Inscribed Surnames

- 5 SMITH There was a Richard Smith at the "Roebuck" in 1892
 but there may be no connection.
 9 BARBER Joshua (father or son?) was a grocer/shoemaker
 on Evesham Street.
 12 WATSON Joseph was a needlemaker.
 13 SIMMONS Censuses show Simmons at Bleachfield Street, needle-
 14 maker and grocer; Census ages agree re Ann but not
 William.
 15 SHERIFF Edward in 1871 Census lived on Moors; he was retired
 bricklayer/builder.
 10 WRIGHT Josiah lived in Bleachfield Street (Censuses) and
 was a leather-seller and pawnbroker.
 17 WRIGHT William was a pawnbroker and later a draper on
 High Street.
 19 BUTTLER In 1851 there was a Thomas in Malt Mill Lane who was
 a milk man (born 1795) and in 1871 there was a Thom-
 as in High Street who was a sawyer (born 1824)
 20 - DAVIS Probably not from Alcester as they do not appear
 22 in Census Returns.

- 23 BOMFORD Benjamin does not appear in any Alcester Census Returns; nor does Walter Davies and wife.
- 25 FENNEMORE John was a master needle-scourer at Ragley Mill and superintendant of the Baptist schools.
- 29 BROWN Hugh Frazer farmed at Beauchamp Court and was High Bailiff and one of committee which built present Baptist Chapel. He died aged 40, drowned in River Arrow; wife baptised at Chapel in 1870 and continued to run the farm until 1878.
- 33 BOMFORD James lived at the Market Place, probably at Church-ill House and was agricultural seedsman & woolstapler
- 37 BOMFORD According to Directories Benjamin lived at "Field House" on Birmingham Road but we know of no such address.
- 39 STANLEY David was bricklayer in 1851, an omnibus driver in 1861 and a china dealer in the '70's. He lived in Bleachfield Street.
- 40 SMITH Edwin was a builder cum carpenter on Butter Street.
- 44 KNIGHT George was an ostler in 1861 & shepherd in 1871.
- 45 HITCHINGS Thomas, of the Hitchings family who conducted the ironmongery business in High St. (now "Handyman") Rest of family were Quakers.
- 46 FREEMAN In 1861 Census he is a labourer in Henley Street. In 1851 a coaldealer; in 1871 a strawdealer, though in Censuses ages of Henry and Mary incorrect.
- 48 LEWIS According to Censuses William Workman Lewis was a gardener in Bleachfield St. Wife's name Elizabeth.
- 49 BROOKE 1841 - 1861 she ran a grocery shop in Evesham St; apparently a spinster.
- 51 SIMPSON Alfred was a grocer in Priory Road. We have no Charles James in our Society files.
- 52 SALMON 1871 Census, assistant overseer, Birmingham Road. 1865 (Wardens Accounts) sold bread to church.
- 53 DOLPHIN George born Swan St; lived Priory Rd. and Church St. Photographer (studio Butter St) printer, stationer.
- 26 PHILPIN 1845 - 1883 Baptist minister, lived Milford House, now Gresley House, Priory Rd. He played a full part in life of the town. Memorial stone inside Chapel.
- A CAWLEY Robert lived 3/5 High St., a pawnbroker, auctioneer & shoemaker.
- F COX Job was a butcher in High St. Family business went back to at least 1615 and family staunchly Baptist.
- G WRIGHT See No.10
- H HUGHES Benjamin occupied Arden House, Henley St. and was a gardener/seedsman. He married Mary Hemming, whose letters are at Birmingham Central Library.

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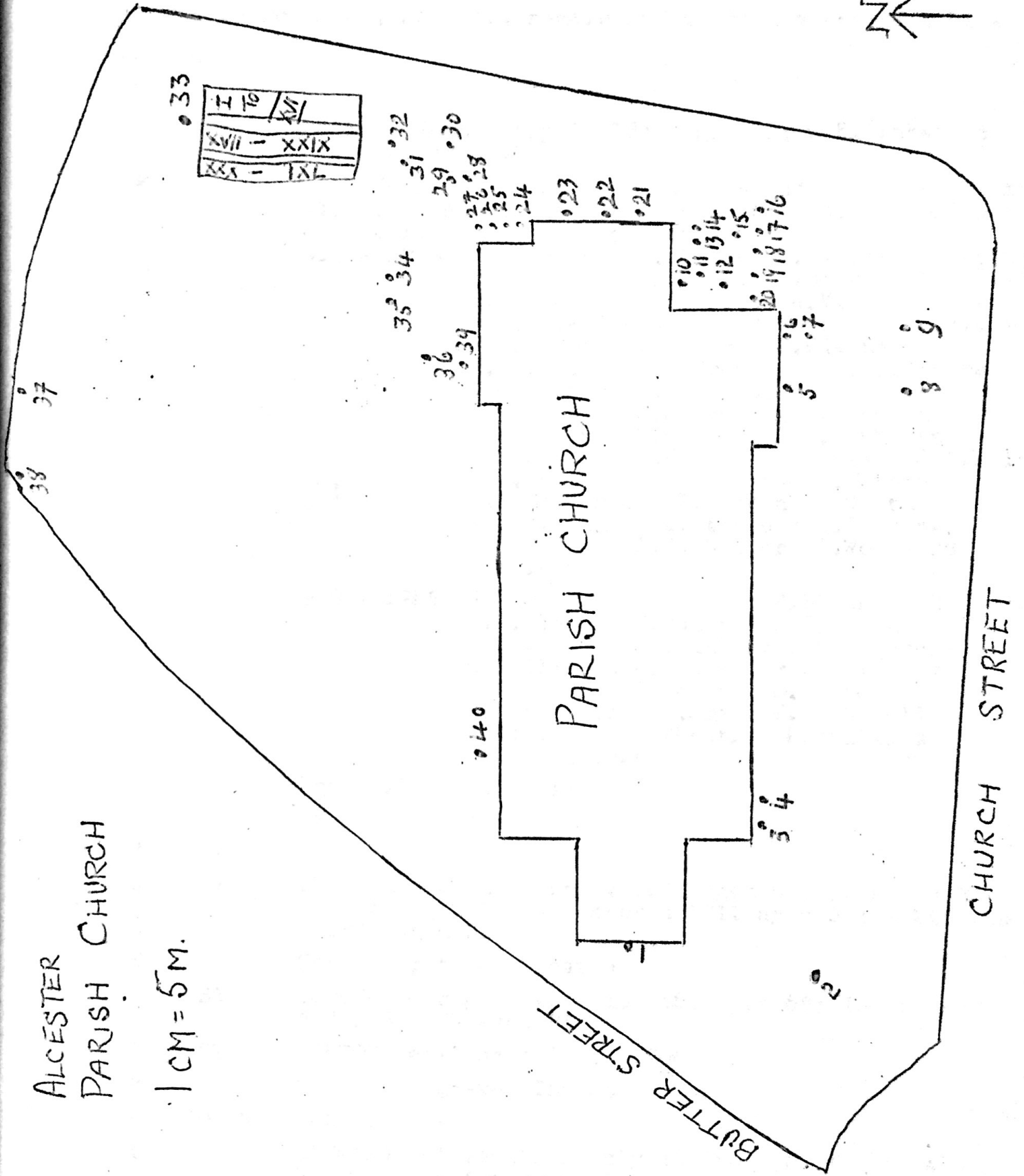
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ALCESTER
PARISH CHURCH

1 CM = 5 M.



Alcester Parish Church Graveyard

Most of the headstones which used to surround the church are no longer there; some, however, remain and these are recorded here.

No. on plan

- 1 H RUSSEN John d May 3 1833 aged 61; w Elizabeth d Nov. 18-2 aged -0
- 2 CR WAR MEMORIAL To the Glory of God and in Honour of the Fallen. Pass not this stone in sorrow but in pride and may you live as nobly as they died
 1914 - 1918: R.Allcock C. Bates G.Baylis P.Baylis
 B.Biddle W. Blake J.Booker W.T.Boyce
 W.R.Bowen G.P.Breeze A.V.Chandler
 W.T.Cockbill H.F.Coldicott G.H.Cox
 R.O.Devey T.C.Devey P.Edkins
 F.J.Edwards A.T.Freeman A.Gallimore
 S.Gallimore T.H.Hancox F.W.Harris
 J.Hawtin G.A.Hemming C.Johnson
 F.Johnson C.E.Jones A.B.Jephcott
 A.E.Keyte W.Keyte B.Mills E.C.Mills
 H.H.Overbury F.Painter J.L.Purton
 W.T.Richardson T.Robbins A.Smith
 W.E.T.Stanton A.Steele R.W.Tipping
 H.J.Tomlin A.J.Wheeler G.Woodward
 V.Welsby
 1939 - 1945 S.Barley A.Baylis F.Blount E.R.Biddle
 A.W.Bonham F.Bunting W.Canning
 C.H.Cartmale F.Duxbury J.Fitzgerald
 W.Gallimore W.H.Hemming C.D.Ingram
 R.Keyte D.Meehan E.Portman
 H.E.Roberts F.W.Smith J.M.Shewell
 J.Tarver J.Wheatley B.Williams
 R.C.Woolnough
 Korea 1950 E.Strain
 Sm Davis Bidford
- 3 H Decayed
- 4 H LANGSTON John d Apr.17 1808 aged 65(?); Ann d Dec 30 1821 aged 71; d Hester d 1811 aged 22; s William d 1812 aged 22
- 5 Table top tomb Decayed
- 6 ST TONGUE George d June 19 1669 aged 68; Temperance d Jan 5 1683 aged 85
- 7 ST HINTON William d Aug.3 1704
- 8 Table top grave Thomas
- 9 & 10 H Both decayed
- 11 H HEMMING Elizabeth d July 14 1801; d of John and Susanna Hemming aged 31
- 12 H HEMMING Mr.John d Apr.19 1811 aged 70; s Mr.John d May 5 1811; w Susannah d Feb 25 1801 aged 68
- 13 H Decayed
- 14 H HAZAEL William d Mch. 16 1824 aged 73; Charles infant son of James Brown and grandson of William d Oct. 26 1824 aged 2

**Painter a mistake for PANTER*

15 - 20	H	Decayed
21	H	WRIGHT(?)
22	H	HAINES Edward Hunt d June 8 1833 aged 31; Praises on stone are vain words idly spent, A man's good name is his best monument. Sm Joshua Wilkes
23 - 26	H	Decayed
27	H	PERKS Benjamin d 17--; ---- April; Samuel d 17--;
28	H	MASCALL William Hands d Nov.6 1846 aged 51
29 & 30	H	Decayed
31	H	MIDDLETON Thomas d Dec.23 1836 aged 76; w Esther d Aug 1 1827 aged 7-
32	ST	HOPKINS(?)
33 - 36	H	Decayed
37 - 38	ST	Decayed
39	H	TIMMS Philadelphia
40	H	PRATT Henry d Jan.26 1865 aged (7) ⁵ 0; w Mary Anne

Cremation plots marked by small inscribed tablets

1 - XV1	Michael K.L.Morris 1945 - 1970; Ada Yates d 1968 and Ernest Thomas Yates 1977 aged 81; James Edward Stally 64, Laura Stally 65, 1967; Ruby Lawrance 1967; Baden Roberts Wheeler 1967 aged 66; Robert Faulkner 1969 aged 56; Norman Charles Ripington 1969 aged 46; Donald Richardson 1927 - 1969; John Brian Horton 1972 aged 21; Shadrack Hopkins 1904 - 1972; William Thornton 1904 - 1972; Muriel Baylis 1905 - 1972; Sarah Kathleen Wright 1922 - 1972; Jane Ann Brown 1888 - 1971; Ken Sainsbury 1904 - 1971; Cyril Frank Clulee 1970 aged 47;
XV11 - XX1X	William George Bowell(Bill) 1915 - 1976; Kate Jessie Barnet 1878 - 1975; Harold W.Blundell 1905 - 1975; Thomas Haines 1900 - 1974 and Mary Ann 1901 - 1978; Frank H.Blundell 1900 - 1974; Stanley Gordon Coleman 1906 - 1974; Owen David Evans 1913 - 1976; Vivian Droller 1891 - 1975; William G.Wright 1899 - 1973; Emily Jane Baker 1887 - 1973; Fred Daffern 1909 - 1974; Albert E. Grummett 1902 - 1974; Andrew John Searson aged 14 d 1972;
XXX - 1XL	E.Reginald Grummett 1909 - 1978; Dorothy Joan Whitmarsh 1923 - 1978; Norman Fanthome 1936 - 1978; James Febery 1924 - 1977; Ernest J.C. Steele 1901 - 1977; Raymond Price 1923 - 1977; J.F.Smith (MBE) 1908 - 1975; Deirdre Christine Adams 1923 - 1976; Derrick B.Crick 1933 - 1978; William Lewis Devey 1922 - 1976;

*Miss spelt. Should be
Droller*

Notes on Parish Church Stones

No.

- 1 Directories show a John Russen as organist and teacher in Priory Street 1830. He may be the grandfather of William who kept "Turk's Head" 1870's and 1880's.
- 4 John Langston was a miller (Priory Mill), baker and mealman He lived on High St (probably at Savory and Moore) and at Pound House (now destroyed, by Total Garage)
- 6 George Tongue was a baker, fairly prosperous (4 hearths in Tax Returns) and probably lived in Butter St. Family runs right through 17th cent. and into 18th.
- 7 Hinton. A William Hinton in 1690 refused to pay his Easter dues (Wardens' Presentments)
- 12 Hemming. John at "Kings Head" (Stanley's shop, High St); butcher and printer. Father of Mary Hughes (V. Baptist inscriptions)
- 22 Haines. Although only 31 at death, left 5 children. Direct ancestor of Haines of Alcester Brewery and present local family.
- 27 Perks. Thomas, baker, died 1723; left a son, Benjamin.
- 28 Mascall. W.H. was an auctioneer, also churchwarden; Henley Street.
- 31 Middleton. Thomas lessee of "Bear" and landowner.
- 39 Timms. Philadelphia (born 1779) wife of John, grocer at Whitehead's, High Street from c.1810 - 1850.
- 40 Pratt. Henry ran a drapery business at 11a, High St., following his father, James Erasmus. His wife, Mary Ann, died 1885, kept on the business.

Stonemasons at Baptist and Parish Church Graveyards

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| Davis, Bidford: | Charles in Directories from 1870's to 1890's and William H. from 1900 to 1932 |
| Davis, Inkberrow | Family shown in Directories in 1840's and 1850's and still there in 1884 |
| Berridge, Alcester | Robert noticed in Directories in 1890's and up to 1912; address is Henley Street. |
| Wilkes | Joshua in 1845 supplies stone to church (Wardens' Accounts) but it is unlikely that he was an Alcestrian. |