

Miscellaneous inscriptions on gravestones in the old West Lulworth churchyard

Some ages are inscribed as, for example, 'in the 57th year of his age'. The age is then given as 56.

134: This stone is erected by a few friends in grateful remembrance of **Adolphus Erlebach** who laboured as a faithful home missionary in this and the adjacent villages 25 years. He died Aug 4 1864 aged 83. Also **Mary** his wife who died March 28 1867 aged 88. Also **Mary Ann Erlebach** their only daughter who died June 19 1896 aged 78 years.

[More information on Erlebach family to be found in W Lulworth URC History by Vivienne Erlebach]

206: **Charles White Bower**(s) died Nov 16 1874 aged 28

When on earth I did remain
I was afflicted with much pain
And when the Lord he thought best
He took me to a place of rest.

207: **Elizabeth White Bower**

For 13 years caretaker of the West Lulworth Conservative Clubroom

208: **Caroline** wife of John **Williams** of Bere Regis
and daughter of William Barnes of Lulworth
who died March 16 1870 age 51

212: {Note that Henry Barnes NOT born 1811 – the stone looks like '18 1 1', but 1844. Burial record has b 1754, buried 1 Mar 1844, name Henry BARNER}

214: **Anne** wife of Samuel Smith **Barnes** of Lulworth and daughter of the late J?? Williams of Bere Regis

221: **Edward Lampard**

Long was his illness
Great was his pain
Great was my loss

And his clerical gain

229: **Emma** daughter of William and Ann **Thompson** of Stamford, died at West Lulworth

233: **Ruth Harvell** daughter of William and Ann Thompson, died at West Lulworth

309: **Thomas Chope** - Warbarrow Coastguard Station drowned.
(Probably legible)

318: Hear leyeth (sic) ye body of **Edward Ballrick** who dep this life 1707(?) and **Mary** his wife dep this life 1740
(No ages given)

406: **Richard Furmedge**

If God had asked me, well I know
I should have said O spare this blow
Yes, with streaming tears should say
Lord, I love him, let him stay.

425: Inscription is simply HD + MD

BD + HD

RD + LD

L(?)D + BD

No other inscription whatsoever - presumably 8 individuals from the same family

431: **Jane**, wife of Hubert **Willis**, daughter of Henry and Virtue Vye
Hubert Willis died at Weymouth

603 North: William Percy Schuster for 27 years vicar of this parish

603 South: Ernest Budden, Dorset Yeomanry, Dardanelles, age 22

William Charles, Corpl 5th Battalion Dorset Regiment, Dardanelles, age 20

Bertram Whittle, B Company, 5th Battalion Dorset Regiment, Dardanelles, age 27

Frederick George Dorey RN, killed in explosion on board HMS Bulwark 1914, age 44

Thomas Hawkins, Motor Transport, age 26

Walter E Thompson, CNR Blue Marines HMS Suffolk, age 50
Thomas Hawkins, Lancs Fusiliers, age 30
Sidney Whittle, Dorset Regiment, age 28
603 East: Charles William Haime, Salonika, age 33
Ernest William Cleall, West Yorks Regiment, died from wounds in France, age 23
Henry Riggs, Labour Corps, age 31
Frank Charles Driver, RFA, died Salisbury Camp, age 21. See War Grave at 804
Alfred Legg, 75th Battalion Canadian Regiment, age 39
Ernest James, 1st Battalion Dorset Regiment, age 19
Frederick Hyde, 6th Battalion Wilts Regiment, age 21
Frank Williams RN, died at Haslar, age 20
603 West: Arthur Edward Silvertop RN, Commander of HMS Defence lost in battle of Jutland
Erland Godfrey Hadow MC, Captain of 17th West Yorks Regiment, killed in France, age 42
Christopher John Claud Schuster, 2nd Lt 5th (attached 1st) Rifle Brigade, age 19
Arthur carr Glyn Lonsdale, Lt Kings Royal Rifles, killed 1915
Who from early boyhood were connected with this place.

609: George Henry beloved son of Frank and Louisa Hopkins who was killed by falling over the cliff at Whitenose, Dorset Apr 24 1888 age 21. Also Elizabeth Ann daughter of the above (*Frank and Louisa*) died at Lulworth Jan 19 1871 aged 10 months.

627: Julitta Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Thomas and Sarah Roe who died after six hours illness 8 April 1866, age 20.

632: Sarah Andrews daughter of Richard and Edith Andrews late of Upton Farm in the parish of Osmington.

706: Alfred Chalmers Fisher of New College London who drowned whilst bathing in Lulworth Cove July 22 1876 aged 22

723: In Memory of William Randall who died Dec 20 1793 aged 65
A faithfull friend. A husband dear
A loving father fleepeth here.
Alfo Bridget wife of the above

726: William C Randall youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth of Winfrith Newburgh died Jan 20 1859 aged 19 years

729: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions (Isaiah 44 22)

734: Thomas Elms Milne RN. Sharpshooter who died at the coastguard station Lulworth March 11 1853

814: John Harvell born Sept 14 1817, died Feb 23 1891

Affliction sore long time he bore

Physicians tried in vain

Till God did please to call him hence

And release him from his pain

Stone erected by his loving children

926: In memory of William Willis Gent who departed this life April ye 14 1714 aged 78 years

Alfo the body of Elizth his wife who departed this life May ye 1st 1761 aged 73 years

Remember me as you pass by

For as you are now so once was I

And as I am now so you must be

So now prepare to follow me

(some of wording uncertain)

928: In memory of Mrs Mary Willis wife of Mr John Willis who died Novr ye 2d 1787 in the 57th year of her age.

1002: Henry Frederick Adolphus Kuchler Mar 28 1877 aged 24.
Deeply regretted.

1005: Robert Dudgeon of Teddington Middlesex. Cook on board the ship Avalanche of London who was drowned through her foundering after being in collision with the ship Forrest of Windsor in the English Channel 11 Sept 1877, aged 29 years.

Notes from Cynthia Frazer (The 'shoemaker's diary?')

George Davis married on 15th May 1833 to Sophia Tewkesbury of West Lulworth (daughter of 101/1+2)

5 of W.L. fishermen were drowned on the 28th of January 1841 coming back from Weymouth to W.L. Their names were: Thomas Woodrow, Wm Windsor, Wm Charles, John Vey and Peter Harvell. There seems to be no grave corresponding to any of these. (Too poor to afford headstones?)

Of William Randall (723/1): 'He was tall, thin and bony, with a long sallow face and dark staring eyes. His dress consisted usually of a short white flannel coat, a scarlet waistcoat with brass buttons, brown stockings and thick soled shoes with iron buckles. When speaking he gesticulated wildly, swinging his arms and head about and continually stammering over the many long and fine-sounding words with which he endeavoured to embellish his speech'. (Dorset Year Book - 'The Comical Innkeeper of Lulworth' by Paul Randall)

Fenced off grave 615 (Crispin) contains two horizontal stones. The one furthest from the road reads:

In memory of (A)lbertine Sarah Busfeild, loved and youngest daughter of Captain William Crispin RN and Caroline his wife. She died at West Lulworth on the 7th day of January 1860 aged 13 years and 11 months.

The lord hath given etc. Requiescat in pace.

Also to the memory of Captain Benjamin Crispin who died at West Lulworth on the 7th day of March 1830 aged 37 years (*just possibly 57*).

Also of Harriet, Susanna, Ellen and Joseph, children of the above and Elizabeth, his eldest daughter who died at West Lulworth on the 2nd day of April 1861, deeply regretted, in the 61st year of her age. Requiescant in pace.

On the stone nearer the road:

Beneath are interred the mortal remains of Caroline the wife of Commander William Crispin RN, and daughter of the late Curren F

Busfeild Esq of Cottingley Bridge near Bingley Yorkshire and Sarah his wife afterwards Ferrand of St Ives in the same county. She died at Weymouth greatly lamented on the 13th day of February 1846 aged 28 years.

Note that Caroline died 13/2/1846 and her daughter Albertine died 7/1/1860 aged 13y 11m (and hence born Feb 1846). So presumably Caroline died giving birth to Albertine. But why did Caroline & Albertine retain the surname of her father if she was married to Wm Crispin?

Note also the cryptic reference to Ferrand. The IGI files explain this: Currer Fothergill Busfield married Sarah Ferrand in Bingley on Feb 12, 1805.

I have so far found none of the other individuals in the census or IGI data

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PS. Propped against the railings was an iron cross inscribed:

Harold Castle
June 25 1903
Aged 30

(His death, age 30, was registered in Wareham in the 2nd quarter of 1903)

621. W??ar Thomas – Prob illegible

This is almost certainly the Tho(ma)s Winzar, age 64, Innkeeper, in the last entry of the 1841 census. The Castle Inn (now) was the Jolly Sailor in 1846, and probably also in 1841. His wife was age 62. There were no other family or residents at their address.

Born 1777, baptised Preston & Sutton Poyntz Jan 22 1777, died 1860, parents Thomas & Mary. Brother George b 1782.

A wandering iron cross was propped against the fence of **615** on 11/6/14

Inscription:

Harold Castle
June 25th 1903
Aged 30

West Lulworth burial record 679 was originally Caroline Snelling (already recorded 676). This name is crossed out and replaced by Harold Castle. A marginal comment reads: 'Suicide Form B sanctioned by Bishop of Salisbury', initialled WPS. (W Percy Schuster)