HOLY CROSS WESTGATE

TRANSCRIBED FROM MY BOOK THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS IN THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD OF HOLY CROSS, WESTGATE, CANTERBURY. COPIED BY J. M. COWPER

THY DEAD MEN SHALL LIVE

On a tablet fixed in the south wall of the chancel, between the windows:

JAMES SIX. M.A. and Fellow of Trinity College in the University of Cambridge died at Rome Decr. the 14th, 1786, Aged 29 Years, and was buried in that City. A monument erected there by a Friend and Countryman bears honourable testimony to his amiable virtues and his extensive learning. To preserve in this his native place the memory of a Son so justly dear, His affectionate Parents have inscribed this Marble.

JAMES SIX, F.R.S. died Aug. 25, 1793 aged 62. Mary his Wife, died March 19, 1801, aged 68. They are buried in a Vault beneath. An only Daughter, the Wife of G. May of Herne, surviving. ARMS: Azure, in chief 2 crescents, in base a mullet of 6 points argent. CREST: A mullet of 6 points between two wings For some account of James Siz, M.A., consult "Memorials of the King's School, Canterbury." pg 81

On the same wall, over the Reader's seat, is a Tablet bearing this inscription:

To the Memory of STEPHEN SOLLY For many years a repsected inhabitant of this Parish; who departed this life August 7th, 1868, aged 87 years. Also of CATHARINE his wife, who died September 14th, 1854 aged 87 years. And also of EDWARD SOLLY second son of the above who departed this life 22nd October, 1848, aged 44 years. This Tablet is erected to perpetuate their memory by their son and brother Stephen Solly.

A tablet on the north wall of the Chancel:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF **MR. ROBERT DEANE** A MAN OF MEEK MIND, HUMBLE MANNERS, AND UNOSTENTATIOUS PIETY. A SUNDAY SCHOOL, WHICH IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAMES SIX, ESQR., HE FOUNDED IN THE PARISH, TOGETHER WITH A GALLERY AND ORGAN ERECTED AT THIS OWN EXPENCE IN THIS CHURCH, REMAIN AS RECORDS OF HIS ZEAL TO PROMOTE RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC WORSHIP. HE DIED SEPTEMBER VTH MDCCCXVIII, AGED XC.

A Tablet above the proceeding one:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF MARY ELIZABETH WIFE OF MR. DEANE JOHN PARKER OF THIS PARISH AND ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE LATE WILLIAM ABBOT, ESQ., OF DOCTORS COMMONS WHO DIED DECEMBER XXTH MDCCCXX IN THE XLIXTH YEAR OF HER AGE. ALSO OF ONE SON AND TWO OF THEIR DAUGHTERS, VIZ: ROBERT-DEANE DIED SEPTEMBER XVTH MDCCC, AGED III MONTHS. SARAH, DIED FEBRUARY XXIst MDCCCXIII AGED XV YEARS. MARY, DIED MARCH XXIXTH MDCCCXXIII AGED XXV YEARS. ALSO OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEANE JOHN PARKER WHO DIED DECEMBER XXIIND MDCCCXXXVIII AGED LXXII YEARS. ALSO OF ELIZABETH, THEIR ELDEST DAUGHTER, WHO DIED OCTOBER XVITH MDCCCXLLII AGED XLVI YEARS

Arms - Gules, a chevron between three leopard's heads, or Parker impaling gules, a chevron between three pears pendant, stalked, or - Abbot. Crest - A leopard's head, guardant, erased at the neck, or, ducally gorged gules.

On the south side of the Nave, between the first and second arches of the arcade from the west:

In a vault near this tablet are interred the remains of **ROBERT STAINS** late of the parish of St. Andrew who departed this life march 7th 1806 aged 67 years. Also of Sarah his widow who died March 9th 1824 aged 82 years. ARMS: Argent, two bends engrailed, sable, impaling, vert, a cross argent charged with a cross gules between four eagles displayed of the second - Fenner or Fennour of Sussex. CREST: A cubit arm, erect, vested, holding in the hand a branch

A Tablet on the north wall of the north Aisle:

In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of **WILLIAM STAINS**, Gentleman, (First cousin to Mr. Robert Stains) late of St. Peter's, and formerly of St. Andrews, in this city, who departed this life September 24th, 1827, aged 74 years. In te, Domine, speravi. (Arms and crest as in Robert Stains)

***Inserted by me 2008 - William Stains's Gift: William Stains, late of the parish of St. Peter, in the city of Canterbury, gentleman, by Will, dated 16th November 1824, and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 5th day of January 1828:

Gave unto the Mayor and Commonalty of the said city of Canterbury, and their successors, the sum of Two hundred pounds in the New Three pounds and a half per centum Annuities: upon trust, that the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their successors for ever, should receive the yearly dividends, interest and proceeds thereof, as the same should become due and payable, and should pay and apply the same equally unto and among the Brothers and Sisters for the time being residing in the Hospital called or known by the several names of Eastbridge, Kingsbridge, or St. Thomas's Hospital, within the walls of the said city of Canterbury. Power for the said Mayor and Commonalty to alter and change funds, and to invest the money upon any public

or private real security or securities. Present state of this Charity, 200/. Three and a half per cent. Annuities. Yearly interst, 7/., received and applied as directed by the Will. (Parliamentary Papers - 4 February - 15 August 1834. Vol. XLV)

A monument on the north side of the west door:

IN MEMORIA ALMVNDVS COLPH

EFFIGY.

IN SPE REQVIESIMVS ET RESVRGEMVS.

ARMS: Quarterly: first and fourth Colfe, or, a fess between 3 horses*current, 2 and 1, sable; second and third, azure, a cross chequy, or and gules, between four mullets of the second. see memorial no. 18 *Colfe alias Colt - Hasted iv. 630 On the floor, centre of Nave, at the foot of the Chancel steps:

Here lies buried the BODY of **JOHN SEAMAN** Son of the late Dutton Seaman, Esquire, and Elizabeth his Wife of Guildhall, London. He died the 8th day of June 1789, aged 48 Years.

On the stone next to the above, westward:

A Vault, J: S.*

*James Six

The next stone has been cut; only part of the word "aged" and the tails of some figures are left, but below these there are the remains of a four-line epitaph, much worn.

In the centre of the Nave:

Here lieth ye Body of Leah wife of Peter Boudry: she died Feby ye 24, 1750, Aged 72 yeas Also here lieth ye Body Of the above said Peter Boudry, who died May the 5, 1753, Aged 80 Years.

In the Nave:

In memory of Mr. Robert Stains Many Years Ironmonger of the Parish of St. Andrews in this City He Departed this life March 7th, 1806 in the 67th Year of his Age Also of Sarah, Wife of the above who died March 9th, 1824 aged 82 years And of William Stains first Cousin to the above Robert Stains who died September 24th 1827 aged 74 years.

The next is only part of a stone; the name and date are illegible.

On a small stone, about a foot square, near the west door:

Joan Hammon 17 Oct. 1676 A Stone close to the step of the west door. This stone has been cut. The words within brackets are supplied from the Register of Burials:

[Sacred to the Memory of Francis William Durand 40 Years Minister of the] French Church within the Precincts of the Cathedral Canterbury Died 13th Septr 1789 Aged 74 Years.

Note: Martha Mary, Widow of the Reverend Francis William Durand, age 73 years, was buried in this Church Oct. 4, 1797.

On a stone about fourteen inches square, at the west end of the north Aisle:

MARY TVRNER Died in 1637.

On the next stone:

Near this place Lieth the Body of Richard Redwood who died ye 28 of Oct: 1668 Aged 51 Years & 5 Months. Vnder this stone Lieth Elizabeth his wife who died Nouember ye 5th 1691 Aged 64 years & 10 Months by home he had 2 Sonnes & 4 Daughters Thomas & John: Ann & Elizabeth: Susan and Margaret.

The next stone, still going eastward:

Amandvs Colf & Kathrin Bradfield his wyff He died the 26 May 1603 She died the 10 May 1595

On the next stone:

Mris Rebekah Garritt Heere interd June 8 Anno. 1639. Wee locke vp that which may be lost but here The marble Casket may securely beare, A title boasting of a richer store, Then er'e arriued at the' Iberian shore: The Indies treasure may be vallewd at Some equall prce: But this exceed all rate For wch God gaue himselfe this dust wch cost So deare must liue againe and not be lost.