

Grove Street Methodist Church Gravestones

When the first Grove Street Chapel was built in 1823 the land at the rear was used as a burial ground. When Chapelgate Hall was erected in 1958 over some of the graves the existing gravestones were moved to the edge of the plot and laid against the boundary wall. The chapel derived some income from burial fees. An adult could be interred for ten shillings and sixpence or for one guinea. The cost for an adult and two children was fifteen shillings and sixpence. People could also be interred within the chapel itself.

In 1873 the chapel trustees sought permission from the Home Secretary to close the burial ground. The following year an Order in Council was received from the Secretary of State stating that burials were to be discontinued from June of that year, except of members of families buried there. The last entry in the burial register was that of William Clayton who was interred on December 13 1866. Sixty one of the burials were children, whose ages range from seven days to fifteen years. There were eight people interred in the chapel itself, including six members of the Clater family.

Numbering from righthand side of boundary wall.

Survey carried out on 21/03 /2014
uncertainty.

? Indicates

1 In memory of Thomas Stocks who departed this life April 26th 1862 aged 84. Also Mary wife of Thomas Stocks who died April 5th 1834 aged 59 years. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

2 Illegible

3 In memory of Thomas Whiteside, son of Cuthbert Whiteside who departed this life June 14th 1835 aged 19 years.
Quotation from Job XiX 25,26

4 In memory of Sarah Ann, daughter of Edward and Sarah Littlewood born October 4th 1830 died January 1st 1832.
Also Mary daughter of the above born July 4th 1835 died December 31st 1836

5 Small stone Initials SM

6 Illegible date 1850

7 In memory of Elizabeth the wife of George ----- who departed this life January 25th 1818 in the 79th year of her age

8 Illegible

9 Illegible

10 In memory of John son of Edward and Sarah Littlewood born April 5th 1846 died December 23rd 1847. On back In
memory of Mary daughter of Edward and Sarah Littlewood born August 5th 1837 died November 29th 1850

11 2nd stone with same data. In memory of Mary daughter of Edward and Sarah Littlewood born August 5th 1837 died
November 29th 1850. Ere sin could blight or sorrow fall, death came with friendly call, the opening buds of Heaven
convey'd and bid her blossom there

12 Small stone Illegible

13 Small stone Initials HC and date 1840

14 Small stone Illegible

15 Sacred to the memory of the Rev George Wilson Wesleyan Minister who departed this life April 7th 1840 in the 60 year of his age & in the 32nd of his incumbancy

16 Small stone Initial TM

17 In memory of Susanna, the daughter of John and Ann Wilkinson who departed this life December 20th 1830 in the 21st year of her age

18 Sacred to the memory of Alice, wife of Richard Merryweather who departed this life ----- 1850

19 In memory of Cuthbert Whiteside, Preacher of the Gospel in the Wesleyan Connexion who departed this life February 28th 1837 in the 63rd year of his age and 41st of his Ministry. He died yet speaketh Hebrews XI 4. Also in memory of his beloved wife Ann who departed this life April 8th 1832 in the 57 year of her age and lies interred in the churchyard of Great Grimsby.

20 In memory of Sarah, wife of Charles Kirkby of East Retford who departed this life February 7th 1857. Aged 44

21 Sacred to the memory of Lettisher, daughter of Richard and Alice Merryweather who departed this life October 10th 1837 aged 23 years. Be ye also ready

- 22 Sacred to the memory of John the son of the Rev C Newton and Mary his wife. He died October 29th 1843 in the 11th year of his age. He was but words are wanting to say what. Think what a son should be for he was that.
- 23 Beneath this stone lie the remains of George, son of John and Ann Clater who departed this life January 16th 1843 aged 26 years
- 24 In a vault underneath are deposited the mortal remains of Ann beloved wife of John Clater who died the 9th of Novemver 1843 in the 57th year of her age. In the same vault are also deposited the remains of John Clater who died March 11th 1863
- 25 Underneath are deposited the remains of Ann daughter of John and Ann Clater who died October 20th 1832 aged 17. Also of John son of -- {rest buried in soil}
- 26 Sacred to the memory of Sarah, wife of the Rev. J Bolam Wesleyan Minister who exchanged mortal life for everlasting life June 4th 1844 aged 45 years