

INSCRIPTIONS

FROM

GRAVESTONES IN CHRIST CHURCH,
NORWICH, CONN.

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CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal) of Norwich, Conn., was organized in 1747, and its earliest house of worship was opened two years later. The present, and fourth, church building of the society occupies the site of the first, and stands on a lot on Washington street which was donated by Capt. Benajah Bushnell nearly one hundred and sixty years ago. The churchyard is preserved, but the head and foot stones which formerly indicated the graves of departed members were long since removed and placed in the cellar of the church, where they are cemented into the walls and flooring. This underground room is dark and gloomy, and searchers have difficulty in deciphering the inscriptions, all of which are here reproduced.

Here lies the | Body of Jonathan | Son to Mr. Caleb Ar- | nold & Ann his wife | He was
drowned | April ye 29th 1769, | in the 6th year of his | age.

In Memory of | Benaiah Bufhnell Esq | who departed this life | (in hopes of a better) |
Janry.27th A:D: 1762 | in the 8JftYear | of his Age.

In Memory of Mrs. | Hannah: Confort of Mr. | Benajah Bufhnell & Daught | to John
Griswold Esqr | late of lime Decs. who | Departed this life in hope | of A Better, on the 10th day
of | Augs. 1772 in ye 49th year | of her Age.

Sacred | to the memory of | Jabez Bushnell, | who died | Augt. 10th 1820 | aged 38.

In Memory of | Mrs. Sarah, wife to | Mr. Samuel Brown, | who died March | 12th 1795,
in the | 95th Year of | her age.

In | Memory of | Miss Hannah Bushnell | who died | March 19, 1825, | aged 87 years.

In memory of | Jabez Bushnell | who died | Novr 18th 1810 | aged 66 years.

In memory of | Lydia Bushnell, | Wife of Jabez | Bushnell, who died | April 2d 1814, |
aged 53 years.

In memory of Mrs. | Zeruiah Relict to | Benajah Bufhnell Efq. decd. | who departed this
life | March 15th 1770 in the | 84th year of her Age.

In memory of Mifs | Nancy M. Cartey who | died Auft. 1ft 1791 | in ye 25th year | of
her age.

Mrs. Prudence | Bufhnell

In memory of | Capt. Richard | Bufhnell he de | parted this life | June 5th 1784 | in ye,
74th year | of his Age.

In Memory of | Sarah the wife of | Capt. John Coluer | who died auguft ye Jft | 1757 in

ye 63rd year | of her age

In memory of | Mrs. Phebe Culver, | Wife of | Capt. Stephen Culver, | who died |
October 8th 1805, | aged 56 years.

In memory of Mrs. | Hannah Davison, | wife of Mr. | Baizillai Davfon | who died Nov.
1st | 1799, aged 58 years.

In memory of | Capt. William Davifon, | who, much lamented, | died with the | yellow
fever on the | 30th of .July 1803, | aged 40 years.

Albertus | Sirant | Destouches Efqr.

In Memory of | Saumille daught. | to Exeter & han- | nah Dobe who | died augt. 29th
11786 in her | 2d year.

In | Memory of | Mr. Brazilla Davison, | who died | May 22, 1828, | aged 90 years.

Here lies the mortal | part of Mrs. Sally Davifon | the beloved confort of | Mr. William
Davifon & | daught. to Capt. Elifha | Edgerton & Mrs. Elifabeth | his- wife, who died may
24th | 1793, in ye 27th Year of her age

Alfo Gurdon their fon died | June 13th 1793, aged 6 weeks

In memory of | Mr. Bentley Faulknor, | who died | March 6th 1776 | aged 40 years.

In Memory of | Mr. Bently | Faulkner, | Son of Mr., Bently and | Mrs. Mehitabel
Faulkner, who died | Sept. 21st] 789 in ye, | 17th Year of his age.

In Memory of Mr. | Bently Faulkner | who departed this | Life March 5th 1776, | Aged
42 years.

In memory of | Mifs Hannah Faulknor, | daughter of | Mr. Bentley Faulknor, | -who
dier | Sept. 14th | 1800, aged 29 years.

_ In memory of | Mrs. Mehitabel, | relict of Mr. | Bentley Faulknor" | who died | Oct
16th 1821, | aged 83 years.

Mrs. Mary I. Fitch | Wife of | Stephen Fitch Esq. | Died | Sept. 27, 1837, | in her 42nd
year.

Anne Grifte | 1759

In Memory of | George ye Son of | Thomas & Anne Grifte | who falling through | the
Ice, was Drowned | Decemr: J3th 1757, | Aged 25 Years & 7 Days ...

In memory of 1.1r. | Thomas Grift who | departed tills life | Auguft 16th 1782 | in ye
82d Year | of his Age.

Here Lies the Body of | Mrs. Alice Hall | the wife of .Mr. | Daniel Hall, | who departed
this life | March ye 3d 1757 | in the 63d year | of her age.
Elizabeth | Hamilton, 1765.

Sacred | to the memory of | Mr. Solomon Hamilton, | Who died June 23d 1798 | aged 87
years.

Alfo of Solomon, fon of | Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, | who died in England | Feby 17th
1763, in the 25th | year of his age.

Sacred | to the memory of | Mrs. Zerviah confort of | Mr. Solomon Hamilton, | who
died July 18th 1782, | aged 69 years ..

Alfo of John fon of | Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton | who died on the coaft | of England Sep
22d 1763 | in the 24th year of his age.

In Memory of | Mrs. Zcerviah Holden, | wife of Mr. Phinehas | Holden & Daughter of |
Mr. Benajah & Mrs. Zerviah | Bushnell, died Augt. 23d | 1786, Aged 65 Years

Sacred | to | the memory | of | Zerviah Tyler, | daughter of | James & Zerviah |
Huntington, | who died | At Springfield, Massts: | Nov. 18, 1832, | Aged 19.

In memory of Capt. Allen. | Ingraham, who was loft | at fea Sept. 1785, in ye | 43d
Year of his age

Alfo died Mary daught to | Capt. Allen Ingraham and | Mrs. Lydia his wife deem 31st |
1792, in ye, 19th Year of her age Mifs Sally Ingraham .

In memory of Mrs. Ann | Johnson confort of Capt. | Samuel Johnfon and only | daughr.
of Evan Malborn | Esqr. who departed this | life Decr. 12th 1786 in ye | 47th Year of her age.

In Memory [broken] | Capt. Samuel Jo[broken] | of New port, depa[broken] January
12th A. D. 1782 [broken] | of his Ag[broken]

In Memory [broken] | Elizabeth Joh[broken] | Daughter of Capt. Sam [broken] | Ann
Johnso[broken] | Life

In Memory of Mrs. | Elifabeth confort to | Mr. Robart Lancefter, | who departed this |
life in hopes of a better | March 24th 1782, in ye | 76th year of her Age.

This monument is | erected by the family | of Zabdiel Rogers | in token of respect to |

the memory of | Mercy Lancefter, | who died Dec. 8th 1807, | aged 65 years.

In Memory of Mr. | Robert Lancafter, who | departed this Life in hopes | of a better
April 4th 1770 | Aged 70 years.

In Memory of Bela Leffingwell | who died at Charleston, South | Carolina, July 27th
1796, in | the 31st year of his age.

Also here are deposited the | bodies of Prudence & Eunice | Leffingwell. Prudence
died | Novr. 18th 1795, in the 27th | year of her age. | Eunice died Sept. 26th 1796, | in the
22d year of her age.

Lucy, widow of Bela Leffingwell, | died Dec. 19, 1856, aged 91. Sacred | to the
memory of Mrs. | Charity Leffingwell, | Relict of Mr. Matthew Leffingwell | who died | July
15th, 1809, | aged 73 years.

Sacred | to the memory of | Harriet H. | the beloved child of | Bela & Lucy |
Leffingwell, who died | July 31st, 1811, | aged 17 years.

In memory of Mrs. | Mary Leffingwell, | Wife of Mr. | Matthew Leffingwell, | who
died July 6th 1813 | aged 49 years. Also | of Simeon Leffingwell | their son, who was lost | at
Sea March 4th | aged 22

This monument | is erected to the memory | of | Mr. Mathew Leffingwell | who
departed this life | June the, 29th AD. 17[broken]

In Memory of Capt. | Solomon Malbone late | of New port in the | State of Rhode Island
| who died August | 24th 1787 in ye, 76th | year of his age.

In memory of two infants, | twin daughters of Elifha H. | & Sally Mansfield, Lucy | H.
died March 29th, 1819, AE | 8 weeks & 1 day. Lydia D. died | April 4th 1819, AE 9 weeks.

Mr. | John | Nichols.

In memory of | Samuel Noyes, son | of William Noyes, | who died July 24th | 1781, in
the 33d year | of his age.

In memory of | Ephraim son of | Mr. Ephraim & | Mrs. Prudence Punderfon, who |
died Sept. 12th 1785, | aged 11 Months.

Hannah Louisa, | daughter of | Roswell & Eunice | Roath, died | June 25, 1822,

In memory of | George [son to | Mr. James & Mrs. Sophia | Rogers, . died | March 10th
1796, | aged 9 M

Sacred | to the memory of | Mrs. Sophia, consort of | Mr. James Rogers Junr | who died
Octob. 9th 1796, | in the 29th year | of her age.

Mr. | Ephraim | Smith

In Memory of

Caleb Cooley Stephens died Janr. 10th | 1784, aged 18 days. | William Stephens Jur. died march | 18th 1785, aged 7 weeks & 3 days | William Stephens 3d died march 4th | 1787 in his 2d year.

Sacred | to the memory of | Elizabeth Tisdale, | consort of Doct.. 'Nathan Tisdale, | and daughter of the late | Rev. John Tyler, who died | Dec. 22, 1824, in the 43 | year of her age. .Also | Sacred | to the memory of | Doct. Nathan Tisdale, | who died | July 15, 1830,

Here Lies Inter'd the | remains of Mifs Betfey | Tracy Daughter to Capt. | Ifaac Tracy & Mrs. | Elifabeth his wife | [he Departed this | Life march 9th 1782 | Aged 19 years.

Mrs. | Emma Tyler.

Here lie interred | The earthly remains of | Mrs. Hannah, | relict of the late | Rev. John Tyler, | who departed this life | Jan. 19, 1826, | in the 75 year of her age

Here were deposited | the remains of John Tyler, fon | of the Rev. John Tyler, & of | Hannah Tyler his' wife, who | died July 30, 1784, in the 12th | year of his age.

Alfo in memory of Jam Tyler, | 2d fan of this name of the Rev. | John Tyler & of Hannah Tyler | his wife, who died at the ifland of Martinico, Aug. 19, 1802, in | the 18th year of his age.

Here lie interred | the earthly remains of | The Rev. John Tyler | For 54 years Rector of Christs | Church in this city. Having | faithfully fulfilled his ministry, | He was ready to be dissolved | and to be with Christ. | His soul took its flight | from this vale of misery, | .Jan. 20, 1823, in the 81 | year of his age.

Here are deposited! the remains of | Miss Mary Tyler, | daughter of the Rev. | John Tyler & Mrs. | Hannah his wife, | who died March 17th AD. 1806, Aged 28 years.

In M[broken]ory of | [broken]Y Ren[broken] | to [broken] Van Mair [broken]ne | [broken] departed this life September | 2Jft 1783, in the 64 Year of her age. *

In memory of | Miss | Abby Warren, | daughter of | Lemuel & Abigail | Warren, died | Oct. 6, 1833, | Aged 68.

In memory of | Mrs. Abigail Warren, | wife of Mr. Lemuel | Warren who departed | this life Oct. 27th AD. | 1808, Aged 67 years.

Also | In memory of Mr. Dan | iel Warren who died in | Auzoays, west indies | April 14th AD 1790, Aged | 22 years.

In memory of | Miss Hannah Warren, | who died May 29, | 1827, aged 56.

In memory of |Mr. Lemuel Warren, |who departed this ,|life Oct.
10, 1812, in |the 79 year of his age.

In memory of |Miss |Lydia Warren, |daughter of |Lemuel &
Abigail |Warren, died |March 15, 1835, |Aged 73.

In memory of Capt. |William Wattles, |who departed this |life
April 18th AD. |1787 in the 48th |year of his age.

In memory of Mr. |Elifha fan to Mr. |Zephaniah & Mrs. |Lydia Whipple |who died
Janr. 24th |1789, in ye, 17th |Year of his age.

Here were deposited |the remains of Capt. |Solomon Whipple, |who died fept. 4th
1801, |in ye, 30th year of his age Also, |In memory of Bufhnell |Whipple, who was |
drowned at Sea Augft. 1785 |in ye 17th year of his age .

* This stone is in the churchyard