

Burials of members of the Beaumont family at St. Mary's Church, Coleorton

The following has been transcribed by Samuel T Stewart from information left in the archives of John Crocker (local historian)

Physical evidence of the interment of the ancient Lords of the Manor of Coleorton, either within the Church or consecrated burial ground have been lost, with the one exception, that being of Sir Henry and Lady Elizabeth Beaumont inside the Church (depicted below). Church records may reveal the interment, in the vault under the chancel, of the ancestors and / or successors of Sir Henry, up to 1702, since when no Beaumonts were buried at Coleorton until 1827. Much damage was inflicted on the Church, it's structure, and it's monuments, during the Civil War by occupying Parliament forces. The reader should note that some of the following information is included in supporting old church yard burials and memorial tablets / plaques audit information, but this is unavoidable due to the complexities of the information.

In the South Chapel of the church:-



The plaque inscription reads:-

HERE LIETH THE BODIES OF SIR HENRY BEAUMONT KNIGHT, AND LADIE ELIZABETH
HIS WIFE. HENRY WAS SON TO NICHOLAS BEAUMONT ESQ. ELIZABETH WAS
DAUGHTER AND HEIR OF JOHN LOUIS ESQ. BY WHOM HE HAD ONLY ONE SON SIR
THOMAS BEAUMONT KNIGHT, WHO MARRIED THE DAUGHTER AND HEIR OF HENRY
SAPCOTT ESQ. SIR HENRY DIED THE 3RD MARCH 1607,
LADIE ELIZABETH DIED THE 26TH MARCH 1608

In the Church Vault

Interred are the remains of:-

- Sir George Howland Beaumont 7th Baronet, died 7th March 1827 aged 73 years, and Dame Margaret Beaumont, his wife who died July 14th 1829 aged 73.
- Also Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont 8th Baronet, died June 7th 1845, and Dame Mary Anne Beaumont his wife, died Feb 15th 1835 aged 28. Also their children; Susan Mary, died Sept 25th 1827 aged one month, and Willoughby Hastings fourth and youngest son died Feb 20th 1835 aged 21/2 years.
- Also Sir George Howland Beaumont 9th Baronet, born at Lambeth Palace Sept 12th 1828, died at Coleorton June 8th 1882, and Dame Paula Menzies Beaumont, his first wife, born at Chinsurah, Bengal Dec 19th 1828, died at Coleorton on Dec 9th 1870 aged 41. Also their second son Francis Beaumont, born at Naples Feb 11th 1854, died at Hampton Wick on Jan 3rd 1875, and Eleanor Grace Caroline Beaumont, their second daughter, born at Coleorton on March 27th 1859 and died at Coleorton on Dec 16th 1870 aged 11.

The information on the latter is confusing, in that Dame Paula was buried in the church yard together with Eleanor Grace Caroline and Sir George Howland Beaumont 9th Baronet, but also listed is William Beaumont, son of Sir George Howland William Beaumont 10th Baronet, who died at Aix - les - Bains on June 21st 1914. This was Sir George Howland William Beaumont 10th Baronet's son, who was born at Eaton Square, London who was actually buried at Pere-Lachaise, Paris. It would be reasonable to assume from this that the remains of Sir George, Dame Paula and Eleanor Grace Caroline, were removed to the vault at some later stage, and William Beaumonts name was added to the grave in memoriam only.

Beaumonts buried in the old Churchyard

- In the south - east corner of the old churchyard is the grave and headstone of William Beresford Beaumont, younger brother of Sir George Howland Beaumont 9th Baronet - "In memoriam. William Beresford Beaumont M.A. Honorary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral, sometime Dean of Westa Akeley and Rector of this Parish for 36 years. He was born at Addington, Surrey on March 31st 1831. Died at Coleorton on Feb 18th 1901 aged 69 years.
- Buried in the east - side of the churchyard is Julia Beaumont, first wife of the Rector William Beresford Beaumont above. She died Sept 14th 1866 aged 30 years.
- On the right side of the churchyard path lies Elizabeth Mary Beaumont, second wife of the Rector William Beresford Beaumont. She was born at Siddlesmere, Suffolk on Sep 25th 1831 and died at Coleorton on April 5th 1900 aged 68 years.
- On the right side of the churchyard path lies Dame Lillie Ellen Beaumont's grave. She was the wife of Sir George Howland William Beaumont 10th Baronet who died Aug 18th 1946 aged 87 years.
- At the east side of the Church lies the original grave of Dame Paula Menzies Beaumont, Eleanor Grace Caroline Beaumont and Sir George Howland Beaumont 9th Baronet. William Beaumont was added to this in memoriam only, as he died in France and was buried in Paris. **Please see the information given under the heading "In the Church Vault".**

The Churchyard extension - 1917 - Beaumont's family burial plot



The Tombstones in remembrance of the Rev William Beresford Beaumont
and Dame Lillie Ellen Beaumont the wife of
Sir George Howland Willoughby Beaumont, 10th Baronet.
Their actual graves are both in the old graveyard.

Dame Lillie Beaumont was the mother of Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont 11th Baronet.

The inscription on her tombstone reads:

"Sacred to the memory of Dame Lillie Ellen Beaumont, wife of Sir George H.W.Beaumont 10th Baronet, who died on Aug 18th 1946, aged 87 years. Looking into Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. R.I.P."



The Tomb of Sir *George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont* 11th Baronet. The original grave is situated in the old graveyard on the right hand side of the path.

The inscription on the stones beneath the cross reads:

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF
GEORGE ARTHUR HAMILTON BEAUMONT
11TH BARONET
BORN JANUARY 18TH 1881
DIED OCTOBER 2ND 1933
COME UNTO ME ALL THAT TRAVAIL AND ARE
HEAVY LADEN AND I WILL REFRESH THE



This plaque is situated on the wall directly adjacent to the Tomb of Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont 11th Baronet

The inscription to the plaque reads:-

THE ADDITION TO THIS CHURCHYARD
IN MEMORY OF
SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT 10TH BARONET
IS GIVEN BY HIS WIDOW
DAME LILLIE ELLEN BEAUMONT
AND BY THEIR SON
MAJOR SIR GEORGE BEAUMONT 11TH BARONET
FEBRUARY 18TH 1917
LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE
FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER

Addendum: -

The following are buried elsewhere :-

- Renee Muriel Bell (widow of Sir G.A.H.Beaumont 11th Baronet) born 24th December 1902 in Africa and died Nov 28th 1987 aged 84 at Newbury and buried there.
- Eleanor Brienne Collins (nee Beaumont), only daughter of Sir G.A.H.Beaumont and Lady Renee Beaumont, who was born at Coleorton on June 10th 1927 and died on Oct 14th 1979 at Karen, Kenya and was buried there.