



Monument in the baptistery
(translation on right)

Beilby Thompson (1686-1750)

Beilby Thompson was born in 1686 the son of Henry Thompson and his second wife Mary Beilby. He was given his mother's maiden name as a Christian name.

Beilby inherited his father's estate at Escrick in 1700 when only fourteen. At the age of seventeen he left for a four year grand tour of Europe visiting the Low Countries and Italy.

In 1731 he held the office, High Sheriff of Yorkshire.

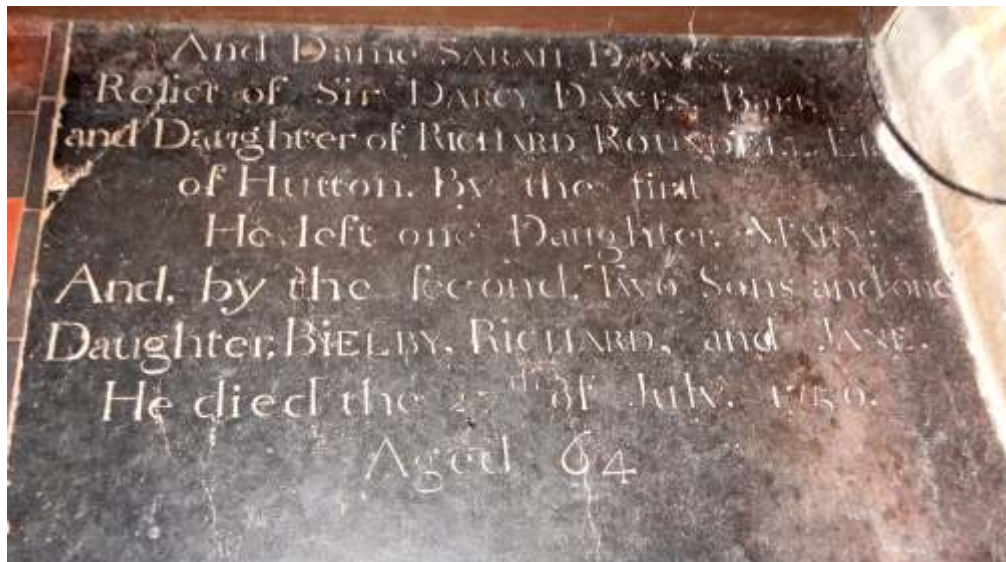
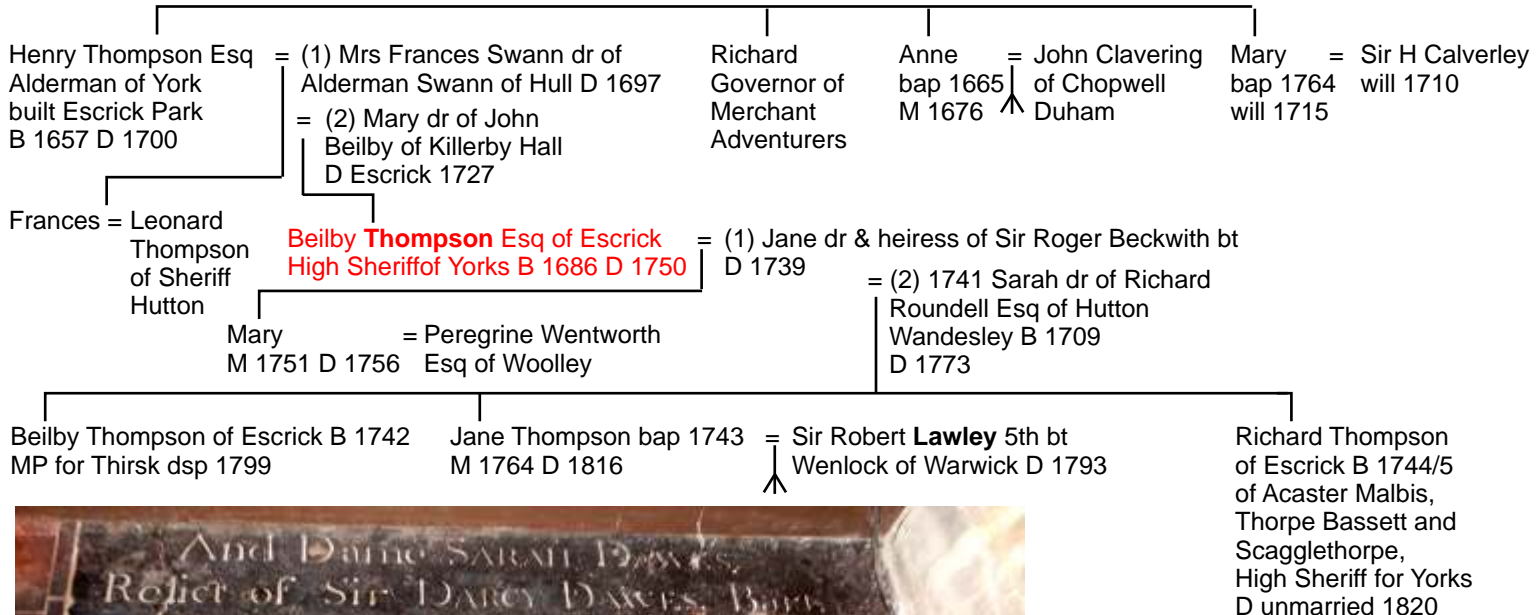
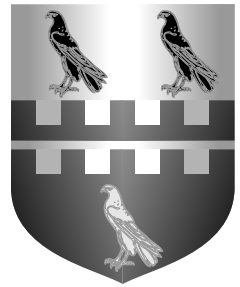
He married Jane, daughter & heiress of Sir Roger Beckwith bt. of Aldborough. She died in 1739 after giving birth to a daughter, Mary.

In 1741 Beilby married Sarah daughter of Richard Roundell Esq of Hutton Wansley, and widow of Sir D'Arcy Dawes. Their first son, also called Beilby, was born the following year, daughter Jane in 1743, and another son, Richard, in 1744/5.

Beilby Thompson died in 1750 and was succeeded by Beilby, his eight-year-old son.

Sacred to the memory [MS] of Beilby Thompson, esq., who devoted his youth to the cultivation of the liberal arts among the more civilised nations of Europe [a reference to Beilby Thompson's extended Grand Tour]. Ill health obliged him to hide his later years under the shadow of a life at home; and by moderation in his frugal diet he prolonged his life up to his 64th year. The two wives whom he had, Jane, daughter of Sir Roger Beckwith, bt., and Sarah, widow of Sir Darcy Dawes, bt., he bound to himself by his loyalty and friendliness, he bound his children to himself by his gentleness and the evenness of his temper; he bound everyone to himself by his good taste.

On his death, he left a daughter from each of his marriages and also two sons by the second, the hope of a large family and sweet consolation for their surviving parent. She [Sarah] set up this memorial of her great love and affection for the husband she misses most greatly. He died 27 July 1750.



Memorial to Beilby Thompson in the baptistery floor
(top hidden by a cabinet)