

Sarah Roundell - Dame Sarah Dawes (1709-1773)

Dame Sarah was born in 1709, the eldest daughter of and coheiress of Richard Roundell Esq of Hutton-Wandesley in Yorkshire and his wife Sarah Brearey.

In 1723 she married Sir D'Arcy Dawes, baronet of Braxted Lodge in Essex who died in 1732. They had three children.

In 1741 Sarah married Beilby Thompson Esq of Escrick and subsequently gave birth to two sons, Beilby and Richard, and daughter, Jane.
Following the death of her husband in 1750, Dame Sarah returned to using her previously married name, Dame Sarah Dawes.
She managed the Escrick estates on behalf of her son Beilby for more than ten years in the 1750s. In 1758 she oversaw new building work at the Hall when a new storey and front were added. When her son Beilby came of age in 1763, he continued his mother's work on the hall.
Dame Sarah died in 1773.

## Above right: monument in the baptistery

Right: drawing depicting the Georgian church c. 1785


