## **Beilby Thompson (1742-1799)**



*Memorial in baptistery* (translation below)

His grieving brother, Richard Thompson, erected [this monument] for his beloved brother Beilby Thompson, esq, the builder of this church [this refers to the church consecrated in 1783, not the present building] to the best and greatest God. [He was] an honest and devout man, generous to his own family, kind to everyone, hating no-one. [He was] born on the 17th April 742 and died on the 10th June 1799.





Beilby Thompson (© Mansion House and Guildhall, York)



Part of Thomas Jefferys' survey of Yorkshire dated 1775 showing position of church next to the Hall in Escrick Park

Beilby Thompson was born in April 1742, the son of Beilby and his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Richard Roundell of Hutton Wandesley, widow of Sir Arthur Dawes, 4th baronet.

He was educated at Crayke near Easingwold, and in 1750, while he was still at school, his father died and he succeeded to the family estates at Escrick. Nine years later he attended Cambridge University.

He took up politics and was elected member of Parliament for Hedon in the 1768 election, holding the seat until 1780.

Four years later he became MP for Thirsk, and regained his seat for Hedon in 1796.

Beilby Thompson's main impact on Escrick was the relocation of several houses and the church away from his house in the Park. The new church was built close to the site of the present church.

Beilby Thompson died in 1799 and his estate passed to his younger brother, Richard

Beilby **Thompson** Esq = of Escrick High Sheriff of Yorks B 1686 D 1750

(1) Jane dr & heiress of Sir Roger Beckwith bt D 1739

= (2) 1741 Sarah dr of Richard Roundell Esq of Hutton Wandesley B 1709 D 1773

Beilby Thompson of Escrick = Elizabeth Fearn B 1742 MP for Thirsk and D 1818 Hedon dsp 1799

Jane Thompson heiress to Escrick estate

bap 1782

= Peregrine

Wentworth

Esq of Woolley

Sir Francis Lawley

7th bt dsp 1851

= Sir Robert Lawley 5th bt bap 1743 M 1764 D 1816 | Wenlock of Warwick D 1793

Richard Thompson of Escrick B 1744/5 D unmarried 1820

Sarah Bettina bap 1766 D unm 1857

Sir Robert Lawley bap 1769 6th bt 1793 M Anna Maria dr of J Denison created 1831 Baron Wenlock dsp 1834 title of Baron extinct

Ш Mildred Rebecca bap 1770 = Marmaduke Dayrell Esq of Shudy Camps Cordelia B 1771 D unm 1842 Jane B 1778 M Henry, 6th Lord Middleton

Mary

M 1751

D 1756

Sir Paul Beilby Lawley = Caroline dr of B 1784 8th bt M 1817 assumed surname Thompson 1820 created Baron Wenlock 1839 D 1851 issue to use surname Lawley

Richard Neville Lord Braybrooke D 1868