

**Jane Lawley née Thompson**  
**1743-1816**

The inscription on the monument reads:

*In Beloved remembrance of Jane, daughter of Beilby Thompson Esquire of Escrick, and Sarah Lady Dawes his wife Married Sir Robert Lawley, Bart MDCCLXIV. Died Nov<sup>r</sup> IX MDCCCXVI aged LXXIII Pious, Humane and Charitable, she passed the even tenor of her life in acts of pure benevolence to all around her; and particularly to the poor. To perpetuate the memorial of her humanity and goodness in the minds of those who knew her best when living and to hold up her example to succeeding generations this monument is erected by her grateful daughter Jane wife of Henry, sixth Lord Middleton*

This monument is the work of the Dane, Bertel Thorvaldsen (1770-1844), who was in his day the most widely admired sculptor in Europe'



Memorial to Jane Lawley in the baptistry (text on right)

Jane Thompson was born in 1743, the second child of Beilby and Sarah Thompson.

She married Sir Robert Lawley at Wheldrake in August 1764. They went to live at his family home, Canwell Hall near Sutton Coldfield.

Their first child, Sarah Bettina was baptised at St Martin & St George, York. All the other children were baptised at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield in Warwickshire.

On the death of his father in 1779, Sir Robert Lawley succeeded his father as 5th baronet.

Jane Thompson died in 1816. On the death of her brother Richard, her heirs were to inherit the Thompson estates



Canwell Hall, Sutton Coldfield  
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