

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



Canwell Hall, Sutton Coldfield (© Sutton Coldfield Reference Library)

Jane Thompson

to her heirs

Escrick estate to pass

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

Mary Thompson = Peregrine Wentworth M 1751 D 1756 Esq of Woolley

> = Sir Robert Lawley, bap 1743 M 1764 D 18161 later 5th bt MP Warwick D 1793

Richard Thompson of Escrick B 1744/5 of Acaster Malbis, Thorpe Bassett and Scagglethorpe, High Sheriff for Yorks D unm 1820

Sarah Bettina bap 1766 D unm 1857

B 1742

Beilby Thompson of Escrick

MP for Thirsk dsp 1799

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

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

Sir Francis Lawley bap 1782 7th bt dsp 1851

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

=(1) Jane dr & heiress

D 1739

D 1773

of Sir Roger Beckwith bt

Wandesley B 1709

(2) 1741 Sarah dr of Richard Roundell Esq of Hutton

> Richard Neville Lord Braybrooke D 1868

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^r 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 widley admired sculptor in Europe'

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