

JOHN BOWRING died 8th May 1805
MARGARET BOWRING died 27th January 1820
ANN BOWRING died 8th March 1839

Memorial 19
North Face

John Bowring was the eldest son of Benjamin Bowring¹ and Elizabeth Drewe. Benjamin had married Elizabeth at Exeter Cathedral on 23 February 1735 when he was living in Holy Trinity Parish and she was living in The Close.² Elizabeth (nee Hole) was a widow following the death of her first husband, Michael Drew, in 1733.³ John Bowring was born in 1736¹ and married Margaret Hutchings in St Petrock, Exeter on 25th December 1758⁴. Margaret was the daughter of Walter Hutchings from Moretonhampstead and was baptised there on 8 April 1734.⁵ John was apprenticed to his father Benjamin, a fuller, and was admitted as a freeman of Exeter on 7 February 1761.⁶ John "... prepared woollen goods for foreign markets, and especially for that of China..."⁷ He was described "...as being a most cultured man, with strong sympathies for the cause of the American colonists, his views being so unpopular in Exeter that the mob burned his effigy in the Cathedral Yard."⁸ John Bowring's grandson wrote that "My grandfather was a man of strong political feeling, being deemed no better in those days than a Jacobin by politicians and a heretic by churchmen."⁹ Writing about his grandmother, Margaret Bowring, Sir John Bowring said that she had a great passion for flowers and would give him a nosegay to wear in his button-hole every Sunday when they went to Church. John Bowring's will, signed on 30 September 1796, names three daughters, Jane, Betty and Ann and one son Charles.¹⁰

JOHN HUTCHINGS died September 1816

East Face

John Hutchings was a partner in City Bank in Exeter with John Milford and William Nation.¹¹ His death was reported in a number of publications. In The New Monthly

¹ Wardle, Arthur C (1938) "Benjamin Bowring and his descendants", Hodder & Stoughton

² thegenealogist.co.uk accessed on 31.05.2017

³ findmypast.co.uk accessed on 31.05.2017

⁴ Devon Marriages, South West Heritage Trust, accessed on findmypast.co.uk on 30.05.2017

⁵ Transcription of Moretonhampstead Parish Registers on moretonhampstead.org.uk on 30.05.2017

⁶ Rowe, Margery M & Jackson, Andrew M (1973) "Exeter Freeman 1266 - 1967", James Townsend & Sons Ltd., Exeter, Page 285

⁷ Bowring, John Sir, Autobiographical recollections of Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872, London H.S. King, 1877, Page 34

⁸ Wardle, Arthur C (1938) "Benjamin Bowring and his descendants", Hodder & Stoughton, Page 25

⁹ Bowring, John Sir, Autobiographical recollections of Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872, London H.S. King, 1877, Page 31

¹⁰ England & Wales Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858 accessed on findmypast.co.uk on 31.05.2017

¹¹ heritage archives.rbs.com accessed on 12.06.2017

Magazine & Universal Register his age was given as 74¹². In another publication his age was shown as 47.¹³ The burial register does not record his age.¹⁴ The Report and Account Book confirms receipt of 10/- on September 9, 1816 for "Opening Mr C Bowring's cave for Mr Hutchings".¹⁵ The Bowring and Hutchings families were related by marriage (see above). In 1814 John Hutchings wrote a will in which he referred to his friend Charles Bowring, fuller, of St Leonard near Exeter. John appointed Charles Bowring as one of the executors in trust for his nephew Charles Hutchings until he reached the age of 21.¹⁶

SARAH JANE ANN BOWRING died October 1828

South Face

MARY ANN BOWRING died ?

EDWIN BOWRING died May 1807

EMILY BOWRING died 1812

JOHN BOWRING died ?

Sarah Jane Ann was the wife of Charles Bowring, the son of John and Margaret (see above). She was the daughter of the Rev Thomas Lane, the vicar of St Ives in Cornwall, and his wife Margaret. Sarah was baptised in St Ives on 13 December 1770.¹⁷ Both of her parents were buried on the same day, 28 April 1786, in St Ives¹⁸ after they were killed by a "...pestilence disease..."¹⁹ The following January Sarah was working as a Milliner's apprentice in Exeter with Ann Freke.²⁰ Three years later on 6 November 1791 Sarah married Charles Bowring at St Leonards, Exeter.²¹ They had met by chance at the Exeter theatre and were married for thirty seven years before her death. In his autobiographical recollections Sir John Bowring wrote about his mother and said that "...her later years

¹² The New Monthly Magazine & Universal Register, Vol 6, 1816, accessed on books.google.co.uk on 12.06.17

¹³ The Gentleman's Magazine and Historical Chronicle, Vol 86, Part 2, Page 378

¹⁴ RG4/965 Exeter, Bow Meeting (Presbyterianism): Births, Baptisms & Burials. Accessed on findmypast.co.uk on 14.06.2017.

¹⁵ DRO3693D/0/B/1 Report & Account Book of Dissenters Burial Ground 1748 - 1832, South West Heritage Trust

¹⁶ The National Archives; prob 11/1584, Image Reference 465; downloaded 11 June 2017

¹⁷ England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538 -1975; accessed on ancestry.co.uk 19.07.17

¹⁸ England, Select Deaths and Burials, 1538 - 1991; accessed on ancestry.co.uk 19.07.17

¹⁹ Bowring, John Sir, Autobiographical recollections of Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872, London H.S. King, 1877, Page 34

²⁰ UK Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices Indentures, 1710 - 1811; accessed on ancestry.co.uk 19.07.17

²¹ Devon Marriages, South West Heritage Trust, Exeter, St Leonard accessed on findmypast.co.uk on 02.06.2017

were troubled with that mortal disease to which she fell a victim.”²² Sarah had a strong Christian faith however “...and the Bible was a source of habitual enjoyment to her.”²³

Sarah died on 24 October 1828 aged 58 at Larkbear, the family home near Exeter. She had been married for 37 years. Following her death The Monthly Repository and Review of Theology and General Literature wrote “Her life was one long discipline of feeble health, for she seemed to hold existence by a tenure far frailer than that of common mortality; yet she lost none of her enjoyment of the beauties and the sympathies of earth, though she held a closer and more habitual communion with the elevating prospects of heaven. Clear in her perceptions, sagacious in her judgement, warm and tender in her affections, active in all domestic and social exertion, she sweetened adversity, adorned prosperity, and, in closing her earthly pilgrimage; leaves in the bosom of her family thoughts of peace, and love, and gratitude, blended with those brighter hopes which were her daily contemplation, and which shall be the solace of those she has left behind.”²⁴

Charles and Sarah had nine children, four boys and five girls, between 1792 and 1806. Four of the children died at a young age and were buried in the Dissenters Graveyard. Two of them, Edwin and Emily, are commemorated on this memorial. Emily Bowring was born on 26 May 1801 and baptised on 14 Jun 1801.²⁵ Emily died on 27 November 1811 and was buried on 1 December.²⁶ Edwin was the twin brother of Charles Bowring. They were born on 31 January 1806 but were not baptised until 3 August 1806. Edwin died the following year and was buried on 17 May 1807.²⁷

Charles and Sarah’s eldest daughter, Margaret, was born on 30 August 1794 and baptised on 21 September 1794.²⁸ On 11 October 1822 Margaret married Rev George Kenrick at St Leonard. George was the fourth son of the Rev Timothy Kenrick a dissenting minister in Exeter. George was also a Unitarian Minister and was employed at Maidstone in Kent when he married Margaret. He was a widower, his first wife Mary Waymouth, having died in 1794 and his second wife, Elizabeth Belsham in January 1819.²⁹ Margaret Kendrick (nee Bowring) died on 18 September 1824 and was buried on 23 September in the Dissenter’s graveyard in Exeter. Although Margaret is not included on the inscriptions for this memorial the Accounts show a payment of 10/- on 24 September 1824 for opening Mr Bowring’s cave for Mr G Kendrick.³⁰

²² Bowring, John Sir, Autobiographical recollections of Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872, London H.S. King, 1877, Page 35

²³ Bowring, John Sir, Autobiographical recollections of Sir John Bowring 1792 - 1872, London H.S. King, 1877, Page 35

²⁴ The Monthly Repository and Review of Theology and General Literature, Volume 2, Page 862.

²⁵ RG4/965 Exeter Bow Meeting (Presbyterian) 1687 - 1823

²⁶ RG4/965 Exeter Bow Meeting (Presbyterian) 1687 - 1823

²⁷ RG4/965 Exeter Bow Meeting (Presbyterian) 1687 - 1823

²⁸ RG4/965 Exeter Bow Meeting (Presbyterian) 1687 - 1823

²⁹ Hull Packet, Tuesday 19th January 1819, accessed on britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk on 19 August 2017

³⁰ DRO 3693D/O/B/I Report and Account Book of Dissenters Burial Ground, 1748 - 1832

The Mary Ann and John who are commemorated on the memorial cannot be identified because their dates are missing.

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