

WILLIAM DREWE died 1818 Memorial 29
GEORGE POWELL DREWE died 1818
WILLIAM DREWE died 1804
EMILY DREWE died 1800
WILLIAM STEVENS DREWE died 1831
LUCY FISCHER DREWE died 1841
ANN DREWE died 1844

William DREWE (senior) was born in 1766 in Exeter, the son of Thomas DREWE and Elizabeth (nee GOVE).

He was a Wine Merchant whose business was 'Drewe & Co. Wine & Port Dealers'. He married Ann POWELL in 1792.

William and Ann had 7 children, 3 of whom are remembered here. The others, Eliza, Lucy, Ann and William lived into old age.

In 1811, the family lived and worked in South Street, Exeter, next to the White Hart Inn and, after William's death in 1818, Ann continued to run the business with the help of her children.

William and Ann's youngest child, also called William (born in 1805), married Anne Borlase STEVENS in Heavitree in 1829. They continued with the family business, with Ann until her death in 1884, and then on their own.

This younger William was the first non-conformist Mayor of Exeter, elected in 1839. The 1851 Census shows that he and his family were living in Richmond Grove, Heavitree – this is now part of the independent Bramdean School.

In 1852, William and his family moved to Australia, where he died in 1862.