

EDMOND COFFIN died 179?

Memorial 38*

THOMAS COFFIN died 1800

MARTHA COFFIN died 1826

The Coffin's were a large Exeter family.

Edmund/Edmond Coffin was a carpenter and wood carver. There are various instances of him taking on apprentices in Exeter. For example, on 16 August 1742 Edmund Coffin of the City of Exon, Carpenter, took on Richard son of Joan Finnemore. In 1756, he took on Joseph Langdon and in 1759 he took on Handley Philologus.¹

Thomas Coffin was born to Edmund & Mary Coffin in 1732 and baptised on 11 July 1732 at Bow Presbyterian Meeting.²

On 9 February 1761 we see Thomas Coffin, joiner, as an apprentice of Edmund Coffin his father as a Freeman of Exeter.³

Thomas Coffin married Martha Marivale (Merrivale) on 4 June 1771 at St. Petrocks, Exeter.⁴ Martha was from Middleton Cheney in Northamptonshire and a second cousin of John Merivale of Exeter.⁵

Thomas became a builder and in 1797 built Barton Place in Exeter for John Merivale.⁶

It appears Thomas Coffin was also a Steward of the Dissenters burying ground as on 20th January 1804 a note in the burying ground register shows that "Mr Gideon Ware was appointed steward of the Dissenting Burying ground vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Coffin".⁷

In the burial register Thomas Coffin was buried on 25 December 1800 aged 71, Martha Coffin of Trinity, Exeter was buried on 13 November 1826 aged 85. They noted she was the wife of the late Thomas Coffin of Exeter a builder, 10/- was paid for this.⁸

£1.1.0d was paid on 31 March 1827 by a Mr Coffin for leave to place a head stone at Mrs Coffin's cave.⁹

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¹ UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1800; accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

² England and Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1970; accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

³ Devon, England, Extracted Church of England Parish Records; accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

⁴ England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973; accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

⁵ 'Family Memorials' compiled by Anna W. Merivale, printed for Private Circulation, Exeter, Thomas Upward, 1884. Accessed via www.archive.org

⁶ As note 5 above

⁷ Report and Account Book of Dissenters Burial Ground 1748-1832 (DRO3693D/0/B/1) www.swheritage.org.uk

⁸ As note 2 above

⁹ As note 7 above

* Also includes stone fragment #90.