

Memorial 26

Reverend Green's Family

The Reverend James Green was Minister at James's Meeting when the Dissenters' Graveyard first came into use. The first person to be buried in the graveyard was Mary Green. The burial accounts show that this was Mary the wife of the Reverend James Green.¹



The burial register entry shows:

"Mrs Mary Green. October 15 1748. The first person buried in the Burying Ground belonging to the Dissenters... Mr Stephn Towgood officiated".

The Reverend Green was Minister at James's Meeting from 1723 until his death in December 1749. He studied at Bridgwater Academy under John Moore and was ordained in September 1713.² He was at Shaftesbury before he came to Exeter.² The Revd Green was buried on 25th January 1750 in a cave with his wife. The burial was conducted by the Reverend John Lavington.¹

There are records of three children born to Reverend and Mary Green. Mary [II] was born in December 1725 and baptised by her father on the 19th. The entry in the register of baptisms is annotated 'died'.¹

A second daughter was born in October 1728 and also named Mary [III]. She was baptised by her father on 27th October.¹ A son, William, was born in September 1730 and baptised by his father on the 26th.¹

Mary [III] married Samuel Cross in 1752 at Mary Major Church³ (see **Cross family** biography) and was buried in her father's cave when she died in 1787, the funeral was officiated by the Reverend Joseph Bretland.⁴ Her husband Samuel was later buried with her when he died in 1791.⁴

Other Green Burials

Jonathon Green

Aged 69 (1721?)

Received for opening cave for Mr Jonathon Green

10 shillings pid 20/10/1790⁴

The only surviving record that mentions Jonathon Green is in a list of subscribers to the building of George's Meeting which was planned to be finished in 1760. He subscribed £26.5 shillings.⁵

Mrs Green

¹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non parochial Registers 1567-1963

² Non Conformity in Exeter 1650-1875 Brockett, Allan 1962 page 98.

³ Devon, England Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1975

⁴ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1963

⁵ Non Conformity in Exeter 1650-1875 Brockett Allan p134

Died 2/7/1807 aged 79 born 1728

married

Received for opening of Mr Green's cave 10 shillings paid May-August 1807 ⁶

Was this the wife of James Green mentioned below?

James Green

died 7/8/1810

Received for opening of cave for Mr James Green

10 shillings paid 7/8/1810 ⁷

There is no other information for this James Green although he would seem to have a cave in his own name. There do not seem to be any links with The Reverend James Green.

There is mention in 1788 of James Green being a member of the Committee that allocated the seats at George's Meeting House. ⁸

Sexie Green

Died 2/5/1837

Aged 82 born 1755

Parish All Hallows on the Wall

widow ⁹

Sexie Green has links to the Cross, Green and Bidwell families and will be dealt with in a separate biography.

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⁶ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1963

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⁸ Non Conformity in Exeter 1650-1875 Brockett Allan p136

⁹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1963