

Inscriptions on our Family tombstone in Warminster Churchyard.

1740 – 1794 on the Vault.

In the Faith of a blessed Resurrection lie here deposited

The Bodies of:

	Dyed	Aged	
Hester Wansey	6 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1740	79	A
Henry Wansey	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1740	22	C
Eliz. Ball	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1750	68	B
Eliz. Wansey	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1750	68	B
Geo. Wansey	20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1751	1yr 9 months	D
Henry Wansey	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1750	6yr 8 months	D
Sarah Wansey	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 1760	4yr 11 months	D
Geo, son of John & Sarah London	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 1784	2yr 8 months	E

On the West End

William son of Henry & Eliz	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 1780	63	C
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On the South Side

Near this Vault are interred

George Wansey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 1707	57	A
Henry son of George	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1761	71	B
Hester dau. of George	13 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1761	47	C
George son of George	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1762	49	C
John son of George	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1776	53	C

On the North Side

William son of Wm. and Sarah	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1780	2 months	E
Mary dau of Wm. and Sarah	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1788	7 months	E
Esther Wansey	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1794	81	C
William Wansey son of George and Esther (C)	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1805	29	D
Eliz. Wansey dau of William (D)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 1805	29	E
Wm. Raymond Wansey			
son of Henry and Elizabeth	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1810	5	E
Esther Wansey dau of Henry and Elizabeth	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1816	5	E
William Hubbard Wansey son (twin)			
of George Wansey	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1816	7 months	E
Sarah Anne Wansey dau of William	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1817	38	E

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New Grave close adjoining old, Church side

Geo. Wansey son of Geo. & Esther (C) 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 1807 58

There were apparently more Wanseys before these buried in this vault in the Minster Churchyard, for a record refers to "these last 22 buried in Our Grave." An old record says that when on Jan 13, 1816, William Hubbard Wansey was interred (aged 7 months and nine days) at the West end of the grave, all the old coffins appeared quite sound.

In the Boreham Rd. Non-Conformist Burial Ground (subscribed to by Henry Wansey F.S.A) are the following cut on one grave stone.

	Dyed	Aged
Jane Wansey dau.of Geo. & Jane Wansey	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1862	16 weeks
Henry Wansey	25 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1827	75 yr 11 months
Walter Wansey son of Geo.& Jane Wansey	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1828	5 yr 10 months
Catherine dau.of Henry and Eliz. Wansey	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1829	11 yr 10 months
John Wansey son of Henry and Eliz. Wansey	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1830	15 yr 6 months
Sarah Wansey	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 1833	83
Fanny dau.of George & Jane Wansey	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1835	14 yr 9 months
Agnes dau.of George & Jane Wansey	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1838	14 yr 5 days
Harriet dau of Henry and Eliz. Wansey	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 1840	27
Anne Lye	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep 1848	66
Henry Wansey, Sambourne, Warminster	27 Mar 1855	80
George Wansey, Church Street,	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1859	73
Jane wife of George Wansey, Church Street,	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 1861	67
Edward Wansey, Sutton Veny,	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1864	56
Elizabeth Wansey, Sambourne,	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1868	87
Catherine Morgan	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1891	69
And on adjoining tombstone		
George Wansey	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1858	77
and Jane his wife, dau of (John Hubbard?)	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1861	67

1658 John Wansey of Merriott married Frances Allen Crewkerne 25<sup>th</sup> March, (Registered).  
1832 A John Wansey died aged 48.

Gifts to Churches by the Wauncies

1080

Hugo de Waunci, Patron of the Church of West Barsham gives it to the Priory of Castleacre Ditto as Patron of Depeden.

Sir Hugh also gave the Church of Thruxton to Castleacre Priory (Dug. Mon. I. 622)

Hugh, his grandson is patron and had the advowson of Thruxton Church. He confirmed certain lands at West Barsham in pure alms as Esmond his Aunt had before done.

William son of Hugh confirmed the gifts of his father and further gave them 4 acres with liberty of the fold course for 180 sheep and also confirmed to them the mill called Bridge Mill with the customs belonging thereto.

Sir Roger de W. gave Stansted Church to Merton Abbey in Surrey also Hunsdon Church temp. H.I. (Stansted and Hunsdon were near Roydon.)

Michael de W. half the Manor of Stansted, Herts.

1353

Walter Wansey gave lands to Cambridge University at Poundisbury which is in the hundred of Casleford (Carleford?) in Suffolk - a rectory valued in the King's Book 17.11.3. in the gift of Trinity College, Cambridge. It is 3 ¼ miles NW. of Wodebridge with Chdad (Church) to St. Mary. Worth now over £700 a. year.

"When Walter Wancy, Clerk, gave this land to the Master and scholars of Michalhouse there was no College at Cambridge and only one other Hall (Peterhouse founded in 1257 and just endowed in 1282). Michalhouse was founded in 1324 by Harey de Stanton who was Chancellor of the Exchequer to Edward II, so that Walter Wancy's Benefaction was within 30 years of its foundation, and he being styled "Clericus" might probably have had his education there."

Wanseys in Wiltshire

1199 1.J.I.

Ricardus de Waunci signs as witness King John's Charter to Amesbury Abbey on Salisbury Plain.

1216 1.H.3.

Geoffry de Wancy holds a Knight's fee at Adhelmerston.

1228

Ralph de Wancy holds a Knight's fee at Adhelmerston.

1275

Ralph de Wancy holds a Knight's fee at Adhelmerston.

1300

Sir William and Sir Geoffrey (Geoffry) de Wancy, Knights and owners temp. Henry III. and Edward I.

1306

Roger de Bygal Earl of Norfolk Clyve Wancy dimid feod.

Robert Tregoz held one fee at Clyve Wancy in the time of King Edward.

1306

Robert de Wauncyl is juror on an Inquisition at Compton,

1319

(Chamberlaine?) and also at Salisbury in 1319.

1329 3.E.3

John Waunsy at Wilton signs (twice) as witness of a post mortem inquisition.

1331

John Wauncy at Salisbury signs (twice) as witness of a post mortem inquisition.

1375 49 E.3.

John Waunsy at Wilton signs (twice) as witness of a post mortem inquisition.

(See Jackson & Aubrey' s Wilts Collections: Inquisitions of post mortem Ed. III.)

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"It seems not improbable that this early family of Wauney may have migrated from the neighbourhood of Salisbury along the Vale of Wylve and eventually settled in Warminster (20 miles distant). We often find the younger sons of good families embarking in the clothing business in its earlier and more prosperous days" (McKite's Letter, Devizes Museum).

Adhelmersten was called Clyve Wancy after Radulfus (Ralph) de Wancy who held lands there C. 1275. (Test de Nevill 137)

Clyve Wancy now Clevancy is in the Parish of Hilmarton on the road from Calne to Wootton Bassett in N. Wilts, 3 miles N.E. from Calne. It took its name from our family. The land is. 8 carucates. It paid gold (tax) for 9 hides.

Geoffrey de Wauncy held lands in Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and other places in the reign of Edward I. (1272 - 1307).

His name which is misprinted Wauncl in Archaeologie Vol XXXIX occurs as Gefrai de Waunci in St. George's Roll of Arms - with the old coat of GULES, THREE GAUNTS, ARGENT, and the same coat of arms is given for "Ion (John) de Waunci in the very ancient roll of the Society of Antiquaries, No. 17.

Two branches of our family were in Wilts in the reign of Henry III. In the Testa de Navil it is recorded that Ralph de Waunci in 1221 holds at Helmerton a military fee of Roger de Bluet also one military fee at Wodhall (near Cricklade) of the Earl Marshall and the King.

Geoffry de Wancy holds in Clive Wancy ½ military fee of the Earl Marshall (E .Clare) and he of the King, together with one fee at Lewarton in Berks under the Abbey of Abingdon (temp. H. 3 or Ed. 1.)

William Wansey in 1779 says:-

"About 40 names are entered in the Warminster Church Register before any Wansey, but none of those 40 are any names of people that now reside in Warminster (at least of any note) so that our Family are upon Record, as inhabitants of this town, prior to any other Family now residing here."

Born			Died	Age	Buried
Circ. 1480	Henry	=	1546		
1522-32	Henry	= Katterine Stibbs	1592		Minster
1560	John	= Margaret Yockhey	1626	66	Minster
Had 9 children					
1627	George	= Elizabeth Farmer	1699	72	Bugley
Bn after f's death					
Had 3 children					
1649	George	= Joyce Short	1707	58	Minster
Had 3 children		=Hester French			
1690	Henry	= Elizabeth Farmer	1761	71	Minster
Had 7 children					
1713	George	= Hester Green	1762	49	Minster
Had 9 children					
1746	William	= Sarah Jeffries	1805	58	Minster
Had 8 children					
1774	Henry	= Eliz. Wansey (cousin)	1855	80	Boreham Rd.
Had 15 children					
1827	Arthur Henry	= Blanche Wellsted	1900	73	Stoke Bishop
Had 8 children					
1873	Henry Raymond	= Beatrice Margaretta Nottidge			
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	Paul	John	Peter	Mary	Joseph

All these have lived sometime in Warminster during a period of 400 years.

Wansey 1500 = A Margaret Wansey died in 1560

William Wansey ob. 1545 = Elizabeth = Lyde Hyde, her first husband

John Wansey = William Lyde

Parish Clerk died of the plague 1564 and buried at the same time as Sir John Croker the Vicar.

Elizabeth = Rd Daniel