

MRS. GREGORY

Mrs. Gregory, who restored Bridge Church at her own expense, was not, as her benevolence might suggest, a native of the village, or even of Kent, but was born in Congleton, Cheshire in or about 1766, being Mary, one of the three daughters of Nathaniel Masey Pattison, of West House, by Helen, youngest surviving daughter of Roger Cumberbatch, Franciscan of the Palatine of Chester, that is ~~Mary~~ Chief Clerk or officer of the county. Her father was a silk manufacturer and the grandson of Nathaniel Pattison of London, who in partnership with John Clayton of Stockport, established the first silk mill in Congleton in 1753.

Unfortunately no account of the daily life and works of this generous lady has come down to us, but that she was held in high regard is evident from the laudatory remarks in the obituary notice of her in the "Kentish Gazette", which says:-

"Full of years, mature in wisdom, animated by Christian faith, seeking with benevolence and abounding in good works and aims deeds which she did, Mrs. Edward Gregory was beloved and honoured by all, both rich and poor, around her. This city (Canterbury) and neighbourhood will long mourn the loss irreparable which they have sustained. A sincere friend, a judicious counsellor, a benevolent benefactress, has been removed from our midst, but her bright instructive example must ever live before our eyes."

Mrs. Gregory died after a short and sudden illness at Bridge Hill House, where she had lived for most, if not all, of her married life, on 27th March, 1867, aged 79 years, and was buried on 3rd April with her husband in the imposing Gregory family vault in Lower Hardres churchyard. She had no children to whom to leave anything of her fortune of nearly £60,000.

The Rev. Edward Gregory, Mrs. Gregory's husband, although a man with a strong local connection, was not actually of Kentish ~~Eng~~ extraction but was descended from the Lincolnshire branch of a Nottingham family. Born in or about 1769, he was the younger son of Daniel Gregory, of Park Street, Grosvenor Square, London, and grandson of George Gregory of Harlaxton, near Grantham, in the Parts of Kesteven. On the female side, however, he was very much a local man, since his mother was Elizabeth Catherine, the younger daughter of Stephen Beckingham, of Bourne Park, which estate Stephen had got with his second wife, Catherine, daughter of John Corbett, LL.D. Through this connection the Rev. Edward Gregory was thus also a first cousin of Mrs. Edward Taylor, of Ely. It is worth noting in passing that Mrs. Beckingham's grandfather, Sir Anthony Aucher of Bishopsbourne, first baronet, had no less than nine sons, not one of whom left issue, and the title died with Sir Hewitt, the youngest of those sons. This is a striking example of the strange fact that when a man has an inordinately large number of sons it is often a sign that his line is doomed to extinction. ~~Eng~~ The Oxendens of Broome Park provide another local instance. Sir Henry, the seventh baronet, had seven sons, but the family became extinct on the death of his grandson Percy.

Educated at Trinity College, Oxford, where he took his M.A. degree, tho he appears to have entered at Magdalen in 1807, Edward GREGORY petitioned in 1812 for Letters Dismissory to receive Deacon's Orders to enable him to become Curate of Upchurch, to which he was duly licensed in February 1813. In September of the same year he was ordained Priest and in October 1815 he became curate of Lower Hardres where he remained until April 1829. This was his last church appointment. Why he relinquished it has not been ascertained, nor anything known of his subsequent activities.

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French baron found peace at Bridge

AN oil painting has come to light in a Paris apartment of the Baron de Montesquieu and with its discovery comes a fascinating insight into the French nobleman and how he came to settle in Bridge, where he died in 1824.

The painting was discovered in the Paris apartment of the present baron. Born Charles Louis de Secondat, in 1749, the nobleman apparently fought in the American War of Independence and was decorated by George Washington with the Cincinnati Medal.

After the war he returned to France but was so disgusted by the horrors of the French Revolution in 1789 that he fled to England in 1790 and married a woman

of Irish descent, Miss Anne McGeehagan O'Neill.

He took no part in the Revolution Wars and after the Restoration Louis XVIII appointed him a lieutenant general. But as the Restoration lasted only a short time he returned to Bridge, where he died in 1824.

He was the grandchild of a famous French philosopher and lived at Bridge Hill House just off the main road and near the present Highland Court.

He left no immediate family and all his property went to his nephew, whose descendants still live in Chateau Labreade, near Bordeaux.

This isn't the first time the Kentish Gazette has reported on the baron. In July, 1824, we printed the notice of his death.

It read: "Died on Sunday morning, Charles Louis Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, of Bridge Hill

House, in this county and of the Chateau de Labreade, near Bordeaux, South of France. He was formerly a distinguished officer in the French service of an ancient and noble family of Guienne and descendant of the illustrious Montesquieu, one of the greatest ornaments of French literature.

"The Baron settled in this county after the calamitous revolution of France and has been justly revered for his unaffected manners and great hospitality."

The baron's connection with the village has been researched by Mr John Williamson, of Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, who has lived in the village for 20 years and become its unofficial historian.

He now corresponds with the family of the present baron, who sent him our photograph of the oil painting.

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