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GRANTHAM.

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SIR ISAAC NEWTON,

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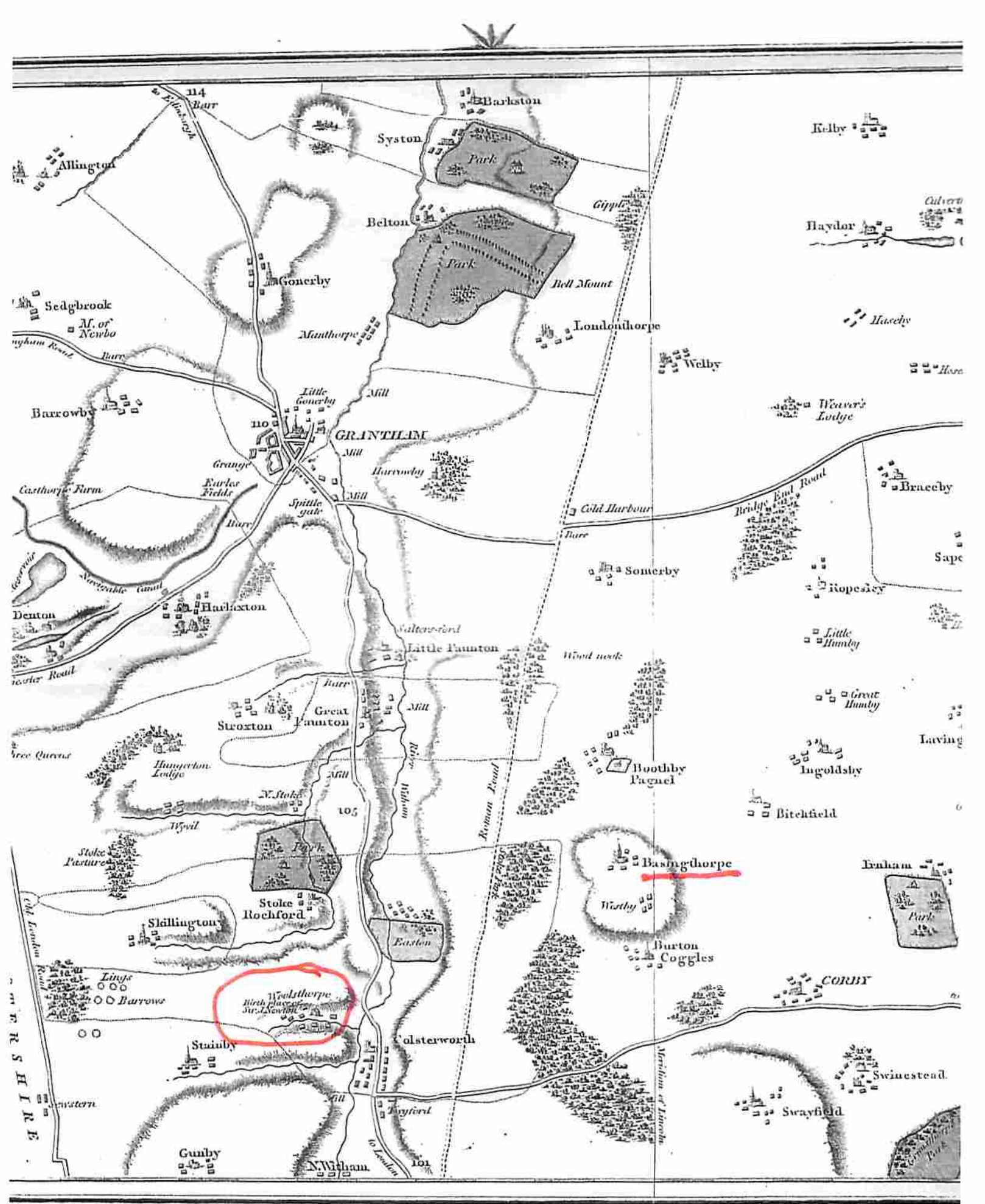
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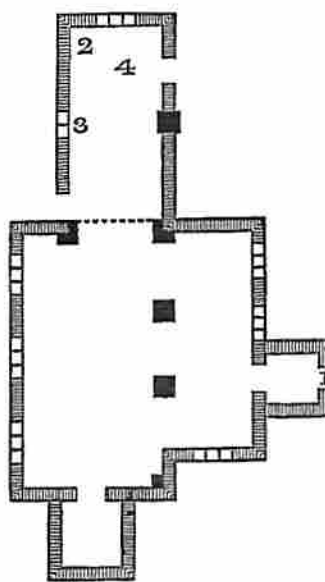
The part of LINCOLNSHIRE comprehending the SOKE of GRANTHAM.

BARKSTON,

Barchestune, is bounded on the east by Wilsford and Welby, on the west by Marston, on the south by Syston, and on the north by Honington, Willoughby, and Carlton Scrope; it is four miles distant from Grantham, and twenty three from Lincoln.

THE CHURCH

Is an elegant Gothic building, with a tower, on which is a stone spire, with crockets on the angles. The church is covered with lead, and the parapet is ornamented with plain shields. The arches between the nave and south ile, are Saxon, with small indented mouldings. Except some pews near the pulpit, it is seated with oak benches. The chancel has two rows of windows, one above the other, and communicated, in 1789, with a south ile (intended to be taken down) by a pointed arch. It is covered with slates.



*Dimensions of the Church.*

	Feet.
Length of the nave, - - - - -	40
Breadth of ditto, - - - - -	21
Breadth of south ile, - - - - -	12
Length of chancel, - - - - -	30
Breadth of ditto, - - - - -	15

1. *In raised letters over the Porch.*

Me Thomam Pacy post mundi flebile funus  
 Jungas veraci vite, tu trinus, et unus  
 Dne Deus vere Thome Pacy miserere.

*In the first north Window.<sup>1</sup>*

Orate pro aiabus Thome  
 Pacy, et Aliciæ Uxoris ejus, qui  
 hanc fenestram fieri fecerunt.

*In the second north Window.*

Orate pro aiabus Ricardi  
 Bullar, et Johis uxoris ejus, qui hanc  
 fenestram fieri fecerunt.

*In the east Window.*

Orate pro aiabus Robti  
 Pacy, et Aliciæ uxoris ejus.

*In the south Window.*

Arms. 3 lions passant gardant or, a border }  
 B. semé of fleurs-de-lis of the 2d. }

2. *On a Tablet of stone fixed in the wall.*

Mari Thomæ Troti hujus ecclesiæ rectoris dilectissimæ, nec non Joh' Ekins de  
 Ringstead in co. Northamp. Gen' filix, die divi Joh' Bap' tumultata, jacet A°  
 D<sup>ni</sup> 1671—ætatis suæ 40 Sepulchrum. mors victa regnet.

3. *On another stone Tablet in the wall.*

Near this place lie the bodies of M<sup>r</sup>. Roger Stephens late Rector of this Parish,  
 and Susanna his wife She died Nov<sup>r</sup>. 29. he Dec<sup>r</sup>. 7, 1712. As also Lucy their  
 Daughter, and wife of M<sup>r</sup>. Nathan<sup>l</sup> Knowles vicar of Syston, who died June 24,  
 1724, aged 23 years.

<sup>1</sup> Hollis MS. p. 323. The glass is gone.

4. *On flat stones in the Chancel.*

Here lieth the body of Mary Buck relict of Perigrine Buck, Gent. who departed this life May 7 1704 *Ætatis suæ* 70.

Here lieth Peregrine Buck Gent: who died Feb. 28, 1693. Also Mary the wife of John Longland Gent: died Oct: 22<sup>d</sup> 1741, aged 36 years. and Tho' their son, and Mary the daughter. Also Mary Wilson daughter of John and Mary Longland Gent: she died Sep<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1762 aged 28 y<sup>rs</sup>.

Mary Gilbert widow of the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Gilbert died Sep<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>. 1778 aged 58 years.

Here lieth interred the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup> Gilbert Rector of this parish, who died May 5<sup>th</sup> 1766, aged 52.

The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and is in the patronage of the Prebendary of North Grantham, in the church of Sarum.

*Succession of Rectors.*

1691. April 14. Roger Stevens, M. A. *death of Thos. Trott.*  
 1713. April 22. John Vincent, M. A. *death of Stevens.*  
 1713. Oct. 15. John Troughton, M. A. *death of Vincent.*  
 1736. April 21. John Barnwell, *death of Troughton.*  
 1742. May 31. Wm. Gilbert, M. A. *cession of Barnwell.*  
 1766. Oct. 8. Thomas Easton, M. A. *cession of Gilbert.*  
 1768. Jan. 11. Ditto, *resignation of himself.*  
 1792. July 28. Thos. Tristram, M. A. *cession of Easton.*  
 1796. Oct. 23. Alfred Wm. Roberts, M. A. *death of Tristram.*  
 On the collation of the Bishop of Lincoln by *lapse.*  
 1801. April 15, Rohert Kilsha, M. A. *resignation of Roberts.*

*Alms-houses and School.*

Richard Hickson, Esq. of Gonerby, in the county of Lincoln,<sup>1</sup> did, by will, devise, that his Executor should, within 12 months next after his decease,

<sup>1</sup> From a MS. in the possession of the Rev. T. Easton, late rector.

erect and build an almshouse in Barkston, for the habitation of six poor people, and did give, limit, and appoint unto Wm. Welby and J. Newton, and their heirs and assigns, forty-three pounds per annum, issuing out of certain, and all his lands at Greetham, in the county of Rutland, for the use, maintenance, and sustentation of the said six poor people, and their successors for ever, and for the sustaining, upholding, and repairing of the said almshouse; each poor person to receive 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* annually, and the other three pounds per annum to be bestowed upon the repair of the said almshouse; Wm. Welby to have the nomination during his life, and after his decease J. Newton and his heirs, or such other as should be the right owner of his lands in Barkston for ever; each poor person must be 60 years of age, or more, and an inhabitant of Barkston, Hayther, Aseby, or Culverthorpe, and who have received collection from the town where they lived for one whole year; but should there be no person qualified as above, then his will was that some other person, most aged and poor, living within the said towns, should be elected. Wm. Welby of Denton, his cousin, was constituted and appointed his sole executor. Will dated October 2, 1640.

Besides the above charity, there is a school endowed with a field, worth 5*l.* per annum, and a house for the master, for which he is to teach six poor children. This is supposed to have been left by some of the Newton family.<sup>1</sup>

#### *The Manor*

Belonged to the monastery of Haltemprice, in the East Riding of the county of York, and was probably given thereto by Thomas Lord Wake of Liddel, when he founded that house, 1322. The prior and convent of Haltemprice granted an annuity for life, out of their manor of Barkston, to Blanch, Lady Wake, of Liddel, widow and relict of Thomas Lord Wake, their founder, and daughter of Henry Plantagenet Earl of Lancaster.<sup>2</sup>

1st Hen. VI. John Pacy de Belton was lord of Barkston.<sup>3</sup> 44. Eliz. Alicia Porter had the manor. A. D. 1167. The monastery of Stixwold had lands here of the gift of William de Romarra.<sup>4</sup>

Richard Hickson, Esq. of Gonerby, the founder of the almshouses here, and

<sup>1</sup> Ex inform. Reev. T. Easton.

<sup>2</sup> Sanderson's Index.

<sup>3</sup> Harl. MSS.

<sup>4</sup> Ex inform. John C. Brooke, Esq. Somerset Herald.

<sup>5</sup> Sanderson's Index.

#### M

High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, 1621.<sup>1</sup> is supposed to have been lord of the manor, and to have given this manor, with Haydor, and other extensive possessions, to John Newton of Gonerby, styled by Bishop Sanderson, nephew of Richard Hickson; but that relationship does not appear from the Newton pedigree, p. 85. In the survey of the soke of Grantham, taken 1650, John Newton, Gent. is stated to be lord of the manor of Barkston; and in the list of persons on whom Charles II. intended to have conferred the honour of knighthood of the Royal Oak. In 1660, John Newton, Esq. of Haydor is named; his estate being then 3000*l.* per annum.<sup>1</sup>

A curious pedigree of the family of Newton, *alias* Cradock, derived from Howel ap Grono, A. D. 800, was in the possession of the late Michael Newton, Esq. It is there said, that Sir Richard Cradock, Justice of the Common Pleas, 1444, was the first who took the name of Newton. Of his descendants, buried in the family chapel in Bristol cathedral, Sir Henry Newton, Knt. who died 1599, aged 70, is thus portrayed:

Gurney, Hampton, Cradock, Newton last,  
 Held on the measure of that ancient line  
 of Barons blood, full seventy years he past,  
 and did in peace his sacred soul resign;  
 His Christ he loved; he loved to feed the poor;  
 Such love, assures a life that dies no more.

His grandson, John Newton, was advanced to the dignity of a Baronet, 1660 (with remainder to John Newton of Haydor, in the county of Lincoln, Esq.), and dying 1661, without issue, he gave his estates in Gloucestershire to John Newton of Haydor, Esq.

<sup>1</sup> See Wotton's Baronetage, V. p.

*Pedigree of Newton of Hayer.*

Sir John Newton, Bart. — Mary, daughter of Sir Gervase  
son of Thomas N. of  
Gonerby, died 1699,  
bur. at Bilton,\* in  
Gloucestershire.

Gervase  
died 3. P.

Abigail, daughter  
of Wm. Herring-  
ham, Esq. by Lady  
Mary, daughter  
of John Earl of  
Dover. 1st wife.

Sir John Newton, Bart. — Susanna sister  
of Sir Michael  
Wharton, of  
Beverly, Knt.  
and relict of  
Sir Richard  
Bright, Bart.

Elizabeth — Francis — Esq.  
Mary — Marwood, Esq.  
Jane — Sackwell, Esq.  
Lucy — Scroop, Esq.  
Hester — Col. Seymour.  
Frances — Wingfield, Esq.

Cary, mar. Ed. Coke of Holkam, co. Norfolk, Esq.

Lady Margaret, — Sir Michael Newton, K. B.  
eldest daughter,  
and coheir of  
John Earl of  
Coningsby. cr.  
Baroness and  
Viscountess  
Coningsby.  
John Lord Viscount  
Coningsby, born 1732,  
died an infant.

Susanna only — William Eyre  
daughter. Archer, Esq. Knight  
of the Shire for  
Berks.

Lady Mary, third  
daughter of John Earl  
of Fitzwilliam.

John Archer, Esq.  
died 1801.

Michael took  
the surname of  
Newton by  
Act of Parlia-  
ment. He  
died without  
issue, 1803.

Susanna, mar.  
to the Earl of  
Oxford, she  
succeeded to  
the manor of  
Barkston, on  
the death of  
her brother  
Newton, and  
died 1804,  
without issue.

Catherine mar.  
Philip Blundel,  
Esq. and suc-  
ceeded to the  
manor of Bark-  
ston, on the  
death of her  
sister. She has  
no issue.

Susanna — Jacob Houblon, of  
Hollingbury, county  
of Essex, Esq. died,

Charlotte, the wife of  
Gillery Pigott, Esq.

John Archer Houblon.

\* Here lyeth the body of Sir John Newton, Bart. thrice Burgess of parliament (for Grantham), a most loving husband, careful father, and faithful friend; pious, just, prudent, hospitable, valiant, and generally beloved. He was born June 9, 1626, being the son of Thomas Newton of Gonerby, in the county of Lincoln, Esq. and died May 31, A. D. 1699. He married Mary Eyre, the daughter of Sir Gervase Eyre of Rempton, in the county of Nottingham, Knt. by whom he had four sons and thirteen daughters. They lived happily all their time together, which was 55 years. *Wotton's Baronetage*, III. 148.

Copy of a Letter from Sir Isaac Newton, "to Sir John Newton, Bart. Barr's Court, near Bristow," without date, late in the possession of Michael Newton, Esq.

SIR JOHN,  
The bearer hereof, Mr. John Adams, having undertaken a great designe, which is, to survey all

The lordship is supposed to contain about 2300 acres, whereof Sir John Thorold, Bart. of Syston Park, is a considerable proprietor.

England by accurate instruments, reducing the same into large triangles, and placing in each triangle the towns in their true position, whereby the geography of this Island will be rendered far more perfect than formerly; and having also undertaken to survey the heights of hills, to coast the Island, to measure a meridian line, and other particulars, which he will acquaint you with: for carrying on this work, he begs the favour of the gentry; and the designe being for the credit of the nation, he has hitherto met with good encouragement. Knowing therefore that he was desirous to wait upon you, and being of opinion that you, amongst others, would be willing by your advice and countenance to promote this designe, I took the liberty by a line or two to beg your favour in his behalf. This is all, but my most humble service to my Lady Newton and cousins, and that I am your very humble servant,

ISAAC NEWTON.

*Mr. Adams's proposals were offered to the Royal Society, 1681.*

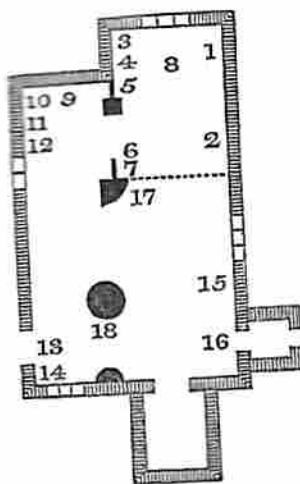
## BELTON

Is bounded on the north by *Wesley*; on the east by the high-dyke, dividing Belton and Welby; on the south by *Lindholme* and *Genesby*; and on the west by *Marston*. It is two miles and an half distant from *Grantham*, and twenty four from *Lincoln*.

### THE CHURCH

Is a neat stone building, *restored*, covered with slate; the tower is embanked, with a pinnacle at each corner, and has this date upon it, 1638. The porch is groined within, and being covered with stone, is supported by buttresses on the outside. The church was rebuilt by Dame Alicia Brownlow, who died 1721.\*

The arch between the chancel and north ile is pointed; the other arches and pillars are Saxon, and probably of great antiquity; the pillar near the font being eleven feet in circumference. The church is neatly seated, painted white, and kept in very exact order; in the south window are six pieces of modern painted glass, representing parts of Scripture history.



\* On the Monument, No. 16.

1. *On a black marble slab against the wall.*

Hic jacent Gulielmi Walkeri Particulæ, obiit 1<sup>o</sup> Augusti Anno Dom. 1684.  
Ætat. 61.

Hic item jacet Georgius Parish obiit 9<sup>o</sup> Januāri Anno Dom. 1689 Ætatis 39.

2. Here lies the body of Wm. Perkins Rector of Colsterworth and Boothby Pagnel, son of Wm. Perkins of Grantham, Gent. who departed this life June 17, 1730, aged 60 years.

3. *Pew belonging to the manor-house at Woolsthorpe. Newton's.\**

4. *Pew belonging to the manor-house at Colsterworth.*

*On a stone tablet with the Arms of Newton (between two Saxon arches on the north side of the nave), erected by Edmund Turnor, Esq. 1805.*

## SIR ISAAC NEWTON

who first demonstrated the laws by which  
the Almighty made and governs the universe,  
was born at Woolsthorpe in this parish  
on Christmas day 1642  
and was buried in Westminster Abbey 1727.

Three generations of the Newtons  
Lords of the Manor of Woolsthorpe, are buried  
near this place.

*In the Churchyard.* Depositum Thomæ Mason, hujus Ecclesiæ pastoris,  
obiit Sep. 17, 1753 Ætatis 71.

*The earliest parish register begins 1571.*

1607. Wm. Hotchkine Rector of Colsterworth and Stoke Australis, buried 20  
Sept.

1641. Dr. Nicolas Walker Rector buried 13 April.

Robert Newton (Sir Isaac's grandfather) buried Sep. 20.

1642. Isaac Newton (Sir Isaac's father) buried Oct. 6.

ISAAC SONNE OF ISAAC & HANNA NEWTON BAPTIZED JAN. 1.

1666. Mr. Thomas Pilkington of Belton co. Rutland and Mary Smith (Sir  
Isaac's half sister) married Nov. 22.

1678. Hannah Barton (Sir Isaac's niece) daughter of Mr. Robert Barton and  
Hannah his wife of Bridgstock in Northamptonshire bap. Nov. 16.

\* 1725. Sir Isaac Newton gave £12. towards the Gallery, and £3. for repairing the church  
floor. *His Letter to Mr. Mason.*

1679. Mrs. Hannah Smith (*query* Sir Isaac's mother)<sup>1</sup> was buried June 4.

*Inscriptions on the Bells.*

1st bell—Tobias Norris cast me 1684.

2d bell—God save the King. Hardel. J. Whittell. Tobias Norris cast me 1674.

3d bell—Non clamor sed amor cantat in aure Dei 1613.

4th bell—God save the King. Tobias Norris cast me 1684.

*On the silver chalice.* Deo sacrum Colsterworth.

There is land in Woolsthorpe field for the repairs of the church, let at fourteen shillings per annum.

The church, dedicated to St. John Baptist, is a rectory in the patronage of the prebendary of S. Grantham in the church of Sarum.

*Succession of Rectors.*

William Hotchkine.

1607. Nicholas Walker.

1641. William Walker.

1681. Dec. 6, Geo. Parish, M. A. *resignation of Walker.*

1690. June 5, Wm. Perkins, M. A. *death of Parish.*

1720. Oct. 20, Tho. Mason, B. D. *death of Perkins.*

1753. Dec. 18, Robert Cane, B. D. *death of Mason.*

1756. Nov. 2, Rich. Radcliffe, M. A. *resignation of Cane.*

1766. Dec. 30, Henry Dodwell, M. A. *resignation of Radcliffe.*

*Manor, &c.*

The Queen's Thain (Earl Edwin) had a manor in Colsteworde, four carucates of land at geld. There are now four carucates. He himself has there three sockmen, and three villeins and seven bordars, with two carucates and two mills worth two shillings, and one acre of meadow, and eighty acres of pasture-wood. At the time of King Edward, and now, worth twenty shillings.<sup>2</sup>

Queen Elizabeth (in the 32d year of her reign) demised the manor (formerly

<sup>1</sup> Sir Isaac's mother is stated in the pedigree to have died in 1689.

<sup>2</sup> Domesday, fol. 371.