

13/5/1854

Home Office Chambers
8, Richmond Terrace
Whitehall
13 May 1854

Rev Sir

D Sutherland having been directed by Lord Palmerston, under the Act for amending the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England beyond the Metropolis, to report on the Burial Grounds of

Kirkheaton

I herewith enclose a List of Queries which I should feel obliged by your filling up with the replies respecting

The parish Church & Yard

and returning to me with as little delay as possible.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

Thom Baker

16/5/1854

Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis.

Queries	Replies	
1 st Name of the County	York	
2 nd Name of Town	Post Town - Huddersfield	
3 rd Name of Parish	Kirkheaton	
4 th Name of Burial Ground	Parish Church Yard	
5 th Area of Burial Ground	About one acre	
6 th Nature of soil	Shale, clay, stone & loam mostly dry some wet.	
7 th Date of opening for Burial	Unknown – probably between 1,100-1,200	
8 th Total annual number of interments	year 1847	288 Burials
For the last seven years, each year separately	1848	214
	1849	218
	1850	212
	1851	244
	1852	269
	1853	215
9 th Number of Family Vaults in the Burial Ground	Two only surrounded by Rails	
10 th Average number of annual interments in Family vaults.		
11 th Number of private family graves in Burial Ground	About 300 graves Stone	
12 th Average annual interments in family graves	about 80	
13 th usual depth of graves.	From four feet deep to twelve feet deep. Usual depth for adults five feet four inches	
14 th Area allotted to each grave	No regular order is observed in in the placing of the graves as members of same family generally prefer being buried near to each other. Sometimes several yards intervene between graves – sometimes not much more than the breadth of a grave.	
15 th Number of bodies buried in a grave	only one in shallow graves sometimes two or three in deep graves.	
16 th Amount of ground which has hereto Been used for interments	about 200 graves might be dug in ground which has never yet been broken	
17 th Whether any burials within Church; If so state their average annual number	None except in vaults	

18th Whether any burials in vaults under Church; if so state their average annual number

About 10 burials under the Chancel during the last 20 years. During that period non under the body of the Church

19th Whether the ground was provided under Any act of Parliament? If so cite the act.

Signed Christr Alderson
Rector of Kirkheaton

Kirkheaton Rectory
May 16th 1854

N.B. It may save trouble, in the event of miscarriage, to keep a copy of the Replies made to the above queries.

1854 Government queries respecting Kirkheaton Church Yard & replies thereto.

A Valuation of certain land belonging to the Reverend Christopher Alderson required for the purpose of enlarging the Kirkheaton Churchyard, in the County of York.

9/8/1857

	£	s	d
3905 yards = 3r 9p at 63/- per acre = £2. 10s. 10d x 33 years purchase	83	17	6
Additional value for compulsory sale	27	2	6
Injury by severance to the remainder of the field and by cutting Off the water from the top part thereof	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>131</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Valued by my Jno Wright
Chesterfield 9th August 1857

17/8/1857

Whitehall
17th August 1857

Sir,

In compliance with the Provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the Burial of the Dead in the Metropolis," I hereby give you notice, by direction of Secretary Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that it is his intention to represent to Her Majesty in Council, that for the protection of the Public Health, no new Burial ground shall be opened in the Parish of Kirkheaton – without the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State and that Burials be discontinued forthwith in the

The incumbent of
Kirkheaton –

The Church of Kirkheaton Yorkshire and from and after the first day of January 1859 – in the Churchyard with the exception of Family Vaults and graves which were in existence on the 1st of August 1857; that the Family Vaults & Brick Graves be used on the following conditions; that, when required, they be opened without disturbing soil that has been already buried in, & that each body be separately entombed in an air tight manner; that the Family earthen graves be opened without disturbing human remains & that the only bodies interred in them be those of the husbands and wives of persons already buried therein.

I am Sirs
Your Obedt Servant
H Waddington

Kirkheaton Rectory
May 18th 1858

My dear Sir

18/5/1858

The Secretary of State has sent an order that the Church yard of this place shall be closed against burials on & after the first day of January 1859.

The Parishioners are unanimously desirous of enlarging it by adding a field of Glebe Land adjoining, but from a letter I have received from my Agent to whom I have referred the Church wardens, it would seem that I can exchange the Field, but not sell. Now Mr Walker, late of Lascelles Hall ~~from~~ whom I am told you act as Agent has a field, in the low ground before the Rectory House, & on the same level as the Glebe Land adjoining, but only approachable from Mr W's other land by a steep hill. It is called Mill Ing & about the same size as the Field the Parishioners wish to take for an addition to the Church yard. Can you kindly tell me if Mr Walker would be disposed to sell the said field to the Parishioners for the above mentioned purpose & if so at what price.

I inclose a rough sketch from the Town's map which will show to you the position of the Fields etc. Mr Walker it would seem has two Fields called Mill Ing. The one here alluded to is Two acres Three Roods & Three Perches according to the map from which the sketch is taken.

If you have occasion to write remember me very kindly to Mr Walker. Etc. believe me

Yours truly

Christr Alderson

George Armitage Esqr

10/8/1858

The Rev C Alderson MA

Rectory

Kirkheaton

[Franked 10/8/1858 Huddersfield]

Barker & Sons

Kirkheaton Church Yard

- Mr Beaumont's Claim to water

Aug 1858

Huddersfield 10th August 1858

Reverend Sir,

We believe that you are aware that Hy Fredk Beaumont Esq as owner of the Beaumont's Arms Inn & premises at Kirkstyle in Kirkheaton is the owner & exclusively intitled to divers springs streams & sources of Water converging and emptying themselves into a certain Reservoir or Tank in land part of the Glebe of the Rectory of Kirkheaton situate near Kirkheaton Church & from thence conveyed by pipes to the said Beaumont's Arms Inn for the use of his Tenants there. At present such water is pure & undefiled & suitable for domestic purposes.

We understand that it is in contemplation to sell & dispose or exchange the said Glebe Land where are the said Springs streams & sources of Water & the said Reservoir or tank for the purpose of enlarging the Burial Ground belonging to Kirkheaton Church;- & as mr Beaumont is advised that the site of the said springs streams & sources of water & Reservoir or tank can not be used as a Burial Ground without defiling the water flowing therein & there from to his property we are directed to call your attention to the subject as a matter requiring serious consideration in as much as Mr Beaumont will not allow such water to be contaminated or rendered impure either by the adjacent ground being used as a Burial Ground or from any other causes.

We trust therefore that arrangements will be made so as not to comprize the site of the said springs streams & sources of water & reservoir or tank as part of the intended enlargement of the Kirkheaton Church Yard.

We are, Reverend Sir,

Your very obedient Servants

Barker & Sons

The Revd C Alderson MA.

Kirkheaton Rectory
Aug 11th 1858

11/8/1858

Gentm,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.

I have sold the Kirk Ing Field (excepting a small portion beyond the brook) to the Parish as an addition to the Church yard; & the Church wardens are now preparing the ground for a grave yard, & I have nothing whatever to do in the business, either in giving directions to the workpeople or otherwise. I shall therefore send your letter without loss of time to one of them.

A portion of the upper part of the Field has been reserved by the Commissioners for planting & ornamental ground, on account of the rock, which would prevent graves being cut down to the required depth – 8 feet I think.

Believe me Gentm

Faithfully yours

Christr Alderson

Messrs Barker & Son

Solrs

Huddersfield

Aug 24th 1858.

From Mr Dunderdale

24/8/1858

Mr Beaumonts reservoir in Kirk Ing.

Huddersfield
24th Augt 1858

Reverend Sir

I wrote to the General Board of Health respecting Mr Beaumont's Reservoir and in a letter from Mr Holland he Mr H says "I would suggest the expediency of your communicating with the Vicar of Kirkheaton to learn precisely what is intended to be done".

I shall therefore feel obliged if you can inform me within what distance of the Reservoir it is intended to make interments and if it be intended to plant near to the said Reservoir and remain, Reverend Sir

Yours truly

T Dunderdale

The Revd C Alderson

It strikes me that the simplest safest way would have been to reserve and not sell a piece of ground sufficient to protect this water. You are no doubt aware that there is a deed by the Diocesan the Patron & the Rector securing this water to Mr Beaumont

Aug 26th 1858

From Burial Commr (Mr Holland)

26/8/1858

Mr Beaumonts reservoir in Kirk Ing

Burial Acts Office
4, Old Palace Yard,
Westminster,
August 26 1858.

Reverend Sir

Mr T Dunderdale Solicitor of Huddersfield has written expressing apprehension lest the reservoir & springs of water above the said BI fd may be injured. He says his client has interest in them. I have advised him

Rev C Alderson
Kirkheaton

to communicate with you to learn exactly what is proposed to be done, adding that I believe no one wishes to do anything which will even appear to be injurious.

Probably any ? may be allayed by avoiding burial near the water course as is intended?

Believe me

Yours faithfully

P. H. Holland

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you at ? at the meeting of the National Organisation

27/8/1858

Kirkheaton addition to Churchyard
Kirkheaton Rectory
August 27th 1858

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on this subject.

Mr Thos Dunderdale is not a solicitor, but the Steward of Mr Beaumont, who claims the right of water. Probably you may remember that when you inspected the ground, I told you that in the upper part of the Field there was a bed of stone thro which passed a spring of water, ~~which~~ supplying and Inn below belonging to Mr Beaumont of Whitley Beaumont & also a trough from whence many neighbouring cottages obtained their supply of that necessary element. ~~and~~ In consequence of this bed of stone & the springs of water which flows through it, you excepted the upper part of the Field from being used for the purpose of burial.

Mr Beaumont's spring is nearly in the upper corner of the Field; & if on survey, it be found not sufficiently protected according to the present map; there is ~~will be~~ no reason why a few yards more should ~~shall~~ not be added to the excepted or reserved ground.

You are perfectly right in saying "I believe no one wishes to do anything which will even appear to be injurious." On the contrary, I am of the opinion, that there has been from the very first, the strongest wish on the part of the Burial Committee here, to respect the rights &, as far as lies in their power, to fall in with the wishes of every one. I might perhaps mention, that a deep drain is now being cut to a new trough, on order to supply the poor Cottages with water, as a proof of the kindly spirit by wh the Committee is actuated and ~~they~~ ~~have an~~ there is obviously an equally good feeling towards the Squire.

Believe me etc.

P. H Holland Esqr
Burial Acts Office
4 Old Palace Yard
Westminster.

Aug 28th 1858 From Mr Dunderdale meeting between Mr Beaumont & Burial Committee

28/8/1858

Huddersfield
28, Augt 1838

Reverend Sir,

Mr Beaumont has desired me to return you the enclosed letters which you so most obligingly left him for perusal and to say that he will be glad to meet the parties interested.

I believe that Saturday in next week is the only day he has at liberty except Monday

? my respects?

T Dunderdale

The Rev C Alderson

You will perhaps be kind enough to make the appointment directly with Mr Beaumont

London. 10, Whitehall Place S.W.

30/8/1858

30th August 1858
Kirkheaton
Churchyard

Revd Sir /

Messrs Barker & Son of Huddersfield have sent us a copy of a letter addressed by them as Saltrs for Mr Beaumont to yourself and the churchwardens relative to certain springs and streams of water which they allege will be rendered impure by the proposed appropriation of land as an addition to the Churchyard.

In their letter to us they refer to a deed dated 20th Decr 1827 by which they say the water in question was **secured?** To their client – we have written to them that it is the first we have heard of the water and for further information we shall be obliged by any information you can give us throwing light on the subject. We apprehend **?** Cleo Eccl Comm would not accept a conveyance of land affected by any **sijles?** Such as those referred to by Messers Barker and therefore it becomes necessary to institute inquiry

We remain Revd Sir

Yours faithfully

White Horrett & White

Revd
Chr Alderson
Kirkheaton

Kirkheaton addition to Churchyard

1/9/1858

Kirkheaton Rectory
Sept 1st 1858

Gentm,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter respecting Mr Beaumont's Tank of water, which is situated in the North eastern corner of this ground from whence a pipe conveys that necessary element to the Inn below. Probably you are not aware that, to preserve this water from injury, & also on account of the hard rock through which it flows, Mr Holland, the Burial Commissioner, excepted this portion from burial purposes & directed that it should be planted with trees & shrubs.

The Church stands in a narrow valley & the north eastern corner of the addition to the Burial Ground is probably 20 yards higher than the south western. As the water enters the Field at the north eastern or highest point, in a bed of hard rock, perhaps not more than 2 or 3 feet under the surface & this portion is not allowed to be used for burial purposes & indeed could not, unless the stone was first removed – it is easy to suppose that the water from the Tank might overflow the lower ground in times of heavy rain, but as water does not usually flow up hill, it is not quite so probable that it should return again from the lower ground to the upper. Indeed it is to be regretted that the Messrs Barker, or the person who gave these instructions did not take the trouble to inspect the ground ~~themselves or condescend to~~ make inquiries from the Burial Committee how the work was intended to be done before communicating with you on the subject.

I never so much as heard of the Deed to which you refer before yesterday week, when I received my first letter from Mr Beaumont's Steward on the subject; in consequence of which I thought it better to speak with Mr Beaumont himself; asking him personally to inspect the ground & meet the Burial Board. I herewith enclose you his answer which I must request you return.

I am Gentlemen
Faithfully yours
Christr Alderson

Messrs White, Barrett, etc.

Kirkheaton
Addition to Churchyard

The Revd C Alderson

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The Ecclesiastical
Commis for England

-----Draft-----

Conveyance of a piece of
Land parcel of the Glebe land
Of the Parish of Kirkheaton in
The County of York

I The Reverend Christopher Alderson Clerk Rector of the Parish of Kirkheaton in the County of York & Diocese of Ripon under the authority and for the purposes of an Act passed in the 58th year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the third intituled, "An Act for building and promoting the building of additional Churches in populous Parishes and of another Act passed in the 59th year of the Reign of His said Majesty intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament for building and promoting the building of additional Churches in populous Parishes" and of another Act passed in the 3rd year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the 4th intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual 2 Acts passed in the 58th and 59th years of his late Majesty for building and promoting the building of additional Churches in populous Parishes and of another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 8th and 9th years of the Reign of His present Majesty intituled "An Act for the further amendment of the Church Building Acts" and of another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 19th and 20th years of the Reign of Her said Majesty intituled "An Act for transferring the powers of the Church Building Commissioners to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England," Do hereby in consideration of the sum of £292 paid to the Governor of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the augmentation of the maintenance of the poor Clergy under the authority of the Church Building Acts or some or one of them grant and convey unto the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England **All that** piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement 1a 3r 34p or thereabouts situate lying and being in the said Parish of Kirkheaton and being parcel of the glebe lands belonging to the said Rectory and which said piece or parcel of land or ground hereby conveyed or intended so to be is part of a Field called Church Close and lies to the North South & West of and adjoins the present Churchyard of the said Parish and is bounded *on the North by a Public Highway leading from the Town of Huddersfield to Dewsbury – on the South by a small Rivulet called the Beck which separates it from part of the sd Field called Church Close – on the East by the Public Road called Church Lane & the said Church yard. & on the West by land belonging to Sir John Lister Lister Kaye Baronet now in the occupation of William Chambers* and is more particularly delineated on the map or plan drawn in the margin of these Presents and is thereon verged round with ~~colored~~ pink and all my right title and interest to and in the same & every part thereof. **To hold** to the said Ecclesiastical

Commissioners for England and their Successors for the purposes of the said several Acts and to be devoted when consecrated to Ecclesiastical purposes for ever by virtue and according to the true intent and meaning of the said several recited Acts as an addition to the present Churchyard of the said Parish of Kirkheaton. **In witness** whereof I the said Christopher Alderson have hereunto set my hand and seal and the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have hereunto raised their Common Seal to be affixed this day of in the year of our Lord 1858

15/11/1858

London, 10 Whitehall Place. S.W
15th November 1858

Kirkheaton Addn to Churchyard

Revd. Sir /

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of this deed. We think the best way for you to procure the payment of the consideration money to Queen Annes' Bounty will be for you to forward to us the draft of the Huddersfield Banking Company drawn upon their agents here in favour of Christopher Hodgson Esqr the Treasurer payable as right when we will attend him with it and obtain his receipt upon the deed.

We remain Revd Sir

Yours faithfully

White Horrett & White

The Revd Chr Alderson
Kirkheaton

29/10/1859

Trinity St Leeds
29th October 1859

Dear Sirs

The q? to ? an a/c of my lawyer for processing the Bishop's License for Interments in Kirkheaton new Church Yard & of the Fees & expenses attendant on the consecration thereof. & I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

T Greenwood Teale ?

Rev C Alderson

Kirkheaton Rectory
Huddersfield

Fees & expenses on the consecration of Kirkheaton additional burial ground.

1859

July	Fee on taking instructions & drawing & engrossing Petition for consecration	1 -1 -0
	Paid for Plan reducing & drawing on Petition	1 -1 -1
	Fee on taking instructions for & drawing & engrossing sentence of Consecration in duplicate	1-11-6
	Drawing Plan on each	1- 1- 0
	Paid for parchment & paper	5- 6
Oct 17 th	Deputy Registrars attendance at consecration	3- 3 -0
	Paid expenses	11 -6
	Registering & collating proceedings folio 33	16 -6
	Postage etc	<u>3 -6</u>
		<u>9 -14 -6</u>
	Other expenses	<u>3 -19 -0</u>
		<u>13- 13- 6</u>