

CHURCH (EXCEPT TOWER) REBUILT 1861-2 and several monuments were moved to the tower

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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH HARPENDEN HERTS MEMORIALS

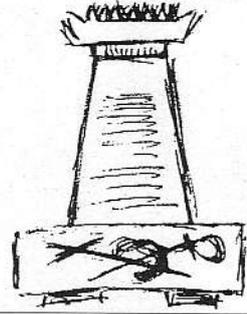
begin 1992
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OIO. WALL TABLET

James Murray Hadden, d. 1817
Harriet Farrer Hadden, d. 1840
William Frederick Hadden, d. 1821
James Hadden, d. 1846

TOWER S. wall
Top row, centre

DESCRIPTION

1. Rectilinear in shape tapering slightly toward the top and set on a rectangular plain black marble ground. The base of this is straight but the upper edge is slightly arched. The tablet rests on rectangular shelf the upper edge of which has a fluted pattern suggesting it was originally designed to be seen, when the memorial was lower down. The face of the shelf is carved with a relief set in a rectangular frame which depicts a cross and a sword lying across one another, encircled at that point by a victory wreath. The shelf is supported by 2 brackets. The pediment is curved and segmented with a fluted frieze. Above the pediment there are marble coils or cords. Inscription is in roman maj. and min. There is a darkening of the lettering with the proper names painted darker still.



MATERIALS

2. Grey marble

DATE

3. 2nd quarter 19c.

MEASUREMENTS

4. Whole backing tablet: h. 170 cm x w. 96.5 cm. x d. 2.5 cm.
Memorial itself: h. 148 cm. x w. of shelf base 83 cm.
w. of base of tablet : 68 cm.(tapering towards top.)

DESIGNER
ETC

5-6. -

HISTORY 7. J.M.Hadden: 1777 in Gen. Burgoyne's Army & taken prisoner at Saratoga, 1794 Adjutant General to British troops in Portugal, 1803 re-built Harpenden Lodge (12 Luton Road) like a military barracks. From 1804-10 he was Surveyor General of Ordnance. In 1857 Hadden family sold Harpenden Lodge to G.W. Lydekker (see 02) (All Ref a)

DONOR + DATE
OF GIFT

8. Three un-named surviving grandchildren of James Murray Hadden, the children of Captain William Frederick Hadden.

INSCRIPTION

9. Sacred to the memory of / JAMES MURRAY HADDEN / Major General of His Majesty's ordnance / who departed this life on the 29th of October 1817 / aged 57 years / Also of / HARRIET FARRER HADDEN / widow of the said James Murray Hadden / who died on the 11th day of April 1840/ aged 86 years./ Likewise of / WILLIAM FREDERICK HADDEN / eldest son of / James Murray Hadden & Harriet Farrer Hadden his wife / A captain in the 6th regiment of Inniskillin / Dragoon Guards / Who departed this life on the first day of June 1821 / aged 32 years. / and also to the memory of / James Hadden the second son of / James Murray Hadden & Harriet Farrer Hadden / late a major in her Majesty's 3rd regiment of / Dragoon Guards who died on the 12th day of February 1846 / aged 56 years. / Their mortal remains are deposited / In a vault in the middle aisle of this house of God / This monument is erected / In grateful and affectionate remembrance of / Their deceased relatives by the three surviving children of / Captain William Frederick Hadden / Who are the only descendents of the family. /

REFERENCE

10. a) DNB Vol VIII Ed. Stephen & Lee O.U.P. p.869