



TAPLEY

To the Memory of

JOHN CLEVELAND of TAPLEY ESQ., Son of JOHN CLEVELAND
ESQ. and of ELIZABETH, Daughter of SIR CAESAR CHILD
BART. of GAVIN, in the County of ESSEX.

He died at Tapley on the 19th May 1817 in the 83rd
year of his age. Mr. Cleveland bore throughout his
long and busy life the character of a liberal and hos-
pitable neighbour, of an active and upright Magistrate,
of a sincere friend and of a Bountiful Benefactor to
the Poor. He served his Country in Seven successive
Parliaments, from the year 1766 to 1802 as Representa-
tive of the Ancient Borough of Barnstaple.

He married on the 3rd Day of January 1782, ELIZABETH,
Daughter of RICHd. STEVENS ESQ. of WINSOTT in the
County of DEVON and Relict of ROBERT AWSE ESQ. of
HORWOOD HOUSE in FRITHELSTOCK.

This Memorial of Love and Gratitude has been erected by
his Nephew and Heir

AUGUSTUS SALTERN WILLETT of TAPLEY ESQ.

To the Memory of

AUGUSTUS SALTERN WILLETT late of PORT HILL in the
County of DEVON ESQ. many years one of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the said County.

He died at Tapley October 12th 1813 Aged 53 years sin-
cerely respected and regretted by his surviving family
and friends to whom the Kindness and Benevolence of his
disposition most justly endeared him.

Sacred to the Memory of

AUGUSTUS CLEVELAND Of TAPLEY, in this Parish, Lt.
Colonel of the North Devon Militia and Deputy Lt. of
the County of Devon, died July 5th 1849 Aged 68.
He married June 1830, MARGARET CAROLINE, Daughter of
COLONEL CHICHESTER of ARLINGTON COURT in this County,
by whom he left issue ARCHIBALD, as Heir, and two
Daughters.

He was a man of the highest probity and honour, a most
affectionate Husband, a fond and judicious Father, a
sincere friend and one whose loss will not easily be re-
placed in the heart of those who knew his worth.

The early period of his life was passed in India, sub-
sequently he joined the Inniskilling Dragoons and was
present with that Regiment at the battle of Waterloo.
He succeeded in 1817 to the Estates of his Great Uncle,
JOHN CLEVELAND ESQ. of TAPLEY and shortly afterwards
retired from the service, employing the remainder of his
valuable life in the active discharge of all the duties of
his position.

As a Magistrate and Chairman of the Board of Guardians to
the Barnstaple Union he displayed impartiality that never
waivered, integrity above suspicion, placidity of temper
and unaffected modesty of demeanour, combined with

a sound judgment, which won him the esteem and
conciliated the good opinion of all Classes.

To his beloved Memory this Monument is erected by his
Widow as a last tribute of devoted affection.

Fortuna Audaces Juvat

Sacred to the Immortal Memory of
ARCHIBALD CLEVELAND ESQ. of TAPLEY PARK, Cornet in
the 17th Lancers, died November 6th 1854, Aged 21.
He was present at the Battle of the Alma and on the
Flank March to Balaklava his troop was ordered to
charge the Russian Rear Guard at Mackenzie's Farm,
when they took several prisoners and a quantity of
baggage.

Short as had been his career it was full of Honour and
Renown and will long continue a cherished subject of
regret and admiration to all who knew him. The outward
form and manly beauty of his person bespoke the noble
qualities of the mind and spirit within.

Endued with a Benevolent and Gentle disposition he
possessed a courage beyond his years - Dauntless and
undismayed, which bore him safe and unharmed by the
Almighty's Providence through the fearful and desperate
charge of the Light Cavalry at Balaklava (a charge such
as the history of this or any other Country does not
record).

His character and conduct in the several stations of
private life no less justly endeared him to the remem-
brance of all.

To his servants and dependants he was never known to utter
a hasty or needless complaint; to his friends and associates

his deportment was ever generous and kind and unassuming; and while his Sisters amply shared a valued brother's love, a Widowed Mother's care, her deep and undying affection, received (to her) the best reward of filial duty, all that could or ought to Human claims be given, the best and purest, the first and last emotions of his heart. This noble and brave "Young Hero" of Balaklava fell mortally wounded at Inkermann, by the bursting of one of the Enemy's Shells which struck him in the side; He died the morning after the battle and exchanged his well-earned Crown of Laurel for a Crown of Glory. He was buried with funeral Honours on Cathcart Hill near Sebastopol, lamented by all who knew him; The men of his troop shed tears of deep sorrow over his honoured remains.

To his dear Memory

his most afflicted and bereaved Mother has erected this Monument and recommends the imitation of his Virtues to his Descendants for ever.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth,
But the Righteous are bold as a Lion."

Proverbs 28 Chapter: 1 Verse:

STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN THE VESTRY

A Memorial by his Sisters to ARCHIBALD CLEVELAND
a beloved and only Brother, Cornet in the 17th Lancers,
who fell at the Battle of Inkermann on the 5th Day of
November 1854 in his 22nd year and was buried at Cath-
cart Hill in the Crimea.

Sacred to the Memory of

AGNES HAMILTON CLEVELAND of TAPLEY PARK in this
Parish, born 17th May 1831, died 7th January, 1902,

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JOHN CLEVELAND of TAPLEY PARK in the County of DEVON,
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Country with the greatest honour and fidelity, the last
seventeen years of which he was joint and sole Secretary
of the Admiralty in which office through a multiplicity
of business and his constant application to the discharge
of it, he contracted a complication of disorders which
occasioned his death at Tapley 18th June 1763.

Near him here lie also interred ELIZABETH, the Daughter
of SR. CEASAR CHILD BARONET of GAVIN in ESSEX, with whom
he intermarried in the year 1729, who dying left issue
three Sons and three Daughters.

PENELOPE, the Daughter of JOSEPH DAVIE ESQ. of ORLEIGH,
in DEVON, with whom he intermarried in the year 1743, who
dying left issue one Son.

SARAH, the Daughter of CHAS. SHUCKBURGH ESQ. of LONGBOROUGH
in GLOUCESTERSHIRE, with whom he intermarried in the year
1747, who dying his Widow the 5th December 1764 left issue
two Sons and two Daughters.

Sacred to the Memory of
WILLIAM CLEVELAND of TAPLEY ESQ. defended from an
Ancient Family in Scotland.

He served his Prince and Country as a Commander in
the Royal Navy in the Reign of King William, Queen
Ann and King George the 3rd, in which time he was in
every brave and memorable action at sea.

His conduct was never aspersed, his courage never
questioned. Discretion governed the former, the latter
was reasons guide. In 1718 as a Reward for his long and
faithfully service he was appointed one of the principal
Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

This he held 34 years with reputation and honour, when
being wearied out with worldly business, retired into
the Country, where he devoted himself to the Offices
of Religion, in hopes of a joyful Resurrection.

In 1704 he married ANNA, one of the Daughters of JOHN
DAVIE of ORLEIGH ESQ. (who departed this life 4th February
1726 Aged 37) by whom he had several children and dyed the
2nd June 1734 in the 70th year of his age.

JOHN CLEVELAND his only surviving Son in perpetual testimony
of filial duty to his dear Father hath caused this Monument
to be erected.

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