

Churchyard for
St John the Baptist Church, Sutterby
Lincolnshire



Sutterby is a tiny hamlet in the East Lindsey district of Lincolnshire. It is situated in the civil parish of Langton by Spilsby, 9 miles (14 km) south-east from Louth and 8 miles (13 km) east from Horncastle.

The first recorded mention of Sutterby is in the *Domesday Book*; the "-by" at the end of its name indicates this place may originally have been a Viking settlement.)

In 1219 Hugh of Wells, bishop of Lincoln, granted the church at Sutterby to the Benedictine Nuns of the Priory of Chester. It seems that the nuns had lost it, however, by the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The Church of John the Baptist, is now a Grade II listed building under the protection of the Friends of Friendless Churches.

These Memorials were previously recorded in 2002. On the 17th May 2014, a survey of the gravestones was repeated and full details including descriptions, epitaphs and mason have now been shown. These inscriptions, recorded on behalf of the Spirit of Sutterby Project, have been double checked and digitalised.

Notes on Monumental Inscriptions

Inscriptions are transcribed using the original spelling, but with bold case letters for personal names and conventional use of capitals.

Bookman Old Style typeface has been used for the transcribed monumental inscriptions, *italics* for the epitaphs and descriptions of other features of the monument.

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Punctuation appears in the transcript where it occurs in the inscriptions.

Square brackets [] have been used to distinguish those parts of the inscriptions which are now missing or illegible but for which the original text may be deduced by the context.

Some memorials carry the name of the **monumental mason** who carved them. Masons' names are usually found inscribed on the edges or near the bases of some of the monuments; when they have been found, such names are recorded here with the word mason: name

A brief description of the monument is shown in the table. The use of Prof. Harold Mytum's descriptive terminology has been used (see Recording and analysing Graveyards. Council for British Archaeology). Memorials are described as a headstone i.e. that they are or were upright, or as a bodystone where they were designed to be lying down or as an urn tablet.

Please be aware that the enumerators have compiled this record to be as complete and accurate as possible. However, errors or omissions could have occurred and should these be found, or any improvements suggested, the enumerators would welcome being so informed.

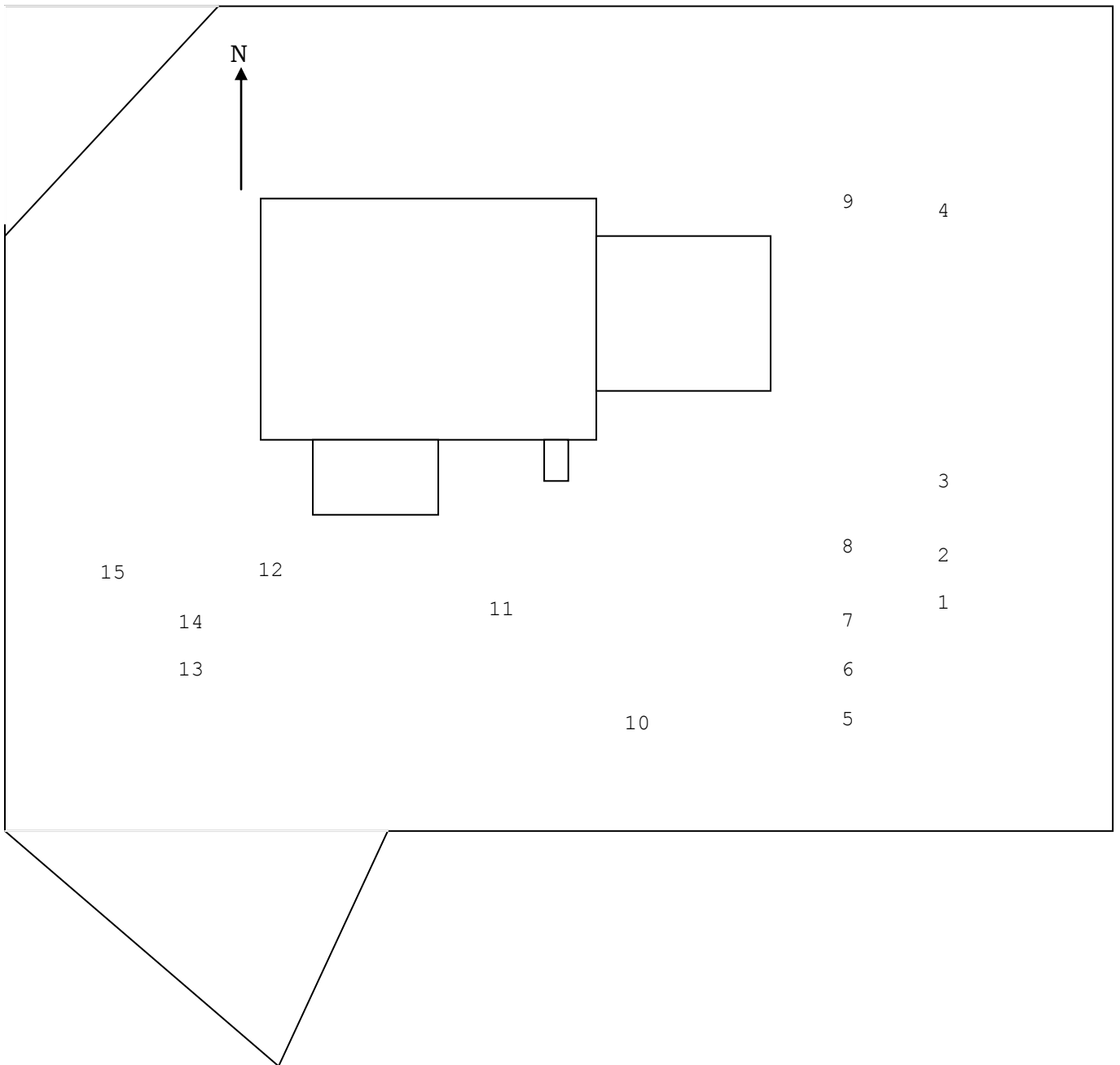
Alphabetical list of gravestones

Alphabetical list of burials 1816-1948

Borrell	7,8,	Avison	43
Croft	15	Baker	45, 46,
Dring	3	Blades	44
Hobson	12	Blow	4, 7
Owston	9	Borrill	21, 28,
Peacock	10	Croft	25
Rhoads (Rhoades)	13,14,	Donnington	12
Simons	1, 2,	Dowse	34,
Vickers	11	Dring	14,24,
Watson	5, 6,	Ellerby	27
Wright	4	Enderby	41,
		Evison	3, 10, 13, 18,
		Haw	38,
		Houlden	47
		Ling	40
		Owston	15,17,20, 35,
		Peacock	6, 9, 39,
		Sayers	48
		Sellars	37,
		Simons	19, 29, 32
		Snell	11, 23, 26, 30,31,
		Storr	1
		Strighton	8
		Tuxworth	16,
		Tyson	2, 5
		Watson	33, 36,
		Wilson	42
		Wright	22

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Plan of Chuchyard



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Row 1

(Start at south east corner of churchyard)

1. *Arched sandstone headstone decorated with anchor and gothic tracery.*

In
affectionate memory of
Elizabeth,
the beloved wife of
Edman **Simons**
(of Hagworthingham)
who departed this life
25 July 1873
aged 44 years.
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“The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death”.



2. *Arched sandstone headstone with anchor and gothic tracery relief.*

In
affectionate remembrance
of
Ann Lydia Simons
the beloved wife of
Edman **Simons**.
Who departed this life June 19th 1859
aged 27 years.

“Not lost but gone before”.

Mason: J. Lilley, Bolingbroke



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3. *Arched sandstone headstone with trefoil centre.*

In
affectionate remembrance of
Thomas,
son of Joseph & Frances **Dring**
who departed this life Nov. 4th 1865
aged 16 years.
Also **Esther Ann** and **Jemima Matilda**
who died in infancy.

We all do fade as a leaf.

Mason: J. Lilley Bolingbroke



4. *Broken at base, triangular arched sandstone headstone, lying down inscribed with both italic and roman lettering. Broken sandstone footstone inscribed 1863.*

Sacred
to the memory of
George
the beloved son of
William & Levina **Wright** who departed
this life
Jan 7th 1863
aged 22 years.

*Remember now thy creator in the
days of thy youth.*

Mason: Hibbitt, Alford.



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Row 2

5. *Arched sandstone headstone inscribed with roses.*

In loving memory of
Charles Alfred Watson
who departed this life
Dec^r 29th 1899
aged 24 years.

*Why should our tears in sorrow flow;
when God recalls his own:
and bids them leave a world of woe;
for an immortal crown.*

Mason: Beech, Spilsby



6. *Arched sandstone headstone, slightly leaning and decorated with roses.*

In loving memory of
Mary Ann
the beloved daughter of
George & Mary Ann **Watson**
of Sutterby
who departed this life
August 25th 1890
aged 18 years.

And so he giveth his beloved sleep.

*A light is from our household gone,
a voice we loved is stilled:
A place is vacant on our hearth,
which never can be filled.*

Mason: Beech Spilsby



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7. *Arched sandstone headstone, with both gothic and sans serif lettering, in poor condition.*

In
memory of
Richard Borrell
who died December 23rd 1862
aged [17] years.

My time was short.

Mason: Hibbitt, Alford



8. *Arched sandstone headstone with bevelled edge.*

In
memory of
Arthur,
the beloved grandson of
John and Sarah **Borrell**
who died June 26th 1869
aged 14 years.

"Thy will be done".

Mason: Hibbitt, Alford

*(n.b. not shown on burial record of
Sutterby Parish Records)*



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9. Gothic arched sandstone headstone,
decorated with ivy leaves, now lying down.

Sacred
to the memory of
the Rev. **Thomas Owston** M.A.
for 45 years the rector of this parish
who entered into rest
on March 23rd Good Friday 1894
aged 86 years.

"I am the resurrection and the life".

Mason: Curtis, Spilsby



Row 3

10. Cracked gothic arched sandstone headstone
with decorated leaf edging, canted over and
nearly horizontal.

In loving memory of
Elizabeth Peacock
died 26th June 1908
aged 47 years

Abide with me.

Mason: Beech, Spilsby



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Row 4

11. *Arched sandstone headstone, cracked and lying down decorated with a winged cherub and flowers motif.*

To
the memory of
John Vickers
who departed this life
on the 2nd May 1808
aged 51 years.

*For young men prepare yourselves to die,
For life is short, and death is nigh,
Rep[ent] in time and make no delay,
I in my prime was called away.*

(nb. Not shown on burial records)



Row 5

12. *Rectangular sandstone headstone, sound condition with metal bolt through the headstone decorated with scrolling motifs throughout.*

Mason: Banks, Lincoln

In memory
of
Dainah the daughter
of John and Sarah **Hobson**
who died in her infancy
August 29th 1764.

(nb. Not shown on burial records)



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Row 6

13. *Rectangular sandstone headstone in poor condition decorated with winged cherub and roses.*

In
memory of
Mary the widow of
JN^o **Rhoads**
who died 10th Oct^r 1810
aged 68

*Attrition fore long time I bore
Physicians were in vain.
Till God did please to give the call
And free me from all pain.*

(nb. Not shown on burial records)



14. *Broken rectangular sandstone headstone, with winged cherub and leaved foliage. (The cracked portion is lying down besides the main stone)*

In
memory of
John Rhoades
who died Nov. ye 16th 1792
aged 68

*When heaven permits a good man's life
His life lamented is by all
A husband kind, and father dear
Such was the man who lieth here*

(nb. Not shown on burial records)



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Row 7

15. *Rectangular sandstone Headstone, lying down and broken into three parts.*

In
memory of
George Croft,
who died Augst 30th 1869
aged 50 years.

We part to meet again.



The following details are believed to be taken from a parish burial records located at the Lincolnshire archives. These are recorded in **burial date order** with the location of birth shown thereon. Those shown in red may have had a gravestone associated with this person but not found on the 2013 survey.

1. John Storr, Sutterby, 12 Jan 1816, aged 20
2. William Tyson, Sutterby, 16 Feb 1818 aged 3
3. Faith Evison, Sutterby, 31 Aug 1821 aged 47
4. Mary Blow, Sutterby, 24th Mar 1823, aged 62
5. James Tyson, Sutterby, 3 Oct 1825, aged 15
6. Joseph Peacock, Sutterby, 5 Jul 1826, aged 73

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7. John Blow, Sutterby, 18 Feb 1827. Aged 60
8. Rebecca Strighton, Sutterby, 5 Aug 1832, aged 70
9. Elizabeth Peacock, Sutterby, 17 Feb 1837, aged 57
10. Ann Evison, Sutterby, 18 Apr 1838, aged 66
11. Rose Snell, Sutterby, 31 Mar 1840, aged 37
12. Rebecca Donnington, Sutterby, 10 Oct 1841, aged 3
13. Joseph Evison, Sutterby, 17 Nov 1844, aged 63
14. Esther Ann Dring, Sutterby, 21 Jul 1847, aged 18 months (gravestone 4)
15. Elizabeth Owston, Sausthorpe, 30 Jan 1853, aged 40
16. Francis Tuxworth, Sutterby, 16 Nov 1853, aged 42
17. Elizabeth Owston, Sausthorpe, 30 Jan 1854, aged 84.
18. Mary Evison, Brinkhill, 1 Jan 1858, aged 64
19. Ann Lydia Simons, Hagworthingham, 22 Jun 1859, aged 27 (gravestone 3)
20. Thomas Owston, Partney, 23 Nov 1861, aged 90
21. Richard Borrill, Sutterby, 26 dec 1862, aged 17 (gravestone 8)
22. George Wright, Sutterby, 10 Jan 1863, aged 21 (gravestone 5)
23. Mary Snell, Sutterby, 13 Nov 1863, aged 55
24. Thomas Dring, Sutterby, 10 Nov 1865, aged 16 (gravestone 4)
25. George Croft, Sutterby, 3 Sep 1869, aged 50 (gravestone 16)
26. John Snell, Alford, 1 Jan 1871
27. James Ellerby, Sutterby, 3 Jan 1872, aged 4 months
28. John Borrill, Sutterby, 5 Jun 1873, aged 72
29. Elizabeth Simons, Hagworthingham, 29 Jul 1873, aged 44 (gravestone 2)
30. George Henry Snell, Sutterby, 7 May 1876, aged 10 months
31. Fanny Helen Snell, Sutterby, 13 Feb 1879, aged 6 months
32. Edman Simons, Tetford, 16 Aug 1889, aged 69
33. Mary Ann Watson, Sutterby, 29 Aug 1890 (gravestone 7)

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34. John Dowse, Sutterby, 27 Aug 1892, aged 15
35. Reverend Thomas Owston, Partney, 26 Mar 1894, aged 86 Rector of Sutterby (gravestone 10)
36. Charles Alfred Watson, Lusby, 1 Jan 1900, aged 24 (gravestone 6)
37. Ivy Alexandra Sellars, Sutterby, 22 Mar 1905, aged 14 months
38. Leonard Haw, Sutterby, 17 Mar 1908, aged 9 months
39. Elizabeth Peacock, Sutterby, 29 Jun 1908, aged 47 (gravestone 11)
40. Charles Ling, Sutterby, 12 May 1910, aged 75
41. William Enderby, Sutterby, 28 Jun 1910, aged 91
42. Caroline Eliz. Rose Wilson, Sutterby, 8 Sep 1910, 8 months
43. Doris Avison, Sutterby, 26 Dec 1912, aged 18 months
44. Mabel Blades, Sutterby, 25 Feb 1922 aged 22 months
45. George Ronald Baker, Sutterby, 24 Apr 1930, aged 11
46. Gwendoline Baker, Sutterby, 25 Apr 1932, aged 37
47. Joseph Houlden, Sutterby, 23 Jan 1935, aged 65
48. William Brydges Sayers, Langton Rectory, 21 Apr 1948, aged 81