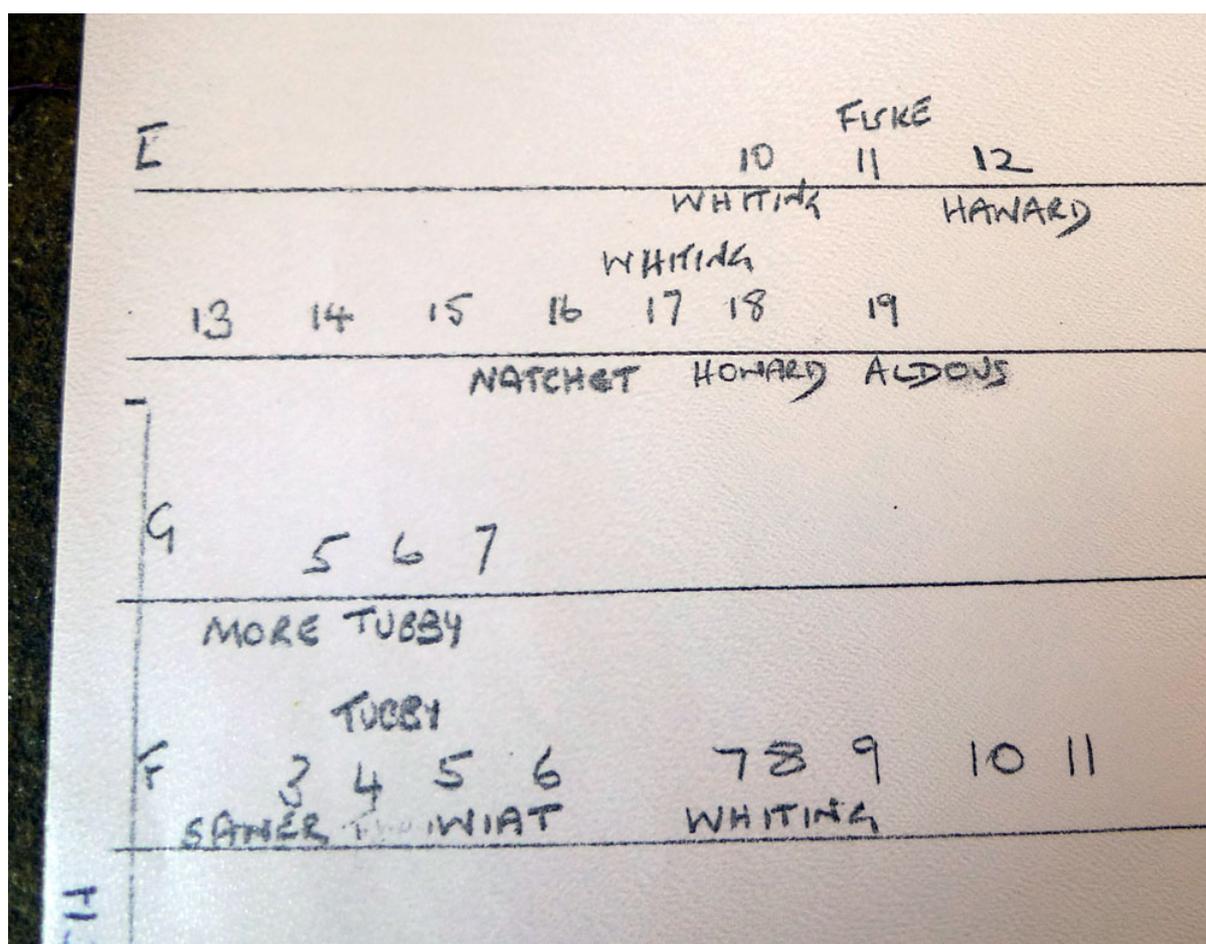


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**Visits to Starston, Norfolk and Homersfield, Suffolk 2011-14
looking for Whiting and Aldous graves**



Extract from map of graves in St Margaret, Starston



Number 19 is the large vault tomb of James and Martha Aldous (Whiting, child of Mary & John below) my 4xgrt grandparents.

No 10 is Charles Whiting, John Whiting's brother.

No 17 is Abigail Whiting – Mother to John & Charles.

Nos 7,8 and 9 are Mary and John Whiting and children.



Aldous vault-tomb viewed from the other (north) side

Sacred to the memory of
JAMES ALDOUS

late of Harleston
who departed this life
the 5th day of May 1810
aged (5)5 years

Also

MARTHA ALDOUS his Wife

who died the 17th May 1824
aged 70 years

Many of the next two generations of Aldouses were buried in St Mary, Redenhall – they have a separate pdf!

Mary (No F8) & John (No F9) Whiting (Martha Aldous' parents) and children - 3 grave-stones (with James Aldous vault in the background)



Adrian Fletcher noted: *I stopped off in Starston in the evening after an exciting day photographing, inter alia, the James Aldous 1812 will original at the Norfolk Records Office. At this stage (September 2011) I had not located the Aldous vault tomb, and did not know about the Whiting graves.*

The late summer sun was low in the sky and as I walked east towards the older graves there he was - John Whiting - staring me in the face and clear as anything because of the lighting. Grave spotter's major frisson experience and then we were on a roll – Mary plus the little kids to the left of John, and, understanding now what a vault meant, James and Martha Aldous in the vault tomb behind. The pints in the Magpie afterwards were, I felt, well deserved!

a) Right grave-stone - John Whiting



In Memory of
JOHN WHITING
who died 16th May 1771
Aged 46 Years

John Whiting, Gentleman of Starston, left everything to his second wife Ann in his 1771 will. After John died, Ann married Samuel Waller in Starston in 1773.

b) Centre grave-stone - Mary Whiting



In Memory of
MARY ye* Wife of
John Whiting
who departed this Life
June ye* 7th 1758

*“ye” was the written shorthand for “the” and was pronounced “the”
It is possible that Mary’s age has sunk below the surface.
There is no burial record for Mary in the clearly written Starston Parish Record book,
so this may just be a memorial stone.

c) Left grave-stone - Mary Whiting jnr & siblings (No F7)



In Memory of
MARY Daughter of
JOHN & MARY WHITING
who died 18th Sept^r 1761
aged 10 years
also of three of their children
(who died) in their infancy

In addition to the graves above, the chart in the church (the east end of church is the line on the left) shows two further Whiting gravestones:

I 10 - Charles Whiting, John Whiting's brother, bu 29 March 1781



In Memory of
CHARLES WHITING
Late of Harleston
Who died 11th March 1781
Aged 54 Years

H 17 - Abigail Whiting, John Whiting's mother (thus Adrian's 6x Grt Grandmother)
bu 7 April 1752.



The next line reads "wife of" after which a spade is needed!

St Mary, Homersfield (S Elmham)

We have a photo of the original of the May 1729 will of Abigail's husband Yeoman John Whiting of Starston, and the parish record of his burial in Homersfield on 29 May 1729.

It was an exciting experience in May 2014 to discover that not only did Yeoman John's gravestone still exist, but that in front of it were the slab of his father's grave and his mother's gravestone.



St Mary, Homersfield (S Elmham)



19 (slab) is 7xGrt GFather (Yeoman) James Whiting* 6 Feb 1728 age 72
18 is Ann (Neech) wife of James Whiting 2 Jan 1729/30 age 63
24 (second row left) (Yeoman) John Whiting 29 May 1729 age 40
*Also Lord of the Manor of Limbourne, a wincy title he purchased.

Baptized in 1729 --

Joseph son of Joseph and	Winn Oct 25
Elizabeth Daup of	Winn Dec 23

Buried in 1729 --

Elizabeth Bullard	May 11
John Whiting	29
Sarah the Wife of Robert Knippe	Oct 29
Abigail Cotton	Dec 18
Widow Wilton	March 1

Married in 1729

Martin Knudtson & Alice Knudtson

Baptized in 1730

Ann Daughter of Robert	May 17
Esther Daughter of John	Adams 1

Buried in 1730

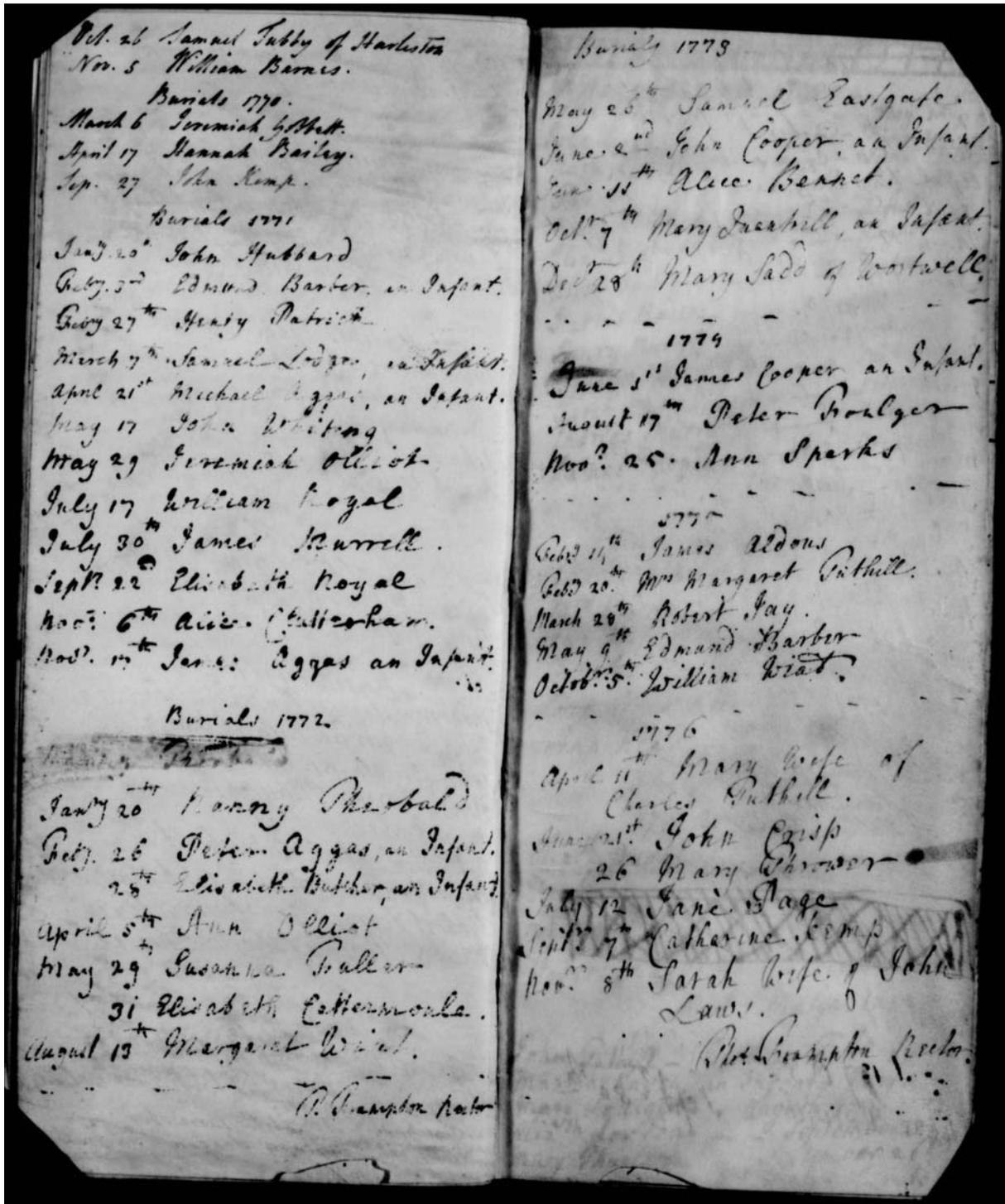
Goodwife Moore	March 28
Richard Chapman	Feb 7
Elizabeth Wife of Thomas Wood	May 31
Robert Miller	July 6
Elizabeth Knutson	March 24
Mary Miller	Sept 22
Elizabeth Wife of Robert Wallard	Oct 15
John	Nov 16
John Hamilton of Greenham	Jan 21

Married in 1730

Thomas White and Hannah Weston	May 31
Robert Knutson and Susan Wood	Sept 27
Robert Smith and Margaret Camp	Oct 1

burial of Yeoman John Whiting in Homersfield on 29 May 1729

Back in Norfolk, the Starston church burial records also show that James Aldous was buried here on St Valentine's Day - 14 February 1775



and his wife Catherine (Boar), aged 81, was buried here on 19 February 1797

1786	Spallant	Mrs. Booth, the wife of Robert aged 82 years, Feb: 7 th	Robt. Etheridge, aged 24 years, died at sea Feb: 7 th 1792
	Healy Caley	Lucy, Daughter of Thomas and Francis, a Infant, March 6 th	William Etheridge, aged 18 years, died in this Parish, June 2 th 1795
	Brewster	Richard, aged 9 years, March 31 st	Thomas Etheridge, aged 25 years, died at Port Royal in Jamaica, March 23 rd 1797
1796		Given in May 10 th 1796	
	Spallant	Samuel, Son of Robert and Elizabeth an Infant, June 2 th	The above were some of the Heir's Robt. Etheridge, Curate of this Parish
	Neobald	George, aged 20 years, July 6 th	
	Wineby	John, aged 15 years, July 10 th	
	Kent	Philip, ten or eleven years old, an Infant, from Sea - Dec: 1 st	
	Elliott	Jeremiah, aged 20 years, Dec: 1 st	
1797	Hart	Mary Ann, Daughter of Tho: and Mary, an Infant, Jan: 5 th	
	Barlet	Martha, Wife of James, Jan: 9 th	
	Kent	Sarah, wife of John, from Sea, aged 20 years, Jan: 11 th	
	Rasber	Anna, Daughter of Amos and Ply: aged 32 years, Feb: 10 th	
	Alvrou	Catherine, aged 21 years, Feb: 19 th	
		Given in	
	Bunn	William, aged 93 years, March 9 th 1798	
	Hurst	Daughter of James and Sarah, two years old, Jan: 1 st 1797	

But no gravestones / grave locations have been identified.

Visits by Adrian Fletcher September 2011 & 2012 and May 2014 with sister Angela Williams

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