

### **Shadwell Burials in St Peter's Churchyard, Thorner**

Until St Paul's Church in Shadwell was built in the mid nineteenth century, burials of Shadwell residents took place in Thorner, in which parish Shadwell lay. Even after Shadwell had its own church and graveyard, some Shadwell residents were still interred at Thorner, in many cases because other members of their close family already lay there.

St Peter's has an excellent set of records, and an effort has now been made to extract all Shadwell entries from them – the earliest found so far is of an unknown man, son of Christopher, surname unknown, in 1712, and the latest is William Hodgson in 1963.

The earlier records have been traced using the parish registers available on "Ancestry" – those from 1712 -1812 by Avril Pedley, and 1813-1883 by Grahame Matthews. Thorner and District Historical Society have kindly allowed us to use their invaluable 1977 publication "Monumental Inscriptions in the Churchyard of St Peter's Thorner, 1503-1899" to discover other later entries.

We have not made exact notes of each inscription but have recorded all family information, and indications of a person's employment. We have also included entries for burials of residents in specific named districts such as Red Hall and Hobberley – all others being simply Shadwell. Entries for Shadwell Grange and Oakhurst have also been included as they are on Shadwell Lane and were included in "Shadwell and its People". Records of the Thackrah family of Leeds are noted because of the connection to the famous Shadwell resident, Charles Thackrah.

There are, of course, entries in the parish registers which have no corresponding entry in the graveyard records, because information such as a memorial stone has been lost. There are also gravestones which mention Shadwell where the corresponding parish register does not, and it has now been possible to use both sets of information for what we hope is as near as possible to a complete record.

We are in the process of photographing the gravestones where they can be identified, but some are too worn to be decipherable.

A print-out will be available in Shadwell Historical Society's records in Shadwell Library, and the results will also be searchable at the library on the computer.

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