## Aldous / Poole graves and inscriptions in St Mary, Redenhall

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Elizabeth Poole (Bond), the first wife of John Poole, was buried in St Andrew, Weybread, in 1773. John Poole, the Harleston / Mendham Draper, was buried in Weybread in 1812 - no grave(s) discovered there yet.

### James and Harriette Aldous (Poole) and infant son Arthur

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The grotty tree has established itself between and partially over the vault slabs of Martha Abel and her mother Sarah Poole
Children of John Poole and Sarah Strutt:

Martha Abel (Poole)

Transcription of wording on vault plate in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk)

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MARTHA
WIDOW OF CLARKE ABEE* MD
WHO DIED AT G1 YARMOUTH
MARCH 6TH 1860
AGED 75 YEARS

*Definitely an engraver’s error - he was an ABEL - he was also a very interesting man (a
surgeon and botanist and a FRS) - he has a Wikipedia entry!

Martha (b 1785) was the daughter of John Poole (Draper of Mendham) and second wife
Sarah Strutt. Martha and Clarke were married in All Saints Mendham on 5 September 1810,
witnesses Jno Poole, Susannah Leatherdale.
We forgot to look at the end plate(s) - sons Edward Turner Poole (1812 - 1832) and Thomas Wellesley (1819 infant death) both died before their parents and are recorded as buried in Redenhall - probably in this vault.
Sarah, Second Wife of John Poole, and Mother of Harriette Aldous, Martha Abel and Thomas Poole

Sarah Poole (Strutt) and her son Zachariah
Transcription of wording on vault plate in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk)

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
(SA)RAH POOLE
???? GROVE KENTISHTOWN
FORMERLY OF MENDHAM
NORFOLK
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
12TH DECEMBER 1836
AGED 78 YEARS

ALSO OF
ZACHARIAH POOLE
WHO DIED MARCH 29TH 1819
AGED 20 YEARS
After his first wife Elizabeth died in 1773, John Poole (widower aged 35) m Sarah Strutt (aged 19) 24 April 1777 in St Mary, Redenhall (or possibly St John the Baptist, Harleston) (we have parish record - witnesses Mary Denway and Aldous Clarke).

Sarah Poole is buried in St Mary Redenhall between her daughters Harriette Aldous and Martha Abel.

Children of John & Sarah Poole baptized in Redenhall / Harleston were: Zechariah (8 Jul 1779), Robert (3 Aug 1780), William (7 Oct 1782), Harriette* (to be Aldous) (8 April 1783), Thomas* (1 August 1784) who takes over the drapers' business in Harleston, Martha* (4 Dec 1785) (to be Mrs Clarke Abel), Edward (9 June 1786 - died in 1788).

Children of John & Sarah Poole baptized in Mendham were Sarah (13 April 1789), Mary (3 April 1791), Catherine (27 November 1793), Jane (20 January 1797) (to be Mrs Henry Cavell), Zachariah* (17 April 1799).

Names marked * were buried in this Redenhall group. Elizabeth Poole (Bond) had been buried in Weybread in August 1773, and John Poole himself was buried there in 1812 and he left a will (we have a copy of Weybread burial registers and will). No gravestones have been located yet.

James and Harriette Aldous:

Transcription of wording on vault plate in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk)
IN MEMORY OF
JAMES ALDOUS
36 YEARS CHURCHWARDEN
OF THIS PARISH
WHO DIED MAY 1ST 1859
AGED 71 YEARS

ALSO OF
HARRIET, HIS WIFE
DIED OCTOBER 6TH 1866
AGED 83 YEARS

AND OF
ARTHUR THEIR SON
WHO DIED OCTOBER 31ST 1818
AGED 6 MONTHS

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED
AND THAT HE IS ABLE TO KEEP
THAT WHICH I HAVE COMMITTED
UNTO HIM AGAINST THAT DAY

Martha Poole and Clarke Abel (then unmarried) were the witnesses at the wedding of Harriette her sister and James Aldous in Mendham on 10 July 1809.
“Harriette” spelled her name this way in the Aldous family bible register written in her handwriting. In the grave group the name is engraved Harriet, and her daughter is Harriot. We have learned that tomb engravings are not as reliable as they might seem!

Children of James and Harriette Aldous:

William Poole Aldous and his baby son Frederick Robinson
Transcription of wording on vault plate in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk)
William Poole Aldous married Frederica Grimmer (b Haddiscoe c1823) in Ashwellthorpe on 28 December 1848. Little Frederick’s 1849 birth record is marked “mother's maiden name not available before 1911 Q3”, and her name is similarly suppressed from marriage records.

From 1851 to his death in May 1861 William Poole Aldous was the licensee of the Swan Inn (Harleston), which is still there today. He and Frederica were censussed at the Swan on 30 March 1851.

Then she stayed on after William’s 1861 death, and in 1862 married the next Swan licensee (later corn merchant) William Edwards. We have picked them up in Harleston in the 1871 and 1881 censuses. Which is why Frederica did not share William’s vault grave.
Martha Jane Aldous and Harriot* Aldous
Transcriptions of wording on stone coffin grave shared by them in St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk)

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
MARTHA JANE ALDOUS
WHO DIED JANUARY 18 1866
AGED 42 YEARS

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
HARRIOT* ALDOUS
WHO DIED APRIL 23 JANUARY 1901
AGED 88 YEARS

* she’s in the Family Register as Harriette
IN MEMORY OF
ALEXANDER JAMES ALDOUS
WHO DIED AT SOUTHAMPTON MARCH 23 1879 AGED 64 YEARS
bottom line of script too badly weathered to read

Alex Aldous established himself as a very successful liquor merchant in Portsea – his main business was supplying grog to the Royal Navy who were headquartered there. One of his executors was the Royal Navy’s paymaster!

Alex’s first wife Elizabeth Seward tragically died from Scarlet Fever on Christmas Day 1862, taking with her two little children and leaving behind two others – Florence and George Frederick (Adrian’s Gt Grandfather). Alex remarried but lived out his life as an unhappy man, and chose at the end to be repatriated to join his family at Redenhall, rather than Elizabeth and the Seward / Haw families in St Mary, Buriton.

OTHER CHILDREN OF JAMES AND HARRIETTE ALDOUS:

Sarah Elizabeth Everson (Aldous) - daughter of James & Harriette, was buried in Redenhall 7 Feb 1890. Grave not located yet.

Arthur Henry Aldous was an Ipswich solicitor (buried there 1887?)
Siblings of James Aldous:

Mary Leatherdale (Aldous) and her daughter Mary Ann

Transcription of wording on 2 sides of a vault tomb in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk), which is part of the Sarah Poole / James Aldous family group.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MARY LEATHERDALE
OLDEST DAUGHTER AND LAST SURVIVOR OF THE FAMILY OF
JAMES AND MARTHA ALDOUS
WHO DIED ON 25TH MARCH 1868
IN THE 86 YEAR OF HER AGE

IN MEMORY OF
MARY ANN THE BELOVED AND LAMENTED DAUGHTER
OF MARY LEATHERDALE
WHO DEPERTED THIS LIFE
AUGUST 13TH 1820
AGED 14 YEARS
Transcription of wording on vault plate in the graveyard of St Mary, Redenhall (Norfolk).

John, like Mary and James, was a child of James Aldous of Starston. There seems to have been a tad of sibling rivalry between James and John, which might account for the fact that John’s grave is close to but not “that close” to the graves of the James Aldous and Poole families.

In a vault beneath rest
JOHN ALDOUS
who died Aug 15th 1850
Aged 61 Years
And
MARY ANN his wife
who died Oct 17th 1848
Aged 53 Years
until HE come
He saith. Surely I come quickly
Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus
Rev. 22.20.