

*Updated 26 January 2013*

**Visits to Starston, Norfolk and Homersfield, Suffolk 2011-12  
looking for Whiting and Aldous graves  
James and Martha Aldous (Whiting) vault tomb (No 19 on chart below)**



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

Sacred to the memory of

**JAMES ALDOUS**

late of Harleston

who departed this life

the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1810

aged (5)5 years

Also

**MARTHA ALDOUS** his Wife

who died the 17<sup>th</sup> 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)**



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 16<sup>th</sup> May 1771  
Aged 46 Years

John Whiting, Gentleman of Starston, left everything to his wife Ann in his 1771 will, so he must have remarried in the years after the death of first wife Mary in 1758. 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\* 7<sup>th</sup> 1758

\*“ye” was the written shorthand for “the” and was pronounced “the”  
It is possible that Mary’s age has sunk below the surface.

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

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

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Number 19 is the large vault tomb of James and Martha Aldous, my 4xgrt grandparents.

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 11<sup>th</sup> March 1781  
Aged 54 Years

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



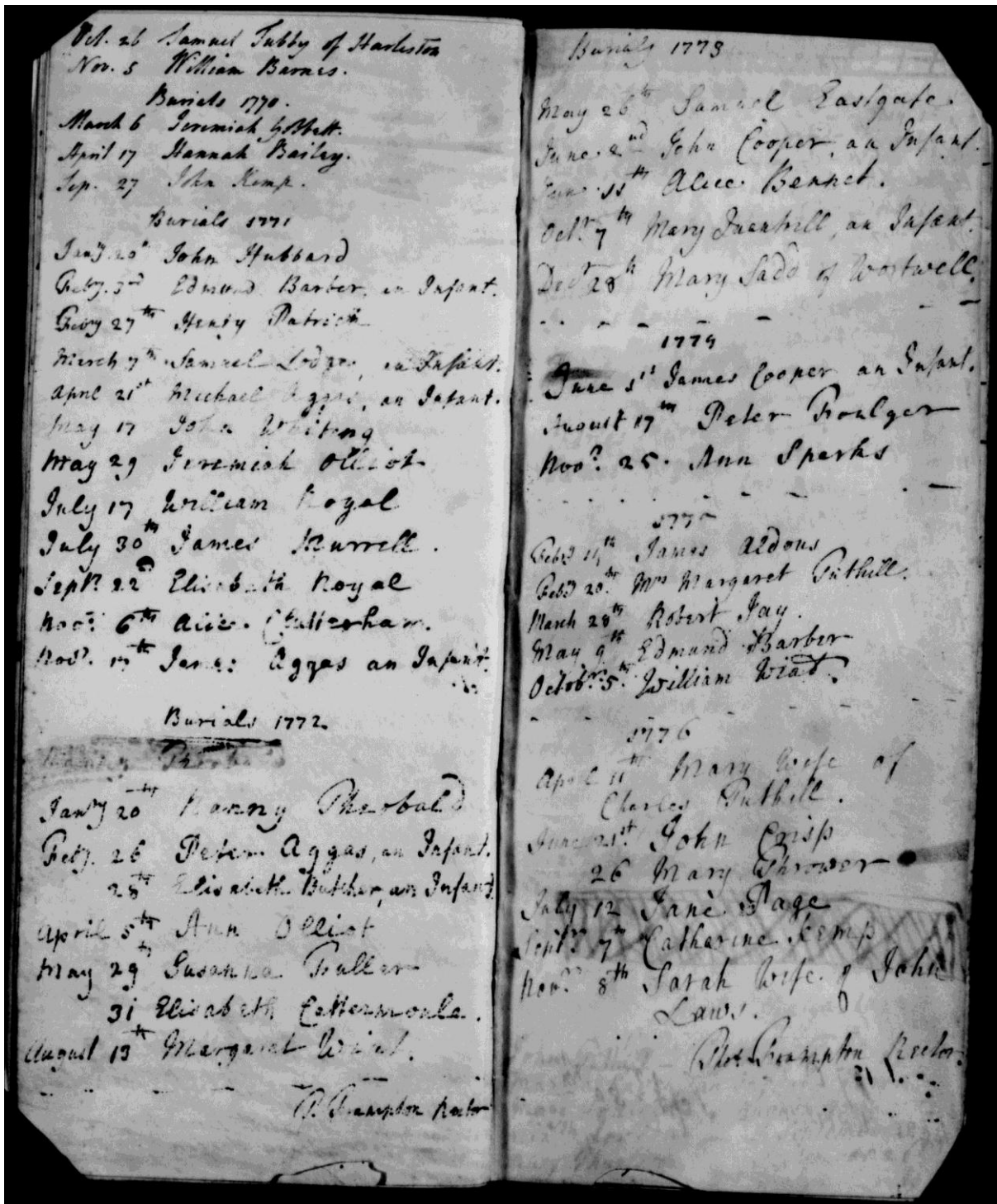
The next line reads “wife of” after which a spade is needed! We have a photo of the original of the May 1729 will of Abigail's husband Yeoman John Whiting of Starston, and the parish record of his burial in Homersfield on 29 May 1729. John's parents and (Whiting) grandparents both lived in Homersfield – which for us is a pain because it is in Suffolk and their church records are much more difficult to access, but it is a lovely little church!







Back in Norfolk, the Starston church burial records (which can be accessed through Family Search) 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 Elizabeth, the wife of Robert aged 42 years, Feb: 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robt. Etheridge, aged 24 years, died at sea Feb: 7 <sup>th</sup> 1794
Healy Coley	Elisavari Daughter of Thomas and Francis, an Infant, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	William Etheridge, aged 18 years, died in this Parish, June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1795
Brewster	Richard, aged 30 years, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Etheridge, aged 25 years, died at Port Royal in Jamaica, March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1797
1796	Given in May 10 <sup>th</sup> 1796	
Spallant	Samuel, Son of Robert and Elizabeth an Infant June 24 <sup>th</sup>	The above were Sons of the Hon <sup>ble</sup> Robt. Etheridge, Captain of this Parish
Theobald	George, aged 20 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Wineby	John, aged 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Kent	Philip, an infant, and Boar, an Infant, Dec: 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Ellist	Jeremiah, aged 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 1 <sup>st</sup>	
1797		
Hart	Mary Ann, Daughter of Tho: and Mary, an Infant, Jan: 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Scarlet	Martha, Wife of James, Jan: 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Kent	Sarah, Wife of John, Franklyn, aged 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan: 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Barber	Amos, Son of Amos and Elizabeth, aged 32 <sup>th</sup> Feb: 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Alvau	Catherine, aged 21 <sup>th</sup> Feb: 19 <sup>th</sup>	
	Given in	
Burn	William, aged 34 years March 9 <sup>th</sup> 1798	
Hurst	Daughter of James and Sarah, two years old, Jan: 1 <sup>st</sup> 1797	

But no gravestones / grave locations have been identified.