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THE APPLEBY ROSE GARDEN.

In the Cathedral ground of Bury St, Edmunds in Suffolk, England is an Old English Rose Garden. The construction of the Old English Rose Garden is due to the Generosity of an American friend of the Borough, who was stationed in Lavenham near Bury during the Second World War, whilst he was serving as a member of the American 8th Army Air Force.

John T. Appleby was a Roman Catholic who became very attached to the old town and also to the surrounding countryside and its numerous picturesque villages and fine churches.

His favourite pastime during his off duty hours was to cycle around Suffolk making Brass Rubbings from the local churches. His high regard and affection for this portion of England and its people is portrayed in his Book "SUFFOLK SUMMER" written after his return to the United States and published in 1948.

The royalties from the sale of this book have generously been donated to the Borough of Bury St, Edmunds for making and improving the Rose Garden. The Garden still flourishes now, and is supported by the Borough.

John T. Appleby was a graduate of Harvard University and returned to his native Arkansas after the war and took up farming. He later moved to Washington and became the author of several reference books, including a book about King John

A correspondent told us of a visit to see him in Washington in 1967, and when asked if he had ever seen his Rose Garden, John Appleby replied "no, all America seems to have been there but I cannot go as my little dog is too old to be left"

He died in Washington at the age of 65 towards the end of 1974, we are however still trying to trace any living relative of Sergeant John T. Appleby.

(Our thanks to Joyce Appleby and numerous readers of the East Anglian Daily Times who have supplied information for this item.)



St. Stephen, Great Wigborough



St. Nicholas, Little Wigborough

In each issue we like to print pictures of Churches which have an association with the Appleby family, and this month we include three parish churches in Essex England. Not far from the Garrison Town of Colchester, these three churches lie hidden away in the fields and byways of rural Essex.

On the 19th January 1783, at Little Wigborough, Maria Appleby was baptised. The Parish Register does not give her parents names, but just states that she was "a young woman".

It was on the 7th April 1899 that proud parents, Wilfred James Appleby and his wife Florence (nee Ponder) took their first baby son to Peldon Church to be christened Reginald Gordon Appleby.

POSTCARDS OF CHURCHES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLEBY'S

I am very grateful to those members who have been finding us postcards for our collection of Churches associated with the Appleby's. Please keep sending them in.



St. Mary the Virgin, Peldon

BAPTISM AT ST MARYS CHURCH BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

On the 17th February 1763 the baptism took place of Elizabeth child of Thomas and Mary Mason. The parish register contains following note by the Rector: "The man who offered this infant baptism said it was a girl and named it Elizabeth by a strange will for it was a male child!"

HELP WANTED

If you need any help in your research then send brief details to Peter Talbot-Ashby and as well as including details in the magazine, we will look through our continually updated Computer datafile of Births and Marriages.

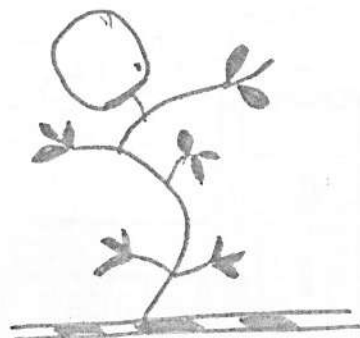
GLOBAL WARMING IN 1653?

'This yeare were all our highways paved hard to the 23rd day of November and the ditches as empty as in the greatest drought and the pastures as dry as midsummer to the middle of January - more extreme in February - pastures never wet to Lady Day 1653.'

** THE WAY WE WERE.

Window gazing could damage your reputation in the late 1800's, but only if you were caught in the act!

Young girls used to be told that "A lady never stuck her head out of a Window". This prejudice against showing oneself conspicuously in a window has been forgotten now. There was another warning given to young girls - they might stand or sit at a window so long as they did not part the curtain. If they parted the curtain or, worse yet, stood between the window and the curtain - then their reputation was doomed.



— FORTITER QUI FIDE —

THE APPLEBY CREST.

Many years ago a Mr. Appelbe sent me a drawing of the crest and said that the crest was on a pair of cuff-links which was copied from the silver given to his Grandfather who was the Land Agent for the Earl of Bandon, Bandon is in Co. Cork in Ireland.

The crest bears the motto "FORTITER QUI FIDE". It is interesting to see Fairbairns book "Crest of the families of G.B. and Ireland" that the Appleby (Leicestershire) crest is An Apple, Or (which means gold) stalked and leaved, Vert (which means green).

THE FRENCH CONNECTION.

The French city of Lyons became a silk weaving centre in the 15th century and in 1685 Huguenots fleeing from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes fled to protestant countries including the United Kingdom. There is evidence that many of the silk weavers, among them a family named Appleby first went to Ireland. However they found the climate was not suitable to the trade and moved to Spitalfields in London, where a centre for silk weaving was established.



This is a photograph of Mary Gould Appleby, who was born on 2nd May 1820, daughter of William Appleby and Elizabeth Walton of Somerton in Somerset. Mary Gould Appleby married James Heyes and migrated to Tasmania.

THE HAUNTED CHURCH AT LANGENHOE, ESSEX.

The following is taken from an interview with the former rector of the Parish Church at Langenhoe, the Reverend E. A. Merryweather.

"I came to Langenhoe in 1937, having spent most of my life in the north of England, and had previously experienced no psychic manifestations of any kind. It wasn't long before things happened that suggested to me that there was something odd about the place. I visited the Church on the 20th September 1937, it was a quiet autumn day. I was alone in the church, and the big West door was open. Suddenly it crashed to with such force that the whole building seemed to shake. Doors don't usually slam to as if an Express Train had hit them when there is no palpable reason."

"Several times in 1948 while celebrating Holy Communion the rector and members of the congregation heard thuds from the direction of the vestry door. Upon investigation no explanation was ever found. This happened ten times between July and December 1948.

On 2nd December 1948, the Rector and a number of parishioners heard a little brass bell ring of its own accord and later a loud crack as of a rifle, and on the 21st August 1949 the rector saw the apparition of a young woman in the Church. She was aged about thirty, wearing a white or grey dress and flowing headgear that reached over her shoulders. She walked from the north side of the Church, across the chancel and disappeared through a wall. A photograph taken of the Church in 1884 clearly indicates a former doorway several feet to the right of the later doorway. It is interesting that the Rev Merryweather insisted that the phantom girl vanished into the wall and not through the later doorway.

Many other unexplained events occurred in the Church followed in 1950 when the rector heard the voice of a young woman singing. As the singing stopped it was followed by sounds of a man's heavy footsteps walking with slow and sinister steps up the nave. This was too much for the rector who quickly moved from the vestry into the Church. As he did so the footsteps stopped abruptly, and he could find no earthly reason to explain the happening.

there were several other sightings of the young girl in the church followed on the 18th October 1952 when the rector felt someone was watching him and saw the figure of a young woman, wearing a cream dress. She had an oval face and blue eyes, but after a while she just "melted away"

The Revd. Merryweather retired in 1959, and some time later the Church was demolished.

The following marriages were solemnised at Langenhoe Church:

Daniel Appleby/Hannah Pudney	29th June 1839
David Appleby/Mary Ann Baker	31 October 1881
Elizabeth Appleby/William Whitlock	20th April 1867
Esther Appleby/Benjamin Oakley	14th July 1852
James Appleby/Mary Smith	6 November 1821
James Appleby/Susannah Collins	24th February 1835
Martha Appleby/John Lee	13th February 1844
Moses Appleby/Rebekah Curtis	18th May 1802
Nathaniel Appleby/Rosina May	19th October 1861
William Appleby/Elizabeth Spinks	18th March 1817.

(We acknowledge and thank Peter and Collen Appleby for material used in this article)

HELP WANTED.

Here is a family with lost parents. Does anyone have details of the marriage of SAMUEL APPLEBY and Hannah, some time about 1790 probably in the Birmingham area. They had at least two children, Sarah (26 Dec 1814) and George (27 July 1818) Information please to: Doug Millington, Box AA21, Appleby Research Organisation.

Seeking parents of Thomas William Appleby born 1802, married 21 Dec. 1879 to Phoebe Davis in London, Eng. Contact Wilma Lea, Box AHA, The Appleby Research Organisation.

Seeking information on Appleby/O'Neill and Appleby/Vaughan, circa 1900, in Yorkshire, England. Information to Josi Birkbeck, Box AHA, A.R.O.

I am looking for the parents of William Appleby who married Elizabeth Walton on 8th April 1811 at St. Michaels Church, Somerton, England. He was born circa 1786 supposedly at Kingsdon, Somerset, Eng. Info, please to Daisy Chatwin, Box 208 ARD.

Does anyone have information on the Rev. William Appleby and his wife Ann, of Pontefract, Yorkshire circa 1820-30. Mrs Margaret Lyons, Box AA 38, A.R.O.

I am seeking information on Rebecca Appleby who married William Gilliatt in Yorkshire, England. They emigrated with two children, William aged 3 and Elizabeth aged 4 in 1774 leaving from the port of Scarborough for Nova Scotia. Dianne Beeaff, Box AA37, ARD.

Does anyone know the parents of Private Frank Stanley Ewart Appleby of the 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment, who was killed in action in France on the 23rd August 1918. Joyce Appleby, Box AA27, ARD.

Ann Appleby was born in St. Pancras, London, on the 18th December 1853 and later married George Collis. Her parents were Henry Appleby/Janet Ellis. I am seeking information on Henry and Janet Appleby. Christine Atkins, Box AA29, A.R.D.

Information please on Emily Ward wife of Charles Edward Appleby married 16 July 1866 in Stepney/Bethnal Green, London. Also Joseph Appleby and Harriot Nay who were the parents of Charles Edward Appleby. Reply to Box AA30, ARD.

I am trying to trace my Grandmothers family, she was Jane Appleby, born about 1812/54. She married James Nichol in Norpeth, Northumberland in 1874/76. Reply please to Box AA24, ARD.

William Appelbe a carpenter born in Mudford, Dorset and Elizabeth Brown born in Frenchay, Bristol (b.1786) were married at Clifton, Bristol on 4th Dec. 1808. Has anyone information on the birth/parents of William Appelbe? Replies please to Box AA25, ARD.

Spitalfields in London was at one time a centre for Silk Weavers, and among them was John Appleby, born circa 1798. He married Ann Pluck at St Dunstons, Stepney on 28 December 1818 and they had eleven children. I am looking for the parents of John Appleby and his brothers, Thomas William and Willaim Henry. Their parents were John Appleby and ? Susanna. Any information please to: Mrs Joyce Moore, Box AA39, ARD.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

Here lies the body of Captain John Smith, shot in the back by his batman. "Well done thou good and faithful servant"

(from a military grave in Aden)
