

Main Surname MERRY

Area Old yard

Christian Names John

Row XD

Year died 1728

Grave 009

Material Portland

Sketch/Height

Condition Rather worn. Some writing still legible on sides.

Photo?

Notes (e.g. FS, mason, lettering)

Coat of arms at east end.

See XD 007 and 008 for servants' graves and XD 022 for Willes grave



INSCRIPTIONS (refer to Millward, position on sketch, or FS)

Millward 605/263

Top (east facing)

Here lieth the remains of / Capt. John Merry / formerly an East India Commander / one of the Elder Bretheren of Trinity House / and many years a Governor of the Hudson Bay Company. / These employments he was eminently / qualified for by his distinguished knowledge in naval affairs and commerce. / The interests of the Company by his application and good conduct were recovered / from a low and almost desperate condition / to a surprising state of wealth and reputation. / He departed this life 2 March 1728 / aged 72 years. /

Here lieth also / Mrs. Hannah Merry relict / of the above Capt. John Merry / who died 5 January 1755 / aged 65 years. /

Here lieth also the body of / John Merry Esq. Eldest son of / the late Capt. and Hannah Merry / who departed this life / May 25 1765 aged 64. /

Here lieth the body of / Robert Merry Esq. son of the above / Capt. and Hannah Merry who departed / this life May 18th 1774 aged 60. /

Mary Merry relict of John Merry Esq. / and daughter of / Henry Ashton Esq. of Hackney / died July 31 1801 aged 81. /

North side

Here lieth the body of / Mrs. Margaret Merry who died 29 July / 1800 aged 80. She was the eldest daughter of / Lord Chief Justice Willes and relict of Robert Merry Esq. / by whom she had five children viz. / Charles and Margaret living at her death / Harriam and Harriet who died infants / Robert the eldest son who died at Baltimore / in N. America 24 December 1798 aged 44. /

Over.....

Surveyed on July 1981

by A. Harris

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PTO for further inscriptions and biographical notes. Also leave one inch margin on right, and 3 x 3 ins for

