

EXCERPT
FROM THE SEXTON'S DIARY
OF
ST JUST-IN-PENWITH
CHURCH,
CORNWALL

1890-1902

This is an excerpt from the Sexton of St Just Church Cornwall's diary found by Joan Bown (late of St Just) in a drawer in the Church. She sent me a copy several years ago. I have reproduced it in total here for all interested.

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SEXTONS BOOK

MAY 1 1893

At the request of our Vicar the Revd. JOHN ANDREWS REEVE I accepted the Office of Sexton to the Parish Church of St Just. (signed E.(S) Millett Bosavern) Was published as Sexton from the Pulpit by the Rev. J. A. Reeve.

May 17th. 1890

Copy of Order from Queen and Council re St Just in Penwith Burials discontinuance in St Just forthwith and entirely in the Parish Church of St Just in the County of Cornwall and also in the Churchyards after the 3rd July 1890 except as follows."In such Vaults and wholly walled graves as are now existing in the Churchyard, Burials may be allowed, on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented. (Signed C.S. Peel.)

Scale of Fees chargeable--Upper Yard

Ordinary Funeral	7s. 6d.
Choice of Grave space extra	5s. 0d.
Reserving or buying Grave space	£1.1s. 0d.
For single wall Grave	£2.10s.0d.
For Double Wall grave	£5. 0. 0d.
Burial in existing Wallgrave. Vicars	10s.6d.
Upright Headstone	10s.6d.A
Re-opening Wallgrave Single	10s.6d.
" Double Sexton	£1. 1s.0d.
Clerk	2s 6d.
Churchyard	5s 6d.
Placing flat stone on grave space which must be bought	£2.10s.0d
Curbing to grave. Single	5s.0d.B
" " Double	10s.0d.
Childs grave Ordinary funeral	5s.0d.
extra choice of space	5s.0d.
Reopening ordinary 6ft. Grave	7s.0d.
Reopening ordinary 9ft. Grave	10s.0d.
For upright A headstone, kerb B and purchase of grave	£1.16s.6d.

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May 6th. Joe Trevorow finished the first grave under my supervision no.24 of 2nd. Row A Section and in it was buried E.M.Rodgers Aged 20.

May 8th. Meeting of Committee at Church House when I took over books etc. being the Register of Graves , Cemetery Ledger, and the plan of first Section of ground, and up to this date not one entry had been made in it.

May 11th. had Joe Trevorow one day levelling ground and making place more presentable.

May 13th. Wrote to Wm. Merrifield, stepson of the late Henry Pike for all books, papers, maps, parchments etc. relating to the Three Churchyards. Joe Trevorow finished the work clearing up Churchyard and in the afternoon had a cart horse and man for half a day and removed all spoil to Eastern end and put it into pits there, paid Joe Trevorow as per ledger.

Mr Daniel of Ennis, Paul came to me last night about erecting headstone to his Uncle and Aunt, George and Mary Casley buried in the Bones grave on South gate of Old Churchyard. I told him there would be no objection on payment of fees, I supposed 10/6d. but would see the Vicar.

May 14th. Spoke to the Vicar before the Morning Service about the above, the fee is 10/6d. and no objection regarding the erection.

May 15th. Took Joe Trevorrow up and levelled the place where the stone to be placed.

May 17th. Was in the Churchyard until 10 o'clock, and saw the stone fixed. Mr Daniel, paid me 10/6d. Vicars fee.

Received notice at 6.15pm that the grave No. 15, 1st Row, Section A Southside in which Nanny Edwards is now buried and which grave was sunk 8ft deep would be required to be ready by Saturday 20th. at 5pm for the remains of her husband Phillip Corin Edwards aged 84.

May 20th 5pm Phillip Corin Edwards was buried. Rev T. S Rankew officiated. Remained and saw ground cleared up.

May 21st Gave Mr Reeve Vicar the fee 10/6 received from Mr. Daniels for erecting of headstone to George and Mary Casley, 11 am Church Gate.

May 28th Received notice at 9:30 pm for a grave No 24. 2nd Row, Section A for E.M.Rogers whose funeral would take place of Tuesday 30th at 5 O'clock.

May 30th Elizabeth Mathews Rogers age 20 was buried. Mr Reeve officiated. Funeral and hour late.

June 13th and 14th Joe Trevorrow on two days clearing up the roadways paths etc. removing thistles, docks etc. and generally tidying up the Upper Churchyard. John Vingoe today spoke of purchasing and reserving Two graves space, putting up Headstone Curbing etc. and agreed to meet him tomorrow in the Churchyard between 9 and 10 O'clock.

June 15th met John Vingoe in the Higher Churchyard at 10 O'clock when he purchased (money to be paid on Monday the 19th when title to the ground will be given). No. 20 and 21 grave spaces in Section A, Second Row, on which he will erect a Tombstone to his Mother and Father, enclosing the space with a curb of granite.

June 17th --Joe Trevorrow employed today clearing pathway in Lower Churchyard.

June 17th--Joe Trevorrow employed today cutting down thistles, docks nettles etc. around walls and in the centre of Lower Churchyard.

John Vingoe came and paid for above mentioned Sections in Higher Churchyard also paid Fees for Headstone, Kerb etc. in all £3/12/6d. gave him parchment Certificate No.2.

June 29th Received instructions from Mr Osborn of Penhale to prepare a grave for his infant child, funeral to take place on Monday July 2nd.

July 7th 8:30pm Certificate of the death of Sophia Walls, five day old baby with a request to bury it tonight, sent JOE up with Certificate to the Clerk to notify to Mr Cooper when it was arranged that the child should be buried at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

July 8th Joe Trevorrow began about 5 O'clock to dig the grave and at 9 O'clock Merrifield brought the child to the Higher Churchyard, but owing to some mistake Mr Cooper was left at the Church so Joe had to go to town to fetch him. Merrifield had not collected the Fees so I hold him responsible for them, as he went to the house to remove the child's body. The child was not baptised.

July 11th. Called at Merrifields house and left a message with Jane Merrifield that I should look to William for the fees on a/c of the interment of Sophia Walls infant.

July 14th Received notice this morning at 8:30 that Mr Ben Richards child would require interment at 5 O'clock of the afternoon of Monday next the 17th inst. child is called William aged 3 months.

July 17th --William Richards aged 3 months was interred No 23 grave Section ... from South wall 5:45 pm

July 26th received notification at 00:45 that a grave was required by 5pm. on Saturday next the 29th. for the interment of Matthias Maddern age 47, miner. Wm. Merrifield paid balance of S. Walls fees 2/- at funeral.

July 29th ---Matthias Maddern was buried at 6 O'clock a fairly attended funeral one of the members of the Philanthropic Club (bearer) had taken more liquor than was good for him, and like a sensible man left the ground as soon as he had reached the grave. Some little trouble experienced from a few noisy women who considered themselves hard done by when they came up and found the gates shut. One young woman went so far as to threaten me with a stone, but this only happened when the great Mr Henry Olds advised them to take the law into their own hands and burst the gate in. The beauty of the whole thing is that no one outside the gates ever pointedly asked to be admitted, they simply went to and fro grumbling.

August 3rd two women Jane Eddy and Peggy Williams called on me relatively early to the burying of a still born child, or so reputed, behaving very insolently to me. I asked them for a Medical Certificate when they presented me with a sort of paper said to be written by Alfred Chenhalls, Registrar and signed by

Peggy Williams Mid-wife. I told them that I could not bury or dispose of any body on such a certificate. I must have one from a Medical man, the woman Eddy cursed and said pretty much when I ordered them off the premises. After dinner I saw the Sergeant of Police, he declined to act in any way. I saw also the Registrar who said I could not bury on such a certificate, so I asked him why he wrote it out for Williams signature if he knew it was useless. I also saw Edwin Trembath one of the overseers who stated that I could not bury the child on such a certificate. Returned home and wrote to Pascoe Grenfell Coroner, on the subject as per Press copy in No.2 Book Folio 849.

Aug 4th-- At noon received notice from Hattam that the women Eddy and Williams had climbed the wall of the Cemetery p[opened a grave No 24 D Side and deposited the child in the space. I immediately went up and found the facts as stated, I wrote a telegram to the Coroner and one to District Inspector of County Constabulary which about 2:15 I passed in to Post Office reporting this illegal proceedings.

Aug 5th went in by 8:30 Bus to see the Coroner and Inspector of C.C. as Sergeant Hill of this place absolutely refused to move in the matter or make any report of it to his superior officer. On getting to Chenhale saw the Coroner who told me he could take no cognisance of the matter without a report from the Police upon which inspector Matthews report on the matter was opened by him and read-after some conversation the Coroner remarked that he did not see that it was a matter for him to interfere with and gave the Inspector a few lines to give to the Deputy Registrar of St Just. Left the Registrar, dropped the inspector at Chyandour and went on up to town to see a Magistrate. Met Mr T.B. Bolitho who heard what I had to say and sent me on to the Magistrates Clerk for him to see what steps could be taken in the circumstances, went direct to Walter Borlase's office who with his Clerk looked through several authorities bearing on the matter, but having a meeting in the Guildhall with the Registrar at eleven appointed 3 o'clock for me to see him again. I was again at his office at 3 o'clock when he told me he could find no section or subsection in any Act by which these women could be brought to book, but if I brought him the Deed relating to the Cemetery it might be possible to take proceedings against them, this I have promised to do Tuesday next so must see Holman about it.

Aug 6th Decided on calling a Meeting of Higher Churchyard Commmittee for instructions on it, wrote and delivered notes to the following R. Thomas Wm. Holman, Dr Nesbit, John Phillips, and the Rev. Cooper. Telegrams--- Grenfell Coroner- Women Eddy and Williams broke into Cemetery this morning and buried child-no certificate-Millett Sexton St. Just. Inspector County Constabulary Chyandour- Two women Eddy and Williams broke into Cemetery this morning and buried child without certificate-see Coroner Millett. Sexton St Just. Coroners reply to telegram -Gulval. Millett. Sexton., St Just. Police not informing me-cannot interfere- Grenfell, Coroner, Penzance.

Aug 7th A meeting of the Higher Churchyard Committee. After a conversation over what had happened at the Churchyard it was decided to Summon the women for Trespass. it was also decided to report the matter to the Home Secretary should necessity arise before Friday next. Mr Millett to go to Penzance and consult further with Mr Borlase tomorrow morning.

Aug 8th I saw Mr Borlase at 2:10 Pm who though a case under injury to property might be "on account of the trespass and appropriation of ground by breaking it and burial", this was as far as the Magistrates Clerk could go and that for further action in the case we had better see a Solicitor. Refer to Act 37.38 Vic Chap 88 Sec 18. Possibly charge may come under malicious injury to real property or Query? does it fall within the case of Regina v Sharp 26 Law Journal, Magistrates Cases Page 47. Saw Cornish T.H. about 2:45 who thought as Borlase that case might come under 37.38. Viv.

Aug 9th Meeting held at School Library same members present and after hearing my report of consultation with Borlase decided that Mr. W Holman and I should meet tomorrow in Penzance, go to Messrs. Cornish, place the matter in their hands with a view to prosecuting and for Cornish to report the matter to the Home Secretary.

Aug 10th. Met J.B. Cornish at about 9:45 and arranged to meet him with Holman at his office at 12 noon. We met as agreed and settled to prosecute Jane Eddy and Peggy Williams, also to report the whole proceeding through our solicitor to the Home Secretary.

Aug 11th received notice about 5:30pm from Mr Peter Olds that his grandchild was dead and he would require his purchased grave re- opened, but would let me know for certain tomorrow morning at the Market house.

Aug 12th saw Mr Peter Olds at about 9:45 am at the Market house and proposed that the child should be buried in No 1 Sec. A Row for children, but on consulting with his family he decided upon opening his grave, having it built in brick, thereby making it a Vault and burying the infant grandchild in the bottom of it.

Aug 28th William Monk aged 15 Months was buried in the same grave as his brother Thomas Monk section D South side No 25.

Sept 1st - Noon- Received notice to have grave ready for Annie Hollow, North side of gate from gate.

Sept.3rd -Received notice at 10 am. that a grave sufficient for a Brick grave would be required for Charles Tippett of Keleynack who died on Friday last. Grave no.19.a. Section. 2nd.row.South. Funeral on Wednesday next at 4 pm. Age ??

Sept 4th In Churchyard at 7 am and pointed out by measurement where the grave was to be dug. In measuring off found the line of the late Sexton was very much out.Sept 5th William Perrow gave me notice to have a grave ready for his child and would wish the child buried on his Mother. No. 38 1st Row A section.

Sept 6th. 4-30pm Charles Tippett was buried in the bricked grave No 19 A Section5-30pm John Perrow was buried as above, aged 2 years.Sept 13th Mrs James of Carn Bosavern called at 8-30am to give notice to have a grave ready for her daughters baby Semmens James aged 6 months funeral for tomorrow the 14th at 4-30pm.

Sept 14th 5-00pm James Semmens James age 6 months was buried in Section ? North side no 25.

Sept 18th Noon.Received notice that a grave No 17 Section A. South side would be required for Joseph Hosking on Wednesday 20th. at 4-30pm Grave for 2 coffins 8 ft deep.

Sept 19th. 3-45pm received notice to have a grave ready for Charles Harry aged 5 months for 4 O'clock on Thursday 21st inst.

Sept 20th. Joseph Hosking was buried in Section as above, funeral an hour late 5-30pm.

Sept 21st Charles Harry was buried in No 26 Grave section D. Northside counting from gate.

Sept 25th Dr Jago. called at 8'oclock this morning to arrange for a grave for his child who died yesterday morning. Funeral for Wednesday morning if I could be ready- told him I could be ready for tomorrow at any time so settled for eight o'clock on Tuesday.

Sept 26th Dr Jago's boy was buried in No. 1 C row on Southside at 9-15 am Received notice last night that the child John Curnow aged 18 months would be buried on Wednesday at 4-30 in the same grave with his Grandmother Nanny Curnow. No 23 A Section 2nd row North side.

Sept 27th 5-30pm John Curnow was buried Funeral late.

Sept 29th. 5pm Received notice for a grave for the child Ethel Laury aged 6 years. Grave No 2. C Section southside.

Sept 30th Ethel Laury was buried, the funeral being an hour and a quarter late. Saw it leave Tregeseal at 5-15 when it was arranged that it should be at the Church at 4-O'clock. This sort of thing will have to be put a stop to.

Oct 4th A Stillborn child was buried this night at the request of the father William (Hy?) Trezise in the grave with his other child. No.18 D Southside.

Oct 5th Notice was brought this afternoon that a grave would be required for the little girl Mary Ann Dale who was suffocated through falling into an arsenic flue at Botallack Mine, the grave will be no.3C Southside, the interment to take place tomorrow at 5pm.

Oct 6th. 5-30pm the child Mary Ann Dale was buried, the funeral was an hour late, consequently it was dark before the grave was finished with.All was quiet inside the Churchyard, but in the road outside the boys and girls behaved disgracefully, so much so that at times the Rev Reeves words could not be heard. A policeman too, being present in the road.

Oct 11th 10-15 am received notice from W.Tresize that he would require a grave ready by tomorrow afternoon for the remains of his wife Constance Tresize aged 30.

Oct 12th. Constance Tresize buried at 5-15 in No 18, 2nd Row A section. Peace and quietness for once in a while.

Oct 14th Mr Joseph James called at about 2 O'clock to say he would require a grave for his child Bessie James for Tuesday at 4-30 o'clock.

Oct 17th The child Bessie James was buried in No 4 grave Section C of Childrens ground. The weather at the time was very bad, pouring torrents of rain which cleared up afterwards for an hour or so and then set in a soaker all night.

Oct 19th received notice from Mr Taylor senr. at 10am that a grave would be required for an infant named Mark Taylor. son born of one of the brothers Taylor who were drowned in Wheal Owles Mine when it flooded. Grave for Saturday 4 o'clock 21st.

Oct 21st received notice for a grave for the child John Harry aged 2 years and 2 months for Tuesday 24th 4-30pm.The infant Mark Taylor was buried this evening. Funeral nearly an hour late. Very quiet funeral.

Oct 24th 4-30. The child John Harry was buried in the same grave with his infant brother in No.26 Grave section D North side of gates.

Oct 30th received notice from Mr. Walter Holman that a grave would be required for his daughter Agnes Holman aged 8 years. Rheumatic affection of the heart-funeral on Wednesday 1st Nov 9 am.

Nov 1st Agnes Holman was buried at 9-30am in No 6. Section C Childrens ground. Service conducted entirely in the Churchyard, funeral coming direct from the house, the Rev.Purvis of Helston the officiating clergyman.

Nov 6th 6-00pm Mr Harry of Tregeseal came about a grave for his child Clara Harry, aged 15 months, wants the grave for 4-30 tomorrow I promised to have it ready but he must see Merrifield and arrange with Mr Purvis.

Nov 6th Clara Harry buried at 5'oclock in No 7 Sect C southside.

Nov 12th. The same Mr Harry came to me regarding the burial of twin children which he first told me were premature, but on my pressing him for Certificate of such, told me one was born alive, and was Christened by Dr Nesbitt under the name of James Thomas. I told him that under these circumstances, the matter of burial was out of my hands, that he must see Mr Purvis, he was much put out and told me there was a lot of trouble now a days to put much things out of the way, that Mr Pike or the man at the Chapel would take a shilling and fetch the boy away and bury it, and nothing more said about it, that he could not afford time to go to funerals, that he lost a day last week burying his other child. He left me, saw Mr Purvis, and it was arranged to save him the trouble, that the grave of his other child would be opened and this coffin put with it, that my deputy would be at his house in the morning, remove the bodies to the Churchyard, that Mr Purvis would be up at the Churchyard at Noon, and bury the child. Nov 13th Noon the fore going body was buried in No. 7 Section C south with Clara Harry. Mr Harry pleaded poverty in such away that I charged him only 2/6 for opening the grave, but the other 2/6 was to be paid if the Churchyard Committee decided upon enforcing the full fee of 5/-.

Nov 30th 10-30 am Mr Eddy came to give notice that he would require a grave for his infant girl Grace Daniel Eddy aged 13 months. Funeral to be at 4-o'clock on Saturday December 2nd.

Dec 2nd Grace Daniel Eddy was buried in No 8 Section C south at 4-45 by the Rev Hooper our new Vicar his first funeral.

Dec 4th-Mr Pascoe of Labour in Vain called about 10-30am to say he would require a grave for his boy William John Pascoe aged 10 years 3 months. did not know exactly whether for Wednesday or Thursday next, but would let me know later on.

Dec 7th 10am. Mr Hocking of Green Lane called and said he would require a grave for his child Mary Hocking aged 13 months for Friday at 4o'clock. 4-40pm William John Pascoe was buried in No 9 Section C south side.

Dec 8th 4-45 The child Mary Hocking was buried in No. 10 Section C southside.

Dec 16th Mrs Bennetts, called at 10-30am and wanted a grave for her little girl Susan Bennetts, aged 4 years. She would like the child buried in the same grave with its father who was buried on the 20th March in No 14 A Second row southside. This grave was 6 feet deep, so as the regulations relating to this matter could be compiled with I had her wishes carried out.

Dec 27th 4-55pm Susan Bennetts was interred as above. Funeral 3/4hr late, very cold.

Dec 29th 4pm. Mr Rowe came to order a grave for 4 o'clock tomorrow for infant child of -----Tonkin. illegitimate.

Dec 30 4pm Irene Tonkin aged months was buried in No. 11 grave Section C southside.

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Jan 10th Mr Joseph Strick called at noon regarding the burial of stillborn child, arranged to have place ready for it tomorrow, in the meantime to put the remains into house next door and gave him the key to do so.

Jan 11th Prepared a place in the N East corner of the Churchyard for stillborn children in which the remains of Joe Stricks child was placed.

Jan 12th Mr Hosking called at 9-45 about a grave for his 3 hour child. Sidney Hosking which he wished buried today and with his child buried before in No 21 Section D Northside, this I have promised to do if possible. Sent Trevororrow to sound on the coffin, and if there is sufficient depth, I have told him to open the gravel. 12-15pm The infant Sidney Hosking was interred as above.

Feb 1st 3pm Mr Addicoat called and will want a grave for his child Jane Hocking Addicoat, aged 6 months for Saturday 3rd. at 4-30 afternoon.

Feb 3rd 5-15 The infant Jane Hocking Addicoat was buried in No 12 Grave Section C. Childrens.

Feb 27th 9-50am. Received notice to prepare a grave for the infant Richard Edward Trenbath aged 8 months. Posthumous child of Edward Trembath drowned in Wheel Owles Mine disaster last year.

Feb 28th The above child was buried in No 13 grave Section C Childrens Funeral 40 minutes late.

March 9th 11 am Received notice to prepare a grave in which a brick vault would be built for John Tregear of Miss Saundry's part of Bosavern. The vault for 2 bodies-funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock set Joe to work directly after dinner.

March 10th 6-45pm - Joe had grave ready and left for home.

March 12th- Richard Marks(mason) pitched at 7-30 to work but brought no tools with him other than his (sething) tools. Lost the best part of the morning borrowing barrow shovel bucket etc.

March 13th 4-45pm John Tregear aged 46 was buried in No 42 grave 1st Row Section A. Grave purchased.

March 19th 4-45pm The son and brother of John Trevorow came to arrange for a grave for him. Arranged for No 25 Second Row A Section, the funeral for Friday 23rd time to be arranged, when I shall hear again from the Trevorrows.

March 21st 10am The young Trevorow came to me at the Labour in Vain to say that the funeral of his father would reach the Church at 5 o'clock on Good Friday. On asking him if such was the Vicars arrangement he told me he had not seen the Vicar. Told him that no arrangement could be considered without the Vicar, he left me to see him.

March 23rd 9-45am Met Capt. Ralph Williams in the Carn and arrange for a grave to be sunk for his sisters remains to be place in a brick vault in No 42 Grave Second Row Section A, at the foot of John Tregears Grave. The grave to be ready for the masons on Saturday afternoon- Sam Brokensha to do the work.

March 24th 5-30pm. John Trevorow aged 56 was buried in No 25 grave Second Row Section A. funeral nearly an hour late.

March 26th 9am Received notice from Mr Thomas Toman Williams thro' his brother for a grave to be ready for his child John Garfield Williams aged 8 months on Wednesday 28th at 4 O'clock. Ellen Williams aged 53 was buried at 5 o'clock in Grave no 42 A section Brick vault. Grave purchased.

March 28th John Garfield Williams aged 8 months -was buried at 4-45pm in No 14 Section C childrens Southside. Stillborn child of Thomas Hattam buried in NE corner.

April 7th William Holman Vicars Churchwarden died.

April 9th 9-15am Received a letter from Mr John Holman notifying me as Sexton and Magistrate that the family intended opening their Vault for the interment of their brother William Holman I sent a message in return saying I would meet him in the Lower Churchyard at 10o'clock. At 9-50 I reached there and found Sam Brokensha his man and a man from the foundry and 2 other men from the Foundry with planks arriving, the Iron top frame was removed from the Vault and a start made to remove the top soil, which about 11-30 was completed, when I observed that the top of the vault was covered by 4 cast iron plates - in section 7 on lifting the Eastern one I saw the end of a coffin which seemed to be that of Mrs A Holman Sennr. That the vault was in no way sealed up, but that I expected to find as the last interment was in 1876. I arranged with the mason engaged to do the work that plate raised should be replaced until after his dinner when he should bring bricks, cement and seal down according to law, those coffins already placed in the Vault, and that I would come up into the Churchyard again during the afternoon. 4-30pm Again visited the Lower Churchyard, and found the remains of the late Mrs Holman Sennr. entombed. The mason fitting the slate top to the tomb and before leaving at 6-10 saw the whole top of covers over those buried cemented down according to law.

April 10th. 4-15pm the remains of William Holman Vicars Churchwarden placed in the Family Vault in the Lower Churchyard. The cover of cast iron was bedded in Portland Cement, and afterwards the edges of joints were well covered with cement and completed according to the Act, about 2 ft 6ins of soil being piled over the iron cover. This vault is now closed forever. All the work was completed before I left the Yard. Paid Clerk for Mr Pike 2/6 fee.

April 11th 10-30 Went to the Vicarage and paid the Vicar the following on a/c. of yesterdays funeral. Vicars Fee £1.1.0d. Churchwarden fees £2.2.0d. Paid Mr Pike for Clerk 2/6 fee.

May 18th Mrs Grace Harvey called to order a grave to be prepared for Mrs Susan Williams aged 76. Was daughter of Dr Hocking of this place, afterwards wife of a Publican was left fairly well off, but died in poverty on the Parish, and buried as a pauper. Received notice at 10'clock, grave if possible to be ready for tomorrow, if not, on Monday after 4 o'clock. No. 26 grave northside. 5pm Just returned from Town,

arranged with Joe to have the grave ready for 5 o'clock tomorrow night. 6-30pm Joe commenced sinking the grave.

May 19th 5-30pm Susan Williams was buried as arranged.

May 21st Received notice to prepare a grave for an infant of Three months called Eliza Mercy Rowe Maddern arranged for No 15 Section C. Will give me further notice when the funeral is to take place. does not know whether there will be an inquest or not, as the child was found dead in its bed. Funeral probably on Wednesday. Notice given to me on Monday 4-15pm.

May 23rd 5-15pm E.M.R. Maddern was buried in Section C No. 15 Grave. Rainy and cold.

June 27th Mr James Trembath called on me and proposed to purchase the grave Section No 9 1st row A Block so that no one should in future disturb his mothers remains, we agreed, and he paid me fees as per Burial Committee Ledger. I gave him Certificate and title.

July 17th. 6-pm Mr and Mrs James came to see me and complained that the horse of Revd Eva. B.C. Minister (which had been put to graze in the back part of the Churchyard by William Davy) had jumped the dividing fence in the Churchyard and destroyed a glass cover on their childs grave, and knocked about a great number of graves in his gallops. I went up to the Churchyard at once, and found 20 childrens graves and 12 Adult graves more or less knocked about. Saw William Davy and ordered him to remove the horse at once and never put such a brute in there again. He at the same time agreed on the part of Mr Eva to put the graves in order and replace the broken glass ornament. When he was leaving the yard he asked me to put Joe on to do the work, and if I would pay him he would repay me, this I consented to do.

July 18th 7pm Set Joe on to do the work above, which he completed about 5-30pm Paid him a day 2/6.

August 6th 10am-Received instructions to prepare a grave for Mr Joseph Williams by his son, funeral to take place at 4-30 on Wednesday next.

August 8th 4-50pm. Joseph Williams aged 77 was buried in No 27 A 2nd row Northside.

August 10th A stone was erected over a kerb place around the grave of Johanna Trembath No 9 1st Row A.

August 11th The two Mr Thomas Called this morning to say that they would require a grave dug for their fathers remains, Funeral at 5pm. Thursday next.

August 16th 5-30 William Thomas aged 58 was buried in No 28 A Section 2nd row. Large orderly funeral.

November 19th 10-15am received notice from Mr Hollow of Madderns Court to have a grave ready for the burial of his child Annie Hollow aged 4 months. funeral for Tuesday 20th at 4 o'clock.

Nov 20th Owing to Hollow not having given notice to Mr Hooper of the funeral it was 4-45 before the body reached the Graveyard. The child was buried in No 22 Section C Northside.

November 28th Tom Casley died. Dorcas asked me to have a grave prepared for him to be ready by 4 o'clock on Saturday next, 1st December. Aged 76 they believe.

November 30th 12-15pm James Stone came to me for a grave for his wife Mary Elizabeth Stone aged 20 Funeral on Monday at 4 O'clock at the Church.

December 1st. Tom Casley was buried in No 41 Section A 2nd Row. Funeral half an hour late. Very cold.

December 5th received notice from Tom Matthews to prepare a grave for John Blewett of Bosworlas Moor, arranged for the funeral for 3-30 on Saturday 8th.

December 8th 4-45pm John Blewett was buried in No 30 A Section 2nd row. Funeral late-quite dark when finished.

Dec 14th 1-30 James Stone came to me for a grave for his child Jane Semmens Stone age 16 months. Funeral for tomorrow at 4 pm. arranged with him that the mothers grave should be opened, and the child buried with her. Told him to be at the Church sharp 4-o'clock and not to keep everyone waiting as he did at his wifes funeral.

December 15th the child Jane Semmens Stone was buried on its mothers coffin in No 41 Section A 2nd Row at 4-35pm.

Dec 26th 4pm Mr Daniel called about a grave for a Mrs Elizabeth Carkeek aged 75 who died at Tregeseal on Christmas Day to be buried in No 31 2nd Row A section on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

Dec 28th. Elizabeth Carkeek was buried as above at 3-20pm the Rev Boyden of of Pendeen officiating.

Dec 29th William Henry Roberts stopped me by the Church Schools to ask me to have a grave prepared for his late wife Caroline Roberts who died on Thursday morning last. I told him he might have given me earlier notice, but would do my best for him. Arranged for 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon at the Church. Fee paid at the time 7/6. The order for this grave was given to me at 11-10am

December 31st Caroline Roberts Aged 29 was buried in No 39 Grave space, Section A 2nd Row. a bitter afternoon, snow and hail funeral 40min after the time agreed on.

This finishes the year 1894.

There are now buried in the HIGHER CHURCHYARD up to this date. 72 adults--77 children.

Credit	Debit
£14. 3. 6 Ledger	£4. 17. 6 Grave diggers
1. 18. 6 Petty cash	2. 18. 8 Sundries as per petty cash
£16. 2. 0 Total Credit	£7. 16. 2.
7. 16. 2 total debit	
8. 5. 10 cash	
2. 1. 6 Vicars Fees	
6. 4. 4.	
13. 0 Clerks Fees	
5. 11. 4 Credit of Yard which was paid into Batten and Carnes Bank	

January 1st 1895.

1895

January 5th Elizabeth Rogers called at 9.5am requesting that a grave might be prepared for her grandchild Joseph Semmens Rogers aged 2 years. The funeral to be on Tuesday 3-30 afternoon at the Church.

January 8th Joseph Semmens Rogers was buried in No 16 grave, Section C southside Revd Brown officiated. Funeral very good time 4-20pm But very cold.

Jan 12th 10-30am William Trembath of Joppa called to order a grave be prepared for his late wife Eliza Jane Trembath aged 36. Grave 33. Section A 2nd Row.

Jan 14th 10-am John Thomas of Treva Jean called and requested me to have a grave prepared for his late wife Nancy Thomas. Funeral will be at the Churchyard about 4pm. on Wednesday. Grave to be No 34. A Section. 2nd Row. 4-20pm Eliza Jane Trembath was buried in the Section and Grave as above. Mr Hooper officiating.

January 16th Nancy Thomas was buried at 4-20pm Mr Brown officiating for the Vicar. Grave and Section as above.

February 18th Mr Rowe came down at 10 o'clock this morning to arrange for a grave for his daughter who died last night and we settled upon No 1 A Section 3rd Row at the foot of the grave of her cousin Elizabeth Rowe. funeral on Monday 11th at 4-15 pm at the Church. Feb Mary Maude Rowe age 26 years was buried in the grave above mentioned.

Weds. Feb. 20th. 6pm Messrs. Oats of Sancreed. came to me in regard to the burial of their mother in the Oats vault, in the Churchyard. This Vault now contains their father, his first wife, a son, 2 married daughters, two or three children, and a leg of Oats which was taken off some years since, owing to an accident when young.

I told them I was willing to meet them in every way I could, but I was not the only one in the matter, that the law said certain forms and rules must be attended to, that I could not settle the matter, but that we had better meet the vicar tomorrow and see what could be done. They then left me to go to the Vicar, and if the Vicar could not meet us tomorrow, one of the brothers would let me know first thing in the morning. About 10 o'clock pm this being settled they left.

21st Feb. About noon Mr Oats called down to say that the Vicar would meet us in the Churchyard at 2-15 at which time I was there with my deputy and sounding bar. The location of the Vault was found by a slate lying flat on the ground with an in memorium to several members of the family. The bar was put in the ground and at about 2ft. from the surface the cap of the Vault was struck-on Mr Hoopers the work at this Vault was discussed, when we found that it must be a great many years since it was last opened and on condition that if on opening up the ground we found that former coffins were not separately entombed, that the work should be at once done. To this the Messrs. Oats agreed at first to save expense they wanted to cover over with wood, but this we would not sanction, so on Mr Brokensha arriving it was arranged that the top burden should be taken off the Vault and that nothing in the way of lifting the cap should be undertaken until I reached there at 9-30 tomorrow. we all then left the Churchyard.

Feb 22 was at the Churchyard at 9-15 by which time Joe had the capstones of Oats vault cleared we lifted the middle one a little and allowed foul air to escape and at 9-50 removed the centre stone-on doing which, what a sight of decayed coffins and bodies met out eyes, there bodies as they were interred, had evidently been placed on cross beams of wood, these in the course of years had given way. (43 years since the last interment) and the whole of the remains, coffin and all lay at the bottom, a regular mass of bones, wood, metal handles etc. I immediately gave instructions for earth to be thrown over the bones, and dust, for there were no organic remains of any sort, and not the slightest smell perceptible, this was done for

over a foot in depth. and levelled so that no one could see anything in the vault. or that there were any remains there. Mr Oats, Mr Brokesha and myself with the vicar arranged what was to be done, when we all left. Mr Oats for home, Mr Brokensha to Penzance for slates, slabs etc. Mr Brokensha's man and Joe to the Foundry for iron bars for the support of the slates, and I for home. At 2-45 was up again at the Churchyard, saw the bars placed, and everything ready for the slabs and as Mr Brokensha had not returned from Penzance and nothing more could be done I left instructions for the top of the vault to be covered over until morning and at 4-o'clock left for home.

22nd Was up at the vault at 10 o'clock this morning and found the remains covered down with slate slabs, the dividing wall for entombing Mrs Oats in course of being built, remained in Town until 12-30pm when everything necessary was completed except lime washing the sides which was to be directly after dinner. 4-15pm Funeral reached the Church at 4-35. Mrs Grace Oats aged 82 was buried in this vault and entombed as by Law directed, this leaving space for 3 more bodies before this vault is full. At 6pm everything was completed and I left for home.

Feb 25th 5-15pm poor old Nanny Casley breathed her last in our house, was taken for worse about 4-30 and on my reaching the house from Penzance at 5-o'clock I sent for Doctor and M.A. White, but before either came she had passed away. Sent for Joe Rowe and ordered her coffin to be here between 2 and 3 tomorrow, and funeral for Wednesday, he to warn all the bearers.

February 26th sent for for Joe Trevorrow to prepare a grave No 35 SEcond Row. A section.

February 27th Nanny Casley was buried as above at 4-45. Mr Hooper officiating a fair following of neighbours but only two relatives.

March 16th Mr Daniel of Newtown called to arrange for a grave for Mrs Rosina Rowe- aged 34 funeral for Tuesday 19th at about 4-30 Grave No 36 2nd Row Northside next to Nanny Casley.

March 19th Rosina Rowe was buried at 4-45 as above.

April 29th 2-30pm Mr Richards son of the square, came and bespoke a grave for the late Mr Thomas Bennetts of Bosavern, who died at their house this day. Arranged for his grave to be No 37, 2nd Row, Northside.

April 30th Richard Oats of Green Lane, bought a certificate from Dr Nesbitt re a still born child of his, sent him on to Joe Trevorrow who was digging Tommy Bennetts grave with instructions to remove the feotus and bury it in the usual place.

May 1st. Thomas Bennetts was buried in the above numbered grave at 5o'clock by the Rev Sharpe who took the duty for Mr Hooper who is in Northhampton.

May 6th 6-30pm Peter Thomas called to arrange for a grave for his father in law, old Will Eddy, we settled on no 38 2nd Row, Northside - the grave to be 9 feet deep so that old Mrs Eddy could be buried with him in the future. The funeral for Friday at 5o'clock.

May 10th 5-30pm William Eddy age 94 was buried as arranged.

May 21st pm Mr James Roberts, undertaker called to arrange for a grave for the infant child of Col. Maereight of Kenython. Kenidjack. Funeral for Thursday at 3pm in the Churchyard. Grave No 18 Row C Childrens section.

June 11th 2-40pm received notice to prepare a grave for the remains of Sarah Baker aged 84. Funeral for Friday afternoon time not specified. Parish funeral Grave no 39. A Section, 2nd Row.

June 13th 5-40pm Sarah Baker was buried as arranged.

July 19th 2-30pm was up in the Churchyard to see about headstone onto Wilmot Gibsons grave, No 14 A Section 1st Row, all finished completely by 5o'clock. Received 15/6 from Mr Gibson. should have been £1.1.0 more than that or £1 16. 6.

August 2nd. 7-30am Received notice to prepare a grave for James Hall age 41, commonly known as Farmer Hall, one of the escapees of Wheal Owles disaster, and who owing I suppose to fright had done nothing since, but has lived on what was given him at the time of the accident and the Miners Relief Fund in connection with. He will be buried in No 40 Grave A Section, second Row. Northside.

August 5th 1-10pm Received notice from James Andrews, Master of Madron Union, that a grave would be required for George Baker, aged 83 a pauper in that establishment. A very informal document, but set Joe to work to prepare a grave, No 2 A section 3rd row for noon tomorrow. 4-45pm James Hall was buried in grave as arranged Mr Townsend locum officiated.

Aug 6th noon George Baker was buried in above mentioned grave Mr T officiated.

August 23rd. 10-10am Received notice to have a grave prepared for Elizabeth Ann Nicholls aged 4 months. Grave no 19 Section C Southside. Childrens. Funeral 5 pm. Monday Next.

August 26th the above named was buried.

Sept 13th 10am Matthews called and ordered a grave for his child Mary Matthews aged 17 months. No 20 Section C Southside. to be ready for tomorrow afternoon at 4-00.

Sept 14th the child Mary Matthews was buried at 5 o'clock in the above grave. Mr Hooper officiated.

Sept 20th John Gibson came at 10-am to request me to open the grave in which his first wife was buried on the 26th December 1891, On looking through book found that this grave was sunk to 9ft. and that I could do what he wished for the remains of his father which will be buried tomorrow soon after 5 o'clock Grave 14 Section A Southside.

Sept 21st 5-30pm Francis Gibson Jn. was buried as arranged he was 72 years of age. Mr Rogers of Sancreed officiated.

Oct 8th Mr Daly met me in the hill field and requested that a grave should be prepared for his child Florence May Daly, age 4 months. Funeral Thursday.

Oct 9th Mr. (Barber) Richards at 9-20am called to say that he would want a grave prepared for his sons child James Richards, age 4 years. I arranged that the child should be laid in No 24 D

Oct 10th 5-15pm funerals arrived well late, because some people reached the house late or the mournings had not come home. Very cold. Mr Hooper took both together. Richards child was laid as arranged. Daly's no 21 Section C Childrens.

Oct 18th 11 am Richard Stevens called to arrange for a grave for his infant son Richard Stevens age 2 months. Funeral for 4 o'clock Monday 21st. Grave no 22 Section C Childrens.

Oct 21st 4-30pm the above named child was buried as arranged Mr Hooper officiated.

Dec 24th 8-15am Rowe Eddy parish undertaker came to order a grave for Mary Williams who was found dead in her house on the 22nd. Wanted it for 4 o'clock this afternoon-had not seen the Vicar in the matter, but I told him pretty sharply that it could not be ready by this afternoon, and asked him why he had not spoken to me on the matter when I met him at 2pm yesterday afternoon when he knew at the time the grave would be required "oh! I had not seen the friends then"- I told him that was no excuse as he knew he would require the grave.

Dec 26th 4-30pm Mary Williams, aged 68 was buried in No 3 A Section 3rd Row. Mr Hooper and Mr Curtice officiated.

End of 1895

1896

Jan 20th 10-am Frank Stone jnr came to order a grave for his sisters Mrs Hosking) child Grace Ellen Hosking aged 7 months. Arranged as the mother wished to bury the child in no 20 Section D northside with its brother Theophilus if it could be managed, on examining the grave I found that the child could be put there and leave 2ft 3in of soil on the top of the coffin. Funeral for Wednesday next at 3-45pm Jan 22nd 3-45 Funeral took place Mr Courtice officiated.

Feb 7th 4-45pm James Stone called and requested that a grave might be prepared for his wife Eliza Stone aged 33. Grave No 4 3rd Row A Section. southside. Funeral Monday 10th about 5 o'clock.

Feb 8th owing to the state of the body it was urged that if it was not possible to bury tonight that arrangements might be made to bury this body tomorrow Sunday afternoon. After Seeing the vicar undertaker and Mr Courtice it was arranged that the funeral should be 3-50 tomorrow at the Church. Body to be taken into the Tower by the Tower door but no further.

Feb 9th funeral reached the Church as arranged, the Coffin was taken into the Tower and then placed upon the usual stools, the mourners went through the Tower. The usual gad-about's thro' the south door, and as usual they were a very noisy mob, showing not the least respect for the service or the Church, more intent on exhibiting their flashy finery than any interest for the poor dead woman, the crowd in the Churchyard was larger but tolerably quiet, the element for hilarity and joke was there but the presence of the Police rather a damper. Funeral was well to time.

1896

February 25th 11.15 Mr Branwell came to order a grave for his child Bertha Branwell aged 10 months Funeral at 4-30pm tomorrow. (Burial registers burned. Monumental Inscriptions has died 3rd Feb 1896).

Feb 26th 8-15pm Messrs Richards and Oats called to order a grave for Amelia Eddy aged 61yrs. Wanted the funeral for Sunday and if that not possible then for Monday March 2nd 5-o'clock. Arranged that the grave should be a double one, 9ft deep so that the husband could be buried in the future with his wife.

March 2nd 5-15pm Amelia Eddy buried in No 40 A Sect. Row A. Mr Courtice officiating.

Section at or about 5-30pm. on Wednesday. Military funeral, large crowd. Sgt. Hodge and his constable present to keep order. G.B.H. officiated. The band played a parody on the Dead March in Saul, excruciating-very.

May 14th. 9-50am A son of Mr James Olds came down to bespeak a grave for his brother William Olds, aged 21 years. Funeral Sunday at 4-30pm Grave no 21. A Section 3rd Row. Southside.

May 16th William Olds, was buried as arranged Messrs Hooper, Church- and Brenton, Non Conformist officiated. An immense crowd as might have been expected on such a day and at such an hour-great trouble to keep straps of girls and boys from trampling down the Graves, and flowers growing on them.

May 17th Richard Thomas was buried as arranged. Funeral reached the Churchyard, at 6 o'clock. A large funeral, no trouble like yesterday. Mr Hooper officiated.

June 12th. Mr Richard Boyns of Hendra called at 3-20pm to arrange about opening their family Vault in the Lower Churchyard to put the remains of their father aged 80 years, in it. From what I could gather no interment has taken place in the Vault for upwards of 33 years. When an infant called Alberta was laid in it. personally he knew nothing of the circumstances of that funeral. I showed him the list of the Fees exclusive of Tradesmens work, amounting to £3.18.6d. to which he expressed himself agreeable to. He also asked me to engage a mason to do all that was necessary in the way of removing the superstructures, the soil, opening the vault entombing the little coffin or coffins now in the Vault, and making all preparations for the funeral at 4 pm on Tuesday 15th. I sent away at once for William Angwin the mason, and gave him instructions to start on Monday morning on the work, which he agreed to do. I also instructed my deputy Joseph Trevorrow regarding moving the top soil and be at the Churchyard from start to finish.

June 14th reached the Churchyard at 10 o'clock as I arranged with William Angwin to open the Boyns vault, on opening it and allowing foul air to escape, removed the capstones and found the Coffin of Alberta Boyns as described by Mr Richard Boyns, but since that interment the Vault had been opened on the Northside by the removal of some bricks, and another infants coffin had been pushed through the hole, falling on the end of the first Coffin, the bricks being replaced in a loose fashion without lime or cement. The coffin of Alberta Boyns was in very good order, the 2nd infants coffin was decayed, and the remains dust. There was about 4 inches of water in the bottom of the Vault. The mason measured for the slates to entomb the remains and for the bricks for the division and left for Penzance to obtain the materials for the work.

June 15th 9-45 was at the Churchyard, and found everything in the way of entombing the infants nearly completed, and when I left at Noon this was done and the grave ready from Mr Boyns. 4-20 Funeral reached the Church, there was some slight difficulty in getting the coffin down, the coffin being 6ft 6ins. whilst the Vault is only 6ft. 8 ins. Finished all off complete and replaced the iron superstructure. Sent the planks back to the Higher Churchyard by Hattams cart, and left for home at 6 o'clock. Fees not paid. June 21st Fees paid.

June 22nd. Paid Mr Hooper his fee £1 1 0. on the above at the Churchgate. my wife and daughter were present. Time 10-50am.

June 26th paid to Dr Nesbitt churchwardens fees on the above funeral £2-2-0 Paid Mrs Pike Churchwomans (?) fee for 2/6 for ditto. Paid Mr Pike for William Merrifield clerk 2/6 for ditto.

July 12th 8 am received a note from Mr Thomas W. Sandry requesting a grave be prepared for his wife Mrs Caroline Sandry, age 57 years. Sent Trevorrow at once to prepare a grave no 15 Section A 3rd Row.

July 13th funeral reached the yard at 5-55pm. when Mrs Sandry was buried as above. G.B.H. officiated.

July 26th 12-10pm William Ellis called to arrange for the funeral of his Mother Mary Jane Ellis aged 52. to be buried with her husband in No 21 A Section 1st Row. on Wednesday 28th. 5-30 at the Church.

July 28th. Mary Jane Ellis was buried at 6-15 as arranged, with her husband.

Sept 16th 6-50pm the parish undertaker Mr William Rowe Eddy called to order a childs grave for Andrew Trembath aged 4 months. a pauper child. I arranged to have everything ready for the funeral by 3pm. tomorrow- he had not notified the Vicar so I sent him to him at once. 7-20pm Mr Eddy returned saying that the Vicar could not perform any service as the child was unbaptised, and would I arrange for my deputy to remove the body in the morning and bury it as soon as he could. I agreed to send the man at 8. Churchyard fee of 5/- for the grave and digging it. Poor little soul, it is only a pauper as nobody owns-not even Mother Church about which these High Church Parsons make such a chatter about, well, well the fault does not lie with Mother Church but it does with the Ecclesiastical rabble which presumes to rule the roost at the present day.

March 7th 2-15pm the brothers Trevorrow called to arrange for a grave for their sister Elizabeth Ann Angwin aged 34. Funeral for Wednesday next about 5 o'clock, arranged to bury her at the foot of her mothers grave.

March 11th 5-20pm Elizabeth Ann Angwin was buried in No 8 A Section 3rd Row Fee 12/6 (7/6 special 5/-)

April 6th Mr Branwell called at 1-45pm to arrange for a grave for his brother in law John Warren aged 71. Arranged for No 5 A Section 3rd Row. Funeral Thursday 5 o'clock.

April 9th John Warren was buried in the grave as above. funeral reached the Yard at 5-40pm, not so very late. Mr Courtice officiated.

May 5th. The stillborn child of Alice Bennett, the wife of Mr (H) S Bennetts of Bostraze was buried at 5-30 this morning in the usual place for such in the NE corner of Higher Churchyard. Fee paid to Joe 2/6.

June 14th 4-pm Mr Daniel Thomas came to bespeak a grave for Susan Anne Thomas Aged 31 The funeral will be a Salvation Army one, and take place at 5pm Tuesday next. Grave 6 3rd Row Section A.

June 16th 5-30pm funeral reached the Churchyard- 4 speakers- The Captain, and sister, then two outsiders. The two latter might have been dispensed with- their 'haspirations were hagonising' 6-10pm Mr Matthews came to me in the Churchyard to arrange for a grave for his child James George Matthews aged 8 months. Funeral for Friday 19th at 4 pm. Grave No 24 Sect. C southside.

June 19th 6-00 the above child was buried, the funeral half an hour late. Mr Courtice officiated.

July 6th Mr Thomas James Trevivian called on me at 12-40pm to arrange for a grave for his wife Elizabeth Trevivian, aged 24. funeral for Thursday next 9th. Grave No 8. Section A. 3rd Row.

July 9th 5-10pm funeral reached the Churchyard-some mistake as to time, funeral was to reach Church at 4-30 which it did punchialely, but Mr Hooper told Mr Courtice funeral at 4-45 hence the error. The Bier was used for first time.

November 9th. Mr Dale called at 9-15am to order a grave for his wife Frances Dale aged 38. Funeral for 4pm. tomorrow subject to settlement as to the time with the Vicar.. Sent Dale to the Vicar and Joe to dig a grave.

Nov 10th Frances Dale was buried at 5-15 in No 9 Grave 3rd Row southside.

December 15th Francis Stone came at 10-30am. to bespeak a grave for his father Francis Stone aged 90 years. To be buried in No 10 grave 3rd row Southside.

Dec 17th 11 am Received a note from the Vicar saying that old Mrs Thomas at the Cot was dead and would I call and see the daughters about a grave for the old lady, which I did, and arranged to meet them in the Churchyard at 2pm. Did so, when they selected their grave in the North East corner of B Section, next to the North Wall no 46. 11th Row Grave purchased. Jane Thomas aged 82 years died December 16th.

December 17th 5pm The funeral of Francis Stone reached the Churchyard one hour late, and quite dark, everybody who came with it wet thr' luckily it cleared up just as they entered the gates. No 10 3rd Row A section.

Dec 21st Mrs Jane Thomas was buried in the grave as arranged. Funeral half an hour late, bitter weather, SE gales and rain. Mr Hooper officiated. Bier used.

1897

April 5th- Mr John Tonkin called at 12-15 to order a grave for his mother Jane George, aged 63 yrs. Funeral for Wednesday 4 o'clock at Church. Grave No 11 A section 3rd row.

April 7th Jane George was buried as agreed funeral well to time, weather very wet.

April 13th Henry Hall called at 8pm to order a grave for his sisters child Annie Matthews, aged 18 months. funeral for Saturday 4pm.

April 17th. The child Annie Matthews was buried in Childrens section C No 25. First row. Mr Courtice officiated.

May 3rd Mr Goninian came down at 10 o'clock to order a grave to be prepared for his mother Mrs Goninian aged 91 years. Selected grave no 45. 11th Row B section next to Mrs Thomas. funeral on Tuesday about 5-30pm.

May 3rd Mr Johns, Carn Bosavern, met me in the road at 10-30 and bespoke a grave for John Dungey, age 44 yrs Funeral 4 o'clock at church on Wednesday Grave no 12. 3rd row A section.

May 4th Mrs Jane Goninian was buried as arranged. Funeral exact to time.

May 5th Mr John Dungey was buried as arranged.

May 10th Richard Oats at 2 pm called on me at 2 pm. to arrange for a grave for his father Henry Oats aged 48 yrs. who died on the 8th. We arranged that his father should be buried in No 13 Grave. 3rd row A

Sept 17th Reached the Churchyard at 11 o'clock and saw the body of the child placed in its grave. No 126. 1st Row C section. childrens graves. If not buried with the usual mumble jumble of the Parsons it was reverently lowered into its last resting place, and will await there the call which all expect, and have as good a chance ayel perhaps a better one than those parsons of all degrees who talk so glib about matters of which they know really so little.

Oct 12th 6pm Mr William Marks saw me at Mr Whittarns about a grave for his brother Richard Marks who died in the top field this morning, we arranged that he should be buried as near his sister Emily Marks as possible.

Oct 13th on looking at the Map and books this morning I saw that No 41, 3rd. row. A Section Northside is the nearest we can get to it, and there the grave is to be dug.

Oct 14th 4pm The funeral reached the Churchyard, Mr H. officiating. The undertaker did not bring the Fee but promised to send it down to me tomorrow morning 7/6. I paid Trevorrow out of money in my pocket 5/6.

Oct 25th 10am Benjamin Richards called to arrange for a grave for his infant child Amelia Richards aged 3 months. Funeral for Wednesday 27th. at 4-30pm pending his arrangement with the Vicar. Grave ready by 5-30pm.

Oct 26th 11 50 Mary Dungey came to arrange for a grave for her Father James Henry Allen Dungey aged 73. Funeral on Thursday next at 4pm.

Oct 27th 5pm The infant child of Benjamin Richards was buried in No 21 1st Row C section Childrens.

Oct 28th 5pm J.H.A. Dungey was buried in No 16 3rd Row A Section.

Nov 10th 9-15am Mr Peter Olds of St Just called to arrange for re-opening his vault for the purpose of burying his eldest son, he requested me to arrange for the mason work necessary to conform to the Act, which I promised to do. The funeral to take place on Sunday afternoon, he had spoken to the Vicar on the subject of Sunday afternoons funeral, the Vicar said he did not object, if I did not-I was not likely to do so, but suppose the Vicar, if there should be a refusal, would saddle me with it- not yet my Reverend friend?? 9-pm-William Angwin mason came down to see me about preparing the Vault for the funeral, I arranged to go up tomorrow morning to sound down on the cover, as there is some uncertainty as to the height of the present wall of the Vault, he thinks the Vault will have to be built- I differ as I think the cap of the Vault is within 18 inches of the surface. Anyway, we shall see tomorrow- he built it with Sam, but forgets.

Nov 11th 10-30 went to the Churchyard and sounded on the Vault cap, and found as I thought it was, within 18" of the surface, so there will be no need to open the Vault before Saturday. On opening this vault found that owing to settlement of the ground on the Northside, the side of the Vault had been pushed in, probably owing to the very light construction of the wall being only 4½" thick and ordinary lime joints, ground had to be cleared and the Vault on that side practically re-built.

Nov 14th went to the Churchyard at 11 o'clock, and found the Vault all ready for the funeral this afternoon. Told Joe Trevorrow not to be there or open the gates before 4 o'clock. 4-30pm got up to the Churchyard, funeral just passing the end of the road going to Town. 5-05pm Funeral reached the Churchyard and at 5-30 the crowd began to disperse. 5-45 the coffin was sealed down with flag slate and cement. 6-00pm fixed the cap of the Vault, with flag slate and lime. 6-25 finished filling in for the night- had to send to the house for lamps, quite dark. Mr Roberts undertaker, asked the amount of Fees, I told him £3.18.6. had not got the money but will send it or Peter himself would call and settle for them. Peter Olds jnr age 37 buried in No 1 1st row A Section Mr C officiated.

Nov 29th 3-15pm Mrs Nicholas called to have a grave prepared for her grandchild William Thomas James age 7 months. Father Richard James in Africa. Funeral for Wednesday at 4pm. Dec 1st. 4-30pm The above child was buried in No 42a C Section Northside Mr C officiated.

Dec 18th received a message whilst in Town this morning from Mr Courtice, that he wished to see me on some important business, went at once to his house where he put into my hands correspondence that had passed between Messrs Trythal and Bodily and Whitehale in relation to burying Mrs Oats (not Dead) in the grave with her husband. I told him I could not see how it could be done in face of the order of Council of May 17th 1890 would I see Mrs Henry Olds (daughter of Mrs Oats.) I did so, and from what I gathered from her the thing was impossible without breaking law which I am not inclined to do. H. Olds was not at home, so I said he had better come down on Sunday afternoon to see me and talk matters over.

Dec 19th 3 o'clock - Mr Olds came down when I read him clauses in the Law as shewn in Bakers Law of Burials distinctly shewing that I as Sexton had no option in the matter and requesting him as Mrs Oats was not yet dead to let the matter stand over until the Vicars return on Tuesday- this he agreed to do.

Dec 21st Saw Mr Olds in Penzance who told me that Mrs Oats died last night.

Dec 22 Noon Mr Olds came down to arrange about burying Mrs Oats with her husband, had seen the Vicar (just returned Home) who saw no obstacle in the way of doing what was required. Funeral for Christmas afternoon. I declined to open the grave except with the written instruction of the Vicar (see copy of my letter in Book No 3 Folio 54) I wrote to the Vicar at the same time sending him the book Bakers Law of Burials, man started for the Vicarage at 11-40pm. I now await further information and instructions before doing anything in the matter. 5pm received answer from the Vicar saying "I will be responsible for any expenses incurred-so the grave may be opened." I replied - answer scarce satisfactory and should send copy of my letter and his answer to Chief Sec. of the State, disclaiming all responsibility for breach of order in Council of May 17th 1890.

Dec 23rd met Mr Olds by appointment in the Churchyard at 11 am. where also was the Vicar. The opening of the Oats grave was the business. Mr Olds from hearsay told us the grave was 9ft deep in solid granite and might be opened as a vault, I said it was not a Vault in the meaning of the Order in Council, that as Sexton I would not have anything to do with opening it, and if anyone else interfered in the Churchyard with the soil in the way of opening the Grave I would report them to the Home Sec. at once, that they had better wire to Whitehall and get permission in the regular way. This Mr Olds, and the Vicar left to do, and I saw the churchyard closed.

Dec 24th Received letter from Mr Olds at 10-20 to say that sanction to open the grave had been received from the Home Secretary. and that they wanted to get the grave ready at once. I sent up to say that I would be with them at 11 O'clock at which time I got there, found the top stone taken off, and sinking going on, after getting down 4 ft 6 ins the ground caved in on the Coffin already there, ceased sinking, filled up the vacancy and placed over it an old Tombstone (belonging to certain Phear age 5yrs which had been laying in the Dead House for 33 years, was never erected) on which and some granite the Vault is to be built. Having seen this carried out, I at 4-30pm left the work to the masons and returned home leaving Joe Trevorrow my deputy to do anything necessary. all the stories told about this grave were untrue from first to last "Grave was 9ft deep cut out of solid granite, old Oats was at least 7 ft below the surface etc etc" whilst the fact was the whole of the ground was made, no rock in it, and the Coffin could never have been 7ft below the surface. I am glad I stuck out so strongly over the whole business.

Dec 25th Reached the Graveyard at 1-40 everything was as it should be, and at 2-20 Maria Oats age 88 was laid in the grave prepared for her.

Dec 27th wrote to the Home Secretary. expressing a hope that on no consideration should permission again be give to open any graves in the old Churchyards, see on cover of this book. I also told him the whole of the circumstances of Oats Grave. Folio 56 and 57 No 3 Book. Received a reply to my letter dated Dec 29th saying the matter shall receive due attention.

1898

January 3rd 2-40 Dr Nesbitt Called and handed me £3.13.6 amount of Burial Fees less (5/-) already paid to William Merryfield clerk 2/6 Mr Pike 2/6. Upon which I handed him back £1.1.0. for the Vicar, and £2.2.0 due the Churchwarden, and kept in had 10/6 Sextons fee of which 7/6 goes to the Deputy Sexton and 1/6 for sundry disbursements, cartage of planks etc. These fees relate to the burial of the late Maria Oats about whose grave in the Lower churchyard there was so much trouble at the end of last year.

January 8th By this mornings Post received receipt from the Vicar for his Fee over the above burial-it seems that he told Henry and Peter Olds "he did not know what became of the Fees, he never had any" a deliberate lie because I hold his receipt for all Fees paid him since he came to the place, our Worthy Vicar is a most dangerous man to have any business with, untruthful he is and dishonest I have found him.

January 11th was in town this afternoon when I called on Nesbitt and handed him the balance of (1/6) of the Sextons Fees anent Mrs Oats funeral after paying gravedigger and cartage, this makes Churchwardens fees on the above £2.3.6. instead of £2.2.0.

Jan 18th 6-30pm Met Mr Mason of Bolankew at Kelynack as I was returning from Sennen Cove, he told me that his brother was dead and they wished to bury him in his Vault where the remains of his wife are now lying. Said Vault is in the North West corner of the old Churchyard and close to the stile leading to Nancherrow. William Marks would do the masons work-I sent a letter to William Marks-Book 3 Folio 63.8pm William Marks called down about this Vault when I promised to meet him in the Churchyard at 10-00am tomorrow morning.

Jan 19th at 9-57. was in the Churchyard and set Trevorrow to sink on this Vault after the kerb and Headstones had been removed, found on reaching the capsules that the Headstone and kerb were about 18" too far to the North, so had to cut away more ground to the south to get at the top for opening to see

what was underneath. 12-10pm lifted one of the states and found the vault was not ready for two, in fact it was a single coffin vault, this placed me in a fix which can only be got over by raising a sufficient Brick tomb for Amos Mason as there is no time between now and the funeral to communicate with the family at Bolankew, and have an alteration. I shall report this to the Home Secretarys Office, and ask their advice in any future case of this sort. Mrs? Mr Mason was buried in 1873 so may be supposed that no one really knew what was built there except the man lying dead and to be interred with his wife.

Jan 21st wrote Home Sec. on this matter Book 3 Folio 65/66. Funeral took place at 3-45, body was interred and the grave sealed down with 4 flag slates, bedded and pointed in cement. Mr Mugford officiated. Amos Mason age 67 corner of the Churchyard, next stile to Nancherrow. Paid Gravedigger 9/- William Merrifield 2/6 Mr Pike 2/6. Wrote out cheque for Vicar £1.1.0 to go to him tomorrow morning. Will call and give Nesbitt the £2.2.0 Churchwardens fee.

Feb 7th 11 am Mr Williams called to arrange for a grave for his father William Davey Williams age 68 funeral for Weds 9th 4pm Grave No 20, A section, 3rd Row.

Feb 9th 4-20pm Sergeant Williams was buried as arranged. Mr Hooper officiated.

Feb 10th 10-40am Mr Peter Thomas Senr. Kelynack Moor called to arrange for a grave for the widow of Henry Pascoe buried in No 2 Section 1st row. As we could not bury her with him arranged for No 38, A Section 3rd Row at the foot of her fathers grave. Funeral 12th 4 pm Church. Name Margaret Pascoe age 66

Feb 12 th 4-05pm Margaret Pascoe was buried as arranged. Mr Mugford officiated.

Feb 22nd 8-15 Mr Roberts undertaker called to arrange for a grave for Ann thomas age 73 Funeral for Friday at 4 o'clock. Grave No 17 southside Row 3 Section A.

February 25 Mrs Thomas was buried at 4-15 as arranged. A screaming crowd of women. Mr Mugford officiated.

Feb 28th 1-20pm Mrs Murley of Kelynack called to arrange for a grave for her husband Thomas Murley aged 68 died 10-30 this morning. Arranged for grave 18 Southside Sec A 3rd Row. Funeral for Weds 23rd about 4 o'clock. 7-45pm Mr Roberts of Chynooone called to ask me to arrange for the burial of a child which survived its birth 5 minutes, to be buried inthe grave with his Wife No 32. 2nd Row A section. I sent him to Trevorrow with instructions to do as he wished tomorrow morning.

March 1st Child was buried as desired 7-30am.

March 2nd 4-30pm Thomas Murley was buried as arranged. Vicar officiated. First part in Mission Room.

March 16th Noon Mr Thomas Reseigh called to arrange for a grave for his Mother No. 42 A Section 3rd Row Northside. To be 9ft deep so as to bury his father with his Mother at a future date. Funeral for Friday 18th 4pm 9ft grave.

March 18th 4-20pm Mary Ann Reseigh aged 73 was buried as arranged. Bier. Mr Mugford officiated.

March 21st 4-45pm Mr Henry Hall called to arrange for the burial of his niece Beatrice Matthews, age 13 months. Funeral for Weds 23rd 4 pm Church.

March 23rd 11-55am Mr Rowe Penrose called to arrange for a grave for William Humphreys. age 75.

Grave to be 9ft for 2 bodies. Saw Mr Hooper saw Mr Hooper this morning-funeral now arranged for 5pm Friday 25th.4-40pm Beatrice Matthews was buried in No 27 grave. Northside C row. Childrens.

March 25th William Humphreys was buried in No 40. A Section. 3rd row. at 5-30pm Mr Hooper officiated.

May 7th 10-00am Mr Williams called to arrange for a grave for Mary Ann Williams age 50. Funeral for Tuesday at 3 pm Church-grave No 19. Southside. 3rd Row. Section A.

May 10th Mary Ann Williams was buried as arranged at 3-30pm Mr Mugford officiated.

May 24th Richard Nicholes called at 9-35am to order a grave be prepared for his infant child Gracie Nicholes aged 9 months. the funeral for Thursday 26th at 5 o'clock.

May 26th the infant Gracie Nicholes was buried at 5-40pm Grave no 28 C Row. Northside Mr Mugford officiated.

August 10th 3-10pm at Mr Cornish's shop door Mr Inch undertaker spoke to me about the burial of Mrs Nicholas Boynes in the vault in the Lower Churchyard in which her husband was buried on 15th June 1897 and requested me to engage mason with all materials required for carrying out the same, on returning home I wrote to the Vicar on the subject as per letter book No 3 Folio 114 and to Churchwarden Folio. Funeral for Saturday, time yet to be settled. Sent for Bill Angwin as soon as I reached home and at 9 o'clock he came down when I arranged with him to remove the superstructure on Friday next and the cap on Saturday morning. Only cement will be required, as this will fill the Vault and close it forever.

Aug 11th Arranged with Angwin this evening to provide 6 men at 2/6 each as bearers, and gave him 6 pairs of black gloves to distribute among them which I received from Mr Inch the undertaker, in Penzance today. Told Angwin I had sent the boards from the Higher Churchyard to the Lower one for purpose of the burial.

Aug 12th was at the lower Churchyard at 11-15 and found the iron structure over Boyns Vault removed earth cleared off, capstones removed. Vault ready for tomorrow, told Angwin to point up afresh around the top, whitewash the walls and sprinkle some sand over the surface of the slates. Told my deputy Trevor to have the pathway cleaned down before the funeral tomorrow.

August 13th 10-4.5am was in town and saw everything ready for the funeral this afternoon. 3-12pm the funeral reached the Church, and at 3-30pm Elizabeth Boyns age 71 was buried in the vault with her husband Nicholas Boynes. This vault is now full and covered down with granite slabs, bedded in cement and at 5-10pm all hands left with the work completed and the iron railings replaced. No fees were paid at the time or expenses which I have paid tendered to me. 15/- for 6 bearers 5/6 Sextons deputy.

Aug 15th 7-10pm Mr John Olds came to me to order grave for his infant son William John Olds age 3 months. Funeral for Wednesday 5-30pm Churchyard.

Aug 16th Sent on at Mr Richard Boyns request the bill in connection with his Mothers funeral £6.13.6.

August 17th Mr Boyns called at 1-15pm and settled account. 5-35pm The infant son of John Olds was buried as arranged. I was absent Mr H officiated.

Sept 8th 7-50pm Samuel George called to arrange for a grave for his infant daughter Bessie George aged 8 weeks. Funeral for Sat 10th 4-30pm. at the Church.

Sept 10th 5-00 the infant child of Samuel George was buried in No 30. C Section 1st row Northside. Mr M officiating.

Sept 19th 1-40pm Benjamin Uren called to arrange for a grave for his grand child Elizabeth Ellen Uren age 3 months. Grave next to Bessie George No 31 Section C. 1st Row Northside. funeral 4 o'clock at church.

22nd September 4-20pm the child Elizabeth Ellen Uren was buried as arranged Mr M Officiated.

Nov 11th 10-4.5am Richard Oats came to arrange for a grave for his child Bertha Oats age 13 days. Child unbaptised. Funeral for this evening at 5 o'clock Sent Joe up to the churchyard to prepare a grave at once. No. 32 C 1st row Northside. Sent Oats to the vicar to tell him the circumstances and to shew him the certificate at 11-40 Oats returned saying he had seen the Vicar who sent his compliments. to say that there would be no service required, the child could be buried as soon as liked.

Nov 29th 3-10pm John Goldsworthy called to have a grave prepared for his brother-in-law John Nicholas age 37 but was only half prepared with instructions, so had to go back to get them, the coffin was 10ft, he knew but was not certain. Other matters just as wild, rambled through his brain, so sent him off to get fresh instructions. He called back about 7 o'clock, the coffin was 6ft 2½ inches the funeral for Dec 2nd 4pm at the Church. The child to be buried name was William Thomas Nicholas. No 17 from south wall. De Section so that No 8 A section 4th Row would be as near as once can get to the position wished for the grave in which to lay the father. Told him that special grave would be 5/- extra. making the Fee 12/6 in all, to which he said the friends were agreeable. Started Joe to sink the grave about 10-30am Nov 30th No 8 4th Row.

Dec 2nd John Nicholas was buried in the grave as arranged but the funeral very late, only left the house at 4-15pm consequently was late all through. Mr M Officiated. Salvation members sang a hymn and offered a prayer afterwards.

Dec 12th 7pm Mr Joseph Rowe called to arrange for a grave to be prepared for remains of the late William Bosprednick, aged 82 Naval Pensioner. The funeral Wednesday 14th 3pm. at the Church. Grave No 22 Section A 3rd Row. Northside.

Dec 13th Sent the gravedigger up at 9am to sink the grave.

Dec 14th 3-15pm William Bosprednick was buried in the grave as arranged. Mr Courtice of Newlyn officiated.

1899

Jan 2nd 7 PM John Ellis called to arrange for the burial of his child John Thomas Ellis age 3 months. The family wish the infant to be buried in the grave with James Hall No 40, A Section, 2nd Row, who was buried Aug 5 1895. Itold Ellis to call down tomorrow morning when I would look through the books, and see if such could be done.

Jan 3th Ellis called down at 9-45am by which time I had looked through the books and the Laws relating to Burials" and found that what the friends of the child wishes could be done and told him so.

Jan 4th the infant John Thomas Ellis was buried in the same grave as its Uncle James Hall. Mr Mugford officiated.

February 20th 2pm. Received notice that Row Eddy parish undertaker had brought the body of the young man found on Tregiffian Cliffs with his throat cut, to the Death House in the Lower Churchyard and wished to see me regarding the security of the door which was without a lock. I at once went up and took Mr Joseph Rowe, carpenter with me when a padlock was procured and the place made secure until either the burial of the body takes place, or friends come to remove it, there is no identification as yet.

Feb 21st 10-45am A constable came down from the Sergeant to say that a Mr Knapp from London had come down to view the body of the young man and would I send up the key of the Deadhouse. I gave the key to the Constable, and at once followed him to town. I told him to acquaint the vicar of the fact of the arrival of Mr Knapp in case he should like to be present. 11-5 I reached the Churchyard and finding Vicar was not at home I ordered the place to be opened and the coffin as well. Mr Knapps friend on seeing the body said he did not think it was the Rev Knapp but went away and fetched the brother (or who was supposed to be such) who on carefully examining the remains decided that the body was in no way related to him. The hands puzzled him, the finger nails were all bitten down to the quick, shewed a nervous man, and the hands were not those of a Clergyman, more like those of a shopman. These people left, the coffin was again nailed down, and I left the key of the Deadhouse with the Constable for the Sergeant to hold in case of the advent of Miss Buckingham from Shepherds Bush London who maybe here tonight, or tomorrow.

Feb 22nd On the way to town about 10 o'clock met a constable who had been sent by the Inspector to say that Miss Buckingham was here, had recognised the body as her brother and that he would be buried tonight if possible. Sent the constable to Joe Trevorrow with instructions to commence a grave at once, and I would come to him from town, to which I preceded and was Miss Buckingham, thence to the Vicarage to see what arrangement the Vicar would make-he came up with me to Miss Buckingham, It was then arranged that after the body had been laid out by Mrs May, Miss Buckingham should take a final look at her brother, the Coffin should then be screwed down and she should return to Penzance with her friends -the undertaker was to obtain men to remove the body from the Deadhouse at 7-30 tomorrow morning and be at the gates of the Churchyard by 8 o'clock where Miss Buckingham and her friends would meet it and conclude the sad business. If Mr Hooper cannot be present Mr Mugford will be there. The friends then leave to go back by the 10-40 to London.

Feb 23rd was at the Churchyard at 7-30 the body reached the Churchyard at 7-45 Mr Mugford at 7-50 whilst Miss Buckingham Mr Humphries and the inspector of Police in a cart from Penzance as the clock struck 8 and the funeral was got thro' soon afterwards. About 150 women present and about 30 men who for a wonder were fairly orderly. William Merrifield Church Clerk came to repeat the responses in a state of dirt and general disreputableness in the matter of clothes, generally in a state of dry paste from his bill sticking business, boots not laced in front, a disgrace to his position, so I told him to take a back seat which he did.

Feb 24th 9-40am Mr Mason of Bolanken called to say that his sister Clarinda Mason aged 62 was dead and that he would require their family Vault which is at the Northeasterly side of the church to be opened to receive the remains. On enquiry from him I found that the Vault is in much the same position as his brothers was only a single one on which walls could be further raised. I explained out position (Vicar, Churchwardens and Sexton) in the matter seeing what the Queens order in Council of May 17th 1890 was, he told me the arrangement he had entered into with the Rev J.A. Reeve (who was at the time vicar) when he purchased the grave, I then told him my instructions from the Home Office at the same time reading the letter of the sanction of the Home Office, but at the same time I do not wish him to accept my reading of the Law, so for his satisfaction he had better see the Vicar and I should be governed by what ever he decided upon. Mr Mason then left to go to the Vicar. 10-45 Mr Mason came to me at Joe Semmens to say that the Vicar saw no reason why the business should not be carried out as he wished, so on that I proposed that he meet me at the Churchyard tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with his masons to remove the super stones, and by noon or thereabouts the place would be clear and ready for his materials which are to be brought from Penzance, he then left saying that if he was not present the masons could go on with the work. The funeral for Monday next at 3 o'clock. The vicar taking the responsibility exonerates Church wardens and Sexton or so I read the matter.

Feb 25th was in the Churchyard exactly at 10 o'clock as arranged yesterday. Marks had removed the superstones and Joe was removing the soil, on this being done we found the vault was built up to within 2 feet of the surface with space for 2 more coffins, arranged with Marks to have the coffin at the bottom of

the Vault separately entombed and at 12-30pm I left for home. Mr William Mason was evidently ignorant of the state of the vault and how it was built.

Feb 27th The funeral of Clarina Mason aged 62 took place at 4pm half and hour late. Mr H officiated. the body was entombed, state cover was pointed in cement and the cover of the vault set in lime mortar before I left the Churchyard.

March 6th 8-15pm William Lutey called to order a grave for his child Annabella Lutey aged 12 months. Funeral for Wednesday 8th at 4-30pm.

March 8th Time of funeral altered to 2-30pm but did not turn up until 3-10pm Mr H officiated Mrs H with 8 girls dressed in white as bearers each with a bunch of white flowers, at conclusion of the service the girls sung a hymn very feebly- a very senseless display considering it was a bitterly cold day and rain.

March 27th 5-30pm Saw Mr Isaac Nankervis who stated that he wanted the grave of Honour Woolcock who was buried in a brick tomb on the 5th April 1893) opened up for the purpose of burying Thomas Woolcock aged 84 her husband. See Folio 8 No 15 A Section 2nd Row.

March 29th 5-35 Funeral reached the Churchyard and Thomas Woolcock was buried in the Vault with his wife and the Vault was sealed down with cement as usual-this grave is now entirely closed but there is still room to build for another body on the top if necessary, there being quite three feet of space between the slate cover and the level of the surface.

April 11 Richard Nicholes came to see me at 11-45pm to arrange for a grave for his child William Thomas Nicholes age 1 year 7 months. Funeral for Thursday at 5 o'clock at the Church.

April 13th 5-40pm William Thomas Nicholes was buried as arranged in No 34. 2nd Row. C Section Childrens. Mr M officiated.

May 15th whilst I was away at Penzance William Merrifield parish Clerk called at about 9 o'clock to arrange for a grave for his mother who died Sunday morning, her wish was to be buried near Mrs Thomas, so it was agreed to sink the grave next to Mrs Gonninian grave to be 8 or 9 ft deep for two bodies. Joe Trevorrow left for the churchyard to commence the grave (10-30) Choice of grave space entails an extra 5/- fees.

May 16th 7pm William Merryfield called down to tell me about this grave, he wants it sunk deep enough for 3 bodies, and to enable this to be prepared he will put Tom Matthews to work tomorrow with Joe Trevorrow to try and get the grave down to 11 feet-he will pay Matthews outside the usual fees for deep graves. I hardly think it can be done as the bottom of the grave is solid rock, and will take steady punching to remove the stone.

May 17th 5pm Margaret Pike aged 85 was buried in No 44 Section B. 11th row-this grave was sunk to 9ft. the latter part solid rock.

May 18th 7pm Mr Harry Williams came down and paid me £1.16.6. Churchyard fees for Headstone, Kerb and purchase of the Grave No.20 3rd row. A Section in which the remains of his late father William Davey Williams were buried Feb 9th 1898. I gave him a receipt for the money and parchment giving him the sole right in that piece of land. He was to take it to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their signatures. He requested that Joe Trevorrow should be in the Churchyard tomorrow morning to meet and assist Mr Pascoe the monumental mason in erecting and fixing the stone, kerb etc. which I told him would be done, they would be responsible for the mans days pay.

June 1st 9-15am Rowe Eddy, parish undertaker called to order a grave for the infant Edwin Trembath Thomas aged 10 months. Funeral tomorrow 5-15pm at the Church.

June 2nd Edwin Trembath Thomas was buried as agreed at 5-30pm Four small boy bearers and the parish undertaker constituted the funeral child buried in No 35 grave, C section, 1st row Northside.

June 26th Mr James came at 7-30pm to order a grave for his mother Mary Elizabeth James. age 51. the funeral on Thursday 29th. at 4 o'clock. Grave 24 A Section 3rd row.

June 29th 4-50 Mrs James was buried as above large funeral orderly, Mr Mugford officiated.

July 7th 11am Mr William Harvey of Keleynack called to arrange for a grave for Henry Dungey age 33 funeral for Monday 5 o'clock at the church.

July 10th Henry Dungey was buried in No 25 grave A Section 3rd row at 5-30pm. Mr Mugford officiated after which Methodist Choir sang a hymn, the family remained until the grave was almost filled up.

July 11th 8-15 Mr Joseph Rowe called to order a grave for James Richards aged 75 a Pensioner on some Blind Institution. Funeral for 12th at 4pm. No 26 grave A section 3rd row.

July 12th 4-30pm James Richards was buried as arranged. Mr Mugford officiated. Bier used.

Oct 4th 10-15am Mr Peter Thomas of Bosavern called to arrange for the burial of Amelia Badcock age 67. Grave no 27. 3rd Row. Northside. Funeral 4pm 7th Oct.

Oct 7th 4-15pm Amelia Badcock was buried as desired. Mr M. officiated.

Oct 21st Mr Williams of Kenidjack met me at 11-30am near Miss Halls, and requested that a grave be prepared for his child Beatrice Williams aged 4 yrs. Funeral for Monday 23rd 5pm.

Oct 23rd 5-15pm Beatrice Williams was buried. In No 36 grave, C Section. 1st row childrens. Mr M. officiated. Only Father and Mother attended. Child unbaptised, short service. Bah!

Nov 1st. 10-50am at Penzance Mr Peter Olds. spoke to me about opening his Vault in the churchyard to bury his Grandson Harry Anderson age 3 years. Promised to have vault uncovered and meeting him at about 10-30am tomorrow. Funeral for Friday 4 o'clock in Church.

Nov 3rd 4-20pm Harry Anderson was buried in No 1 Vault 1st Row A section Vicar officiated. A deluge of rain with a gale of wind, quiet funeral, everyone soaking wet. This vault will now take one more as the sides have been raised 21" thereby reaching within 3" of ground level.

Dec 12th. 6-35pm Samuel George called to arrange for a grave for his child James George age 5 months funeral for Saturday next 16th 4-15pm at church.

Dec 16th 10-30am Mr John Andrews called to arrange for a grave for Matthew Rowe Penrose age 46. The friends at his request wish for 2 graves to be purchased and kept in perpetuity for his immediate family(wife and Children) Mr Andrews selected No 1 and 2, A Section 4th Row. Southside. the grave to be sunk to 8ft.

Dec 20th 3-50pm M.R. Penrose was buried in the grave as arranged, the ground very hard, the bottom is cut through 2ft of solid stone, took 2 men 2 days to cut through and blast out the stuff. A large orderly funeral Mr. M. officiated.

Dec 24th 8-35pm. William Merrifield came to me with a cock and bull story about a pauper funeral from the Union, funeral for Tuesday 3pm. did not know whether it was for Adult or Child, no official order from the Master of the Union as far as he knew. Merrifield sent to me by Hooper who it seems is about as wise in the matter as Merrifield is, shall wire to the Master of the Workhouse for particulars, or no grave will be ready. Wire sent 25/12/1899. Master Workhouse Madron, Hea-Moore, send official form for grave otherwise no grave for Tuesday, no information whether adult or child-Millett. Sexton St Just. 11-00am received reply "Millett Sexton St Just-Grave for Adult Jane White Tuesday- letter follows. Francis" Sent to the Gravedigger who commenced at once on No 28, A Section 3rd row.

Dec 26th 2-50pm Jane White age 73 was buried as a Pauper in the grave specified. The workhouse Master drove the hearse and felt aggrieved at my requiring the proper form before commencing the grave-had 23 Parishes in his purview and in none was the burial form required except this. I told him it was required in the Churchyard and would be as long as I had anything to do with it.

Up to the end of this year the number buried in this Churchyard stands at Adults 122.....Children 105.

1900

Jan 15th 3-50pm Stephen John Brewer came her with a certificate signed by Dr Sanderson for the burial of a stillborn child (male) born on the 13th- told him I would give orders for Joe Trevorrow to go for it first thing in the morning of tomorrow and bury it.

Jan 16th 9am work carried out.

Feb 17th 7-30pm Mr Rowe Eddy, parish undertaker called to order a grave for the body of a Sailor which had been washed ashore under Wheal Owles Mine, and is now lying in the old Carpenters shop on the Mine awaiting the Coroners instructions.the funeral will probably be for Monday 19th-asked Mr Eddy to send boy up to Joe tomorrow morning and tell Joe to come down to me at once, so that the grave can be begun, ready for Monday. The man is supposed to be one of the Crew of the steamer wrecked on Threestones our rocks off Pendeen during the snowstorm on the night of the 13th. The Vessel is supposed to be French, but nothing is known for certain as nothing to denote her nationality has washed up. The first body found was unlashed from the Mizzen mast, dead and was buried at Pendeen Churchyard, he was apparently a foreigner from his dress.

Feb 20th The vessel wrecked is the Ossian of Bristol- Swansea for Chareaute, 10 hands lost in her. Funeral put off till tomorrow 5pm.

Feb 21st 3-30pm Mr Paulgrain Called to arrange for a grave for Mrs Eliza Davey aged 82 Settled for grave next to the above Seaman, No 30. Northside 3rd Row.

February 21st. 5-30pm The seaman mentioned above was buried as arranged.

February 24th. Eliza Davey was buried as arranged. 4-15pm a large funeral Mr H. officiated.

Feb 25th John James of Choon called at 10-15am to arrange for a grave for old James Pascoe alias Jern Butcher. age 85 Grave next to Margaret Pascoe. No 39. A Section. 3rd row.

February 27th James Pascoe was buried in the grave as arranged, funeral 30 mins late Mr M officiated.

March 5th Mr Ralph Hill Roberts called at 10-15am to arrange for a grave for Catherine Ould age 50 Grave to be 8ft deep for 2 bodies, the funeral for Wednesday 7th at about 3pm. Sent Joe off at once to commence grave. No 39. A Section. 3rd Row 1st North of James Pascoe.

March 6th John Oats mason called down at 1-45pm to make arrangements for opening up the Tresize vault for the burial of the late George Tresize of Lafrowda Terrace, Told him that I personally had no knowledge of either place or position as to where it was situated and that there was either ground plan or book of reference for the old Churchyard, but that I would meet Mr William Chenhalls in the Churchyard at 3 o'clock. I did so and found that no one could rightly direct us where to search for this Vault. we opened up in 3 cases and found ourselves (from description of the surrounding) wrong in each instance, at 6pm. We all left the Churchyard, disappointed and I may add disgusted too at our inability to locate this Vault(the family had no knowledge of the position of the place.) after 3 hours standing about in the bitter cold, Itold Trevorrow that as soon as he had thegrave ready in the Upper Churchyard for Miss Ould he was to go down to help Oats tomorrow morning.

March 7th 4-15pm Catherine Ould was buried as arranged Grave 39. A Section 3rd row.

March 7th Mr Trembath called to arrange for the grave for the child Agnes Ann Dungey age 6. I proposed to him that the child subject to the wishes of the mother should be buried in the same grave as its father Henry Dungey in Grave No. 25. A Section 3rd Row.7-30pm Mr Trembath returned from the Mother who would be very pleased to have the child buried with its father. Funeral for Friday about 4pm.

March 8th George Trezise was buried in the Vault we first opened which after a long discussion was found to be THE one in which his wife was buried, for which information we are indebted to Mr Jemmy Roberts carpenter who was the undertaker at the former funeral. George Trezise age 83. Mr Hooper officiated. This Vault for future reference is situated 28ft 6 ins in direct line of Chancel from the North Wall of the Churchyard. 34ft. from East Wall passing to the South of Thomas railed grave to the Central capstone of the Vault.

March 9th Agnes Ann Dungey was buried as arranged in the same grave as her Father No25. A Section. 3rd Row. Mr Mugford Officiated. A regular hash over this, no notice was given to the Vicar until 3-15pm.

March 10th 7-20am Mr Peter James called to arrange for a grave for his Mother Jane James age 77 Grave No 31. A Section. 3rd Row. Funeral for Tuesday as far as he knows at present. Sent Joe up at once to begin the grave. 12th funeral for 4 o'clock.

March 13th Mrs James was buried as arranged- the funeral was late, detained by fierce North wind, from Kelynack to Church, very cold too. Mr Mugford officiated.

March 21st 8-45am Mr Roberts undertaker called to arrange for the opening of a vault in the Churchyard for the purpose of burying therein Miss Mason of Penzance. The vault to be cleared and I promised to be in the Churchyard about 11 o'clock. 10-20am Richard Oats called down to see about the re-opening of grave no 40. A Section. 2nd Row. Funeral for tomorrow at 5-o'clock at the Church. This grave was sunk to 9ft. in March 1896 when the funeral of Amelia Eddy took place- it is now opened for the husband Richard Eddy age 59 Died in Union Imbecile.

Was at the churchyard as arranged to meet Mr Roberts, by which time my deputy and the mason had uncovered the Vault to the slate cover on opening which found the coffin of Miss Mason buried in 1896 on its side, the Vault had evidently been full of water at some time-gave instructions to have this coffin sealed down with cement and slate, the Vault would then be ready for the remains of Miss Mason now dead. Funeral for Friday 23rd 11am. March 22nd Richard Eddy was buried as arranged with his late Wife. Funeral at 5-30pm Mr M officiated a dreadful day.

March 23 11-15 am Miss Sarah mason age 69 was buried in the family Vault on the Northside of the Church. Mr Mugford officiated to who I handed in an envelope, Two Guineas, the Vicars fees for this funeral and George Trezise!

April 2nd 1-35pm Alfred Tonkin called with certificate for Death of Annie Tonkin age 3 days. and wished for a grave be prepared for it in the churchyard-child is unbaptised. Had not seen Hooper as the man wanted the child disposed of at once. I sent him to Joe Trevorrow who with Tonkins consent, will open his mothers grave (Jane George), buried in No 11. A Section. 3rd Row.) and place the child therein. Tonkin has also to go and see Hooper and if he decided that there is to be no service then he must give the Certificate of Death to me or my deputy, which he has promised to do.2-50pm Met Trevorrow at the Churchyard, pointed out the grave to be opened. Left him to finish the work. Child to be buried at 5-

o'clock. Funeral took place 5-30pm Mr M. officiated. April 9th Wrote to the Home Secretary regarding the mistake in the burial of Mrs Dungeys Child, and as to whether we might take the body up, and re-bury it with its Father as originally intended- the mistake was made by Joe Trevorbury burying the child with old Amelia Badcock.

April 10th - Received notice form Home Office that the letter was having attention.

April 13th - received form from the Home Office to fill up and return, signed by the churchwardens, Mother and self. This was sent back by return post.

April 14th 6pm Mr Richards called to arrange for a grave for his brother Benjamin Richards age 35 was down in the morning at 9-30am but found that I was gone to Penzance. As there was no request for a selected grave Joe went up and started on one now in tier. Funeral for 16th. 5-30pm at Church- had seen Hooper and arranged.

April 16th Benjamin Richards was buried in No 32. grave. A Section. 3rd Row. Funeral reached the Churchyard at 5-30pm Mr Mugford officiated.

April 24th Received Licence from Home Office authorising me to exhume and bury as desired.

April 26th 5-45am- Graves having been opened and cleared, transferred the coffin containing the remains of Agnes Ann Dungey to No. 25. A Section. 5th Row. Present Joe Trevorbury and Myself. Work completed by 6-20am.

May 1st Richard Stevens called to order a grave to be prepared for his child James Stevens. age 2 years. The funeral for Thursday May 3rd. at 5 o'clock.

May 3rd. 5-40pm the funeral of James Stevens reached the Churchyard and child was buried in Grave 38. Section C. Northside. Childrens. Mr M officiated. Salvation Army Captain held a prayer, and hymn at the conclusion, upon his leaving I told him it was necessary before doing so in future to give notice (48hrs) of his intention of doing so.

May 15th Noon Mr William Harris called to arrange for a grave to be prepared for his sister Mary Davey aged 42. Funeral for Thursday 17th 5-30pm.

May 17th 5-30pm Mary Davey was buried in grave no 33. A Section. 3rd Row. Mr M officiated.

June 18th 8-35pm John Williams called down to arrange for a grave for Elizabeth Jane Harvey, age 20. The funeral to be on Weds. 20th. 5pm. at church. Grave no 34. A Section. 3rd Row. this is the girl who when 6 or 7 years old was so badly burnt about the lower part of her stomach and legs, and my wife attended to and dressed her wounds to convalescence. She did not turn out very well, but her home surroundings were of the worst, but 'de mortuis nil nice bonum' poor girl she is at rest now.

June 20th 5-30pm Elizabeth Jane Harvey was buried as decided. Mr Mugford officiated.

June 25th 11-50am John Uren called to arrange for a grave for his child Ethel Uren aged 9 months. The funeral for Friday afternoon, 4pm at Church- grave in the Childrens row No 39. Sect C Northside.

June 29th The child of John Uren was buried as arranged. Funeral late. Mr M officiated.

July 27th Mr Pascoe Monumental mason enclosed with granite kerb and fixed headstone of the grave of Matthew Rowe Penrose, at work from 10am-7pm.

July 30th 6pm thomas Addicoat called to arrange for a grave for his Aunt Mary Ann Addicoat age 64.

Funeral for Weds August 1st. at 4-30pm at Church. Grave in the tier No 35 A Section 3rd row.

August 1st 5-00pm Mary Ann Addicoat was buried as arranged. Mr Mugford officiated.

August 29th 7am Mr Richard rowe called to arrange for a grave for Matilda Gould Taverner aged 87. funeral for Thursday. 4-30pm. at church.

August 30th the above old woman was buried at 5pm in No 36. A Section Northside. Bier was used. Mr Mugford officiated.

Oct 6th 6-30pm Henry Marks mason came to see me about opening the Vault in the old churchyard in which Mrs Leathan is buried, and in which there is a space left to bury Charles Leathan of Gurland. Funeral for Tuesday. I promised to have Joe there early on Monday to remove soil, fetch planks and get everything ready for his funeral.

Oct 9th Charles Leathan was placed in this vault with his Wife. On opening up this Vault we found as usual with the late William Marks, masons work was thoroughly scamped, only a piece of plank to seal the first coffin down, whilst the capstones would disgrace a hedge-but nothing better could be expected from such a mason-scammer is writ large in all his work thro' the Parish. The funeral was timed for 3pm. but it never came near the Church until just 4pm. The usual stock of followers except about 3 couples of relatives.

Mug. officiated as vicar was not here. Nov 2nd 11-40am Hosking called down with Mr Mugford to arranged for the grave No 17. A Section. Southside. 2nd row to be reopened for the purpose of interring

his Mother Ruth Hosking age 59, with his father. This grave was originally sunk 8 ft for this purpose. Funeral for Sunday 4pm at Church.

Nov 4th 4-25pm Ruth Hosking was buried as arranged. A large crowd of onlookers, for once in a while, fairly well behaved. I only hope we may not have any more Sunday funerals. Mugford officiated.

Nov 24th Mr William Bell coastguard, called at 7-15pm. regarding the removal of a stillborn child from his house for burial. I told him I would send Trevorrow for it as soon as he came here Monday next. An Awful night of wind and rain. The confinement took place of Friday night, so this funeral should have taken place this morning, so the fault is their own.

Nov 26th 7-30pm Sent Joe off to Bells house to do the needful.

Dec 5th 7-10pm Mr and Mrs Peter Thomas from the Moor, called to arrange for the re-opening of William Eddys grave for the purpose of placing the remains of his widow Eliza Eddy age 95 in it. this grave was originally sunk to 9ft. for this purpose in May 1895. Grave No 38. A Section. 2nd Row.

Dec 8th Eliza Eddy was buried at 4pm. in the grave as arranged. Mr Taylor officiated- his first funeral. The funeral was half an hour late starting, and then in a downpour of rain. Bier used.

Dec 18th 11-50am Richard Lutey called to arrange for a grave to be prepared for his Father Thomas Lutey age 58. The funeral for Friday Dec 21st. Time to be arranged. The Rev. Finch, Bible Christian Minister will officiate- funeral will be taken from deceaseds house to Bible Christian Chapel at Crippas Hill, and thence to the Churchyard.

Dec 21st Thomas Lutey was buried in No 37. A Section 3rd Row. His daughter Adelaide being one grave from him at his head No 37. A Section. 1st row. The Bible Christian Minister The Rev, John Finch officiated. About half hour late.

February 20th Mr Rowe and his son of Tregeseal called to arrange for a grave to be prepared for the daughter Mary Maude Rowe age 21. Grave No 3. 4th Row. A Section. southside. Funeral Sat. 23rd- 4pm at Church.

Feb 23rd Mary Maude Rowe buried as above- very large funeral, (very late) and a very cold afternoon, instead of being at the Church at 4pm. they only left the house at that time, then around by Nancherrow and thro' the Town, instead of Venton East which was most direct for them.

March 4th 8pm. Mrs Hocking of Kelynack called to arrange for the re-opening of her Fathers grave for the purpose of interring her Mother in it. This can be done as the grave was originally sunk 9ft for this purpose. Jane Maddern age 73yrs- Grave no 16. 1st Row, southside. Funeral for Weds. First part of Service in Mission Room at 4pm. 8-45pm. Ernest Jenkins called in to tell me that his Grandmother Mrs Martha Tippet had just passed away (8-30) and that his Uncle Holman had gone to Ralph Hill Roberts to bespeak the Coffin for the old lady's remains.

March 5th- A very bad morning and as Joe had not come down, I took the pony cart, and started off to fetch him, brought him to the Churchyard, and shewed him No 16 grave for For Mrs Maddern on the sinking of which he is to commence at once and take every advantage between the squalls of wind and rain in the matter of Mrs Tippetts as no day had as yet been mentioned for the funeral we would let that remain for the present.

March 6th. 4-45pm Jane Maddern was buried in the same grave as her husband, the first part of the service was taken in the Kelynack Mission Room, thence they came straight to the Higher Churchyard, but the whole business was very much after time.

March 8th. 4-45pm Mrs Tippet was buried in the Vault with her husband which is No 19. Section A. 2nd row. Southside. Mr Taylor officiated.

April 2nd 11-10 am George Angove called down to order grave for his child Albert Edward age 5 months, Funeral for tomorrow to be at Church at 5pm. has seen the Vicar and arranged.

April 3rd. 5-30pm the above child was buried in No 40 C Section Northside. A dreadful afternoon of storm and rain. Everyone wet thro'.

April 3rd 8-30am Mrs Laura Jane Williams called to arrange for a grave for her child Elizabeth Maddern Williams. Age 5 yrs. the funeral to be on Sat 6th. 4-30pm At the Church. Grave No 41. C Section Northside.

April 6th 4-45pm The above mentioned child was buried as arranged. Mr Taylor officiated.

April 12th Mr Richard James Called at 8-45am to arrange for a grave for his child Eliza Jane James, age 5 months. Funeral for Sat 13th at 5pm Grave next to her brother No 42. C Section Northside.

April 13th 5-30pm the above child was buried as arranged.

April 27th. 10-15am. Mr James Richards called to arrange for a grave for his Niece Louisa Richards, age 4 years. daughter of the late Benjamin Richards. Funeral for 4-30pm. tomorrow(Sunday) at the Church,

has seen the Vicar. Child died of Diphtheria. child to be buried with its father in No 32 grave. 3rd row. A Section. Northside.

April 28th 5pm The above mentioned child was buried as arranged. Mr Taylor officiated.

May 1st. 9-15pm William and Benjamin Eddy called to arrange for a grave for their Mother to be prepared alongside M.R. Penrose' grave. Funeral on Friday afternoon. at Church 3-15pm. Grave No 4. 4th row. A Section. mary Eddy age 73 Mr. T. officiated.

May 2nd 10-20am-Mr Joseph James called to arrange for a grave for his child Richard James age 6 years. Funeral for Saturday 4pm. at Church. Grave No 4. C row. Child to be buried with his sister Bessie James buried 17th Oct 1893.

May 3rd. Mrs Mary Eddy was buried at 4pm in grave as arranged, depth 7ft 6ins could only be managed by two men up to within a few minutes of funeral.

May 4th The child Richard James was buried as arranged with his sister in No 4 grave-the depth was not so great as is usually the case, but to satisfy the wish of the parents I had to give way a little. Funeral reached the Yard at 5 o'clock Mr T. Officiated.

May 7th 10-30am Mr James Richards Met me at the Church (to which I was going) to arrange for a grave for William Richards age 7 years, his nephew to be buried if possible with his Father and Sister in No 32 grave, A Section 3rd Row Northside. funeral for tomorrow at about 6pm. in Churchyard.

May 8th 6-10 pm the child William Richards was buried in the same grave as his Father and little Sister as arranged, this fills this grave leaving 3 ft of soil over the coffin. Mr Taylor officiated.

July 3rd 7pm Mr Peter Branwell called to arrange for a grave for his child Mabel Maud Branwell age 2 years 7 months. Funeral Friday 5th at 5pm. To see the Vicar. Grave No 23. with her sister Bertha buried Feb 26th 1896.

July 5th. About 5-30pm. the funeral reached the Churchyard and the child M.M. Branwell was buried with her sister as desired. Mr Taylor officiated.

July 13th 9-30am Received an order from---Jelbert to prepare a grave for his father John Jelbert age 63 who died on Thursday morning. Funeral to be Monday 15th at 4-30pm at the Church Grave No 5. A Section. 4th Row.

July 15th 5-15pm John Jelbert was buried as arranged. Mr Taylor officiated. Salvation Army Choir and Captain attended-very quiet service.

July 25th 10-15am Mr Joe Rowe, Undertaker called to arrange for a grave to be prepared for a brick vault for the remains of Francis Gendall, age 72 yrs. Grave to be got ready as soon as possible after Mr Rowe has seen Mrs Peak to explain costs and charges to her. No 6 and 7 graves to be reserved for the family. A Section. 4th Row. Mr Rowe will see Mrs Peak at once, and send me full instructions. Until then I hold my hand. 11-30 Mr Rowe returned from Mrs Peak- they will reserve No 6 and 7 graves but at the moment will only utilise No 6. by sinking it to 9 feet at once- they will only put a brick grave at the bottom for one coffin- grave to be ready by tomorrow night for the mason to pitch to his work on Saturday morning. Saw Joe Trevorrow and told him to commence directly after his dinner, and get another man to help his so that there shall be no detention. Funeral for Monday sometime.

July 26th Joe and Dick Williams began this grave yesterday afternoon directly after dinner and went down 4ft came upon rock, worked up to 6-30, and then left for the night, have been at work all day and are not down 7ft. very hard sinking.

July 27th Went up about 3 o'clock and found they were about the depth, waited until they had finished about 4pm. and then left the Yard for home, later on it seems that the mason went up and built the brickwork.

July 29th -5pm- Francis Gendall was buried as arranged - a large funeral. Mr Taylor officiated. I left the yard at 6-10pm Joe just finished.

August 5th. Noon. Mr William Hollow of Rosekesthal. St Levan, Called to arrange for a grave for his Father William Hollow Aged 93 of Keleynack Moor, in this parish who died last night about 8 o'clock. Date for the Funeral is not yet decided but probably on Friday next. Grave No 7. A Section. 4th Row. Southside.

8th August 6-25pm Funeral reached the Churchyard very late, stated to carry the body by hand but had to send for the Bier, bearers completely done by the time they got to the Church. Mr Taylor officiated.

August 26th 10-30am Humphrey Williams Called to arrange for a grave for his Father Henry George Williams age 72. Funeral for Wednesday at 4pm. Grave No 8 Next to old Hollows, 4th Row. Military Funeral.

August 28th Funeral reached the Churchyard at 5-20pm a Volunteer function, band etc. etc. A great crowd of course and a lot of trouble with sundry Adults, and children. Mr Taylor officiated. Undertaker left without paying the Fees. Was buried in the Grave as arranged.

Sept 3rd A still born child buried with old Jem (butcher) Pascoe. No 39. A Section. 3rd Row. (Joseph Stricks) certificate.

Nov 11th 9-15pm Honour Jane Trembath called to arrange for a grave for her brother John Botterell Trembath, age 33. Grave Requested on the Southside. Funeral Weds. after about 2-30pm at the church, has to come from Stabel Nobba, Newlyn. Weather very threatening for grave sinking.

Nov 12th 10am started off in a gale of wind and rain, to look for Joe Trevorrow and start him to sink this grave, found him at home, and by 11-30am he had commenced to sink this grave. I told him that if he thought he would need help to be in time, to get Dick Blewett with him.

Nov 13th John Bottrell Trembath was buried as arranged in No 9. A Section. 4th Row. Funeral 1½ hours late, through some thundering stupid mistake of Honour Jane Trembath I was kept up at the Churchyard for nearly 2 hours of a bitter cold and wet afternoon. Got wet too. Such a packy show of Hearses and Plurnes, carriages and plurnes and all for the remains of a poor Miner. The widow in a pair of new boots, sizes too small for her, so that she walked like a small foot China girl.

Nov 21st 9-10am William John Williams Called to arrange for a grave for his child aged 2 days. Funeral for 2-30 to 3 this afternoon, sent Trevorrow up at once to prepare grave at the same time told Williams to go down and see the Vicar as to whether he would hold any or what service. 11-25am Williams returned from Town with the Certificate and told me that Nesbitt said there was no need to go to the Vicar as the child was only 2 days old, and that I would send someone to take the body away. This I distinctly told Williams I would not do, that either he or Grenfell The undertaker, must do that. He was inclined to be very saucy, so I put him out of the door telling him that the grave would be ready at 2-30pm when I would expect the body to be there. I wrote to Vicar and sent the letter on to him mentioning Nesbitts interference, and asking for any instructions as to any service being held. Message came back for the Vicar, that he would be at the Churchyard at 2-30pm to conduct the service over the infant. father Williams and Tom Grenfells' boy came to the churchyard with the body which was interred with Christian rites.

Nov 25th 9-10pm Mr Peter thomas called in regarding the burial of a still born child just delivered from his wife. Told him that on receipt of Certificate I would send Joe for it and bury it at his request in the grave with Amelia Badcock No 27. A Section 3rd Row. Fee as per book.

Nov 26th the above child was buried this afternoon. Kept waiting on Undertaker.

Dec 30th. 10-15am William Thomas called to arrange for grave for his child Myrtle Isabel age 15 months. Funeral for Weds 3-30pm at the church.

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Jan 1st the infant child Myrtle Isabel Thomas was buried at 4-30pm in the grave No 45. C section 1st Row. Funeral late. Mr Taylor officiated. An awful afternoon of wind and rain.

Jan 7th 10-45am William John Williams called on me when fixing a gate to arrange for a grave for his infant child Hugh Williams age 3 weeks. Funeral for this afternoon at 3pm. Told him to go at once to the Vicar as he was in a hurry to get back to Penzance to rejoin his ship which sailed about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Grave No 46. C section. 1st Row. 3-15pm. The body of this infant was brought to the Churchyard by 2 little girls who acted as the bearers, a most pitiable state of things and as there was no clergyman present the child was buried. I do not believe that the father ever went to the Vicar, as my son coming from Penzance on his bicycle met the father at about 12-05pm. at the top of Tregerrist Hill running towards Town, presumably to catch his ship before she sailed at 1 o'clock. The father told me the child was unbaptised, but that makes no difference in the matter of church service of some sort over it- as to where the fault like I do not as yet know. Chandlers girl and the babys sister were bearers.

Jan 8th 3-55pm Richard Oats came to arrange for a grave for his child- Evangeline Oats age 3½ months. the funeral for Friday, say at 4-45pm at the Churchyard. He will see the Vicar.

Jan 10th 4-50pm. The child of Richard Oats was buried as arranged. A very quiet funeral Mr Taylor officiated. Grave 47 1st Row Childrens section.

Jan 24th Margaret Bennetts age 82 was buried in Grave No 11. Section A. Southside. 4th Row. Joes Mother in law. Bier. Mr Taylor officiated.

February 2nd Mr Downing buried age 82.

Feb 3rd. Hoskings called to arrange for a grave for his child Harold age 8 months.

February 4th child was buried Mr Taylor officiated.

Was confined to bed from Jan 15th to Feb 27th so cannot swear to what has happened up the Hill. Sent £2.12.0 to Bank by Mr Taylor-£3 to go from Church yet.

March 10th. 11am Mr Nicholas Barnes called to arrange for a grave for his daughter Christiana Barnes age 6 Months. Funeral for Weds. 4-45pm at Church, sent him on to the Vicar. 5pm. The above child was buried in C Section 1st Row as desired.

April 5th 9am Mr Stick of Labour in Vain came to arrange for a grave for his mother in law Mrs Jane Pascoe age 82. Funeral as far as is known for Tues. next at 5pm. She was buried on top of the Coffin of her husband, the little Embryo being moved to the bottom of the grave at the old mans feet.

April 18th. Mr Joseph Rowe undertaker called at 8-00 to arrange for a grave for Nicholas Thomas, Miner age 34- time of day not yet settled, but expect Tuesday, Grave No. 12 near Nicholas(Goldsworthy)

April 23rd 5-30 Funeral reached the Churchyard very late, a great crowd who behaved fairly well. Mr Taylor officiated. may 7th George Reynolds Called to arrange for a grave for William Reynolds age 15 - his brother who was killed by the traction engine on Trig Hill. funeral for Tuesday 10th. at 4-30pm at the Church.

June 10th Noon. W Nicholas called to arrange for a grave for his Wife Mary Ann Nicholas age 35. Funeral for Friday 5 o'clock at the Church, would wish her buried as near John Nicholas buried in 1898 as possible. 5pm William Reynolds was buried as arranged in No 13 grave. A Section 4th row. A large and fairly orderly funeral. Serjeant and 2 police there. Strange Parson-Litchfield. Pendeen.

June 13th- M.A. Nicholas was buried in No 14 grave 4th row. Mr T. officiated.

July 3rd 8pm Mr Rowe, undertaker called to arrange for a grave for Mary Jane Jelbert age 51 arranged to bury her on the body of her husband in No 5 grave 4th Row. Grave to be ready for Saturday 5th-5pm. at the church. Bier, to be cleaned up boxes oiled etc.

July 5th. Mary Jane Jelbert. was buried as arranged with her husband in the same grave, the bier was used. Mr Taylor officiated.

July 15th. 5pm Mr James Ellis called to arrange for a grave for his Mother Rebecca Ellis age 81. The members of her family want her buried with her daughter Mary Susan Nicholas buried

Feb 2nd 1892 in No 2 Grave. 2nd row Southside, second from the Wall. Funeral for Friday 4-30pm at the Church. The husband of Mary Susan Nicholas was buried with his second wife some years since.

July 18th 5-30pm Rebecca Ellis was buried as arranged, with her daughter Mary Susan Nicholas. Mr Taylor officiated.

Sept 14th 00-30pm. Mr Joseph Rowe called to arrange for a grave for William Thomas Salmon age 60. Belonging to Truro, but domiciled here, not yet know as the mans relations have to come down from Truro to the funeral. Grave no 15. A Section. 4th Row.

Sept 16th the burial of William Thomas Salmon took place at 5-30pm No relatives of the deceased were present- the man had a history and was sent down to this Parish 12 years since by his relatives who are well-to-do. 2 brothers being Doctors of Medicine, they paid his board etc. with old Reseigh and allowed him 6d a week pocket money. Mr Rowe had the use of the Bier and six bearers to carry the body to the grave. Mr Taylor officiated.

Oct 11th 10-00am Mr Thomas Penrose Rowe called to arrange for a grave for his brother John Rowe age 45 (who came home from Kimberley blinded whilst mining at De Beers a charge prematurely exploded right into his face (and still to say that within the last few days a piece of stone which had been embedded in his face for the last 8 years worked thro' the inside of his face and fell thro' into his mouth, this stone the family has kept). Grave no. 16. A Section 4th row a brick grave, grave space purchased. Funeral for Wed. next. The time is not definitely settled by the family. But I shall have notice to pass on to Joe. Oct 15th. John (Penrose) Rowe was buried as arranged at 4-30pm. a brick grave just enough to contain the Coffin. Mr Taylor officiated. Fees £3.18.6 to be paid tomorrow. Grave built by Henry Marks.

Nov 10th 3-30pm George called to arrange for Joe to remove the dead body of his prematurely born child Richard George. Unbaptised, and only lived 11 hours not quite 7 months child. Arranged for child to be buried with his sister Bessie grave 30. C Section. I hold Registration Certificate.

Nov 11th A dreadful day of wind and rain, Joe went down, removed the little baby and buried it as required.

Nov. 24th. 9-am Mr Trevorrow, Tregeseal called to arrange for a grave for boy Thomas Percy Trevorrow, age 2 days. To be buried in Grave No 25. 2nd Row funeral for this afternoon at 4pm. same grave as the childs grandfather.

Nov 28th 9-50am John Gibson, undertaker called to arrange to re open his Mothers "Mrs Pikes" grave. No 44. B Section 11th row. 3rd grave from the South wall. Grave originally sunk 9ft 6 ins. to contain the three survivors of the family. Funeral for Sunday next 30th 3-15pm Same day a grave was ordered for Jane

Penrose of Little Kelynack who died this morning. Grave No 17 A Section 4th Row. Funeral for Tuesday 2-30pm age 63.

Nov 30th William Merrifield Church clerk was buried as desired with his mother as above, large funeral.

Dec 2nd Jane Penrose was buried as arranged.

Separate letter loose inside above book from Pascoe and Co. North St Penzance dated 12-7-1902 to Mr Millett Sexton, St Just. Stating that they have received instructions to erect marble cross and granite kerb in St Just Cemetery on the grave of John B Trembath. Enclosed inscription for Vicars approval. "In Loving Memory of My dear Husband John B Trembath who died 9th Nov 1901 aged 33 yrs. Yesterday, today, for ever Jesus is the same All things change, but Jesus never, Glory to his name."