

**Obituaries – Royal Cornwall Gazette**  
**In date order**

**Transcribed by Jenny Elliston**

**See our searchable database for Birth, Marriage and Death Notices**

BUDGE, William

19 Oct 1811

On Monday last at Illogan, in the 3-? year of his age, Mr William BUDGE, engineer; a man in whom were evidently displayed the happy effects resulting from the combination of genius and application – Denied the advantages of a liberal education, and the benefits of those communications which more experienced and enlightened minds could impart, he had to encounter the obstructions in the path of science unassisted and alone. The fruits of his labours will more clearly demonstrate the assiduity with which he must have applied, and the rapid progress which marked his short career, than any illustrations from the pen of friendship. The writer of this article, has the satisfaction to state, that the results of his labours fully equalled the most sanguine expectations of his employers, and on some occasions far exceeded them. As he was universally respected as a man, so is his death universally lamented.

MELVILL, Philip

2 Nov 1811

On Sunday last at noon, at Pendennis Castle, aged 50 years, Philip MELVILL, esq Lieutenant Governor of that fortress, after a lingering and painful illness of five weeks, which he bore with the resignation and fortitude of a christian soldier. He entered into the army in his 17<sup>th</sup> year; and 30 years since, was dreadfully wounded and left for dead in the memorable battle in the East Indies, between Colonel Baxley (?) and Hyder Valley (?). His sufferings upon that occasion were extreme and he felt the painful effects of his wounds to his dying day. About 14 years since, he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Pendennis Castle and in the course of that command, exhibited a conduct and character which will endear his memory to all who knew him. Devotion to his God was his ruling principle. Whatever he was about, this sentiment was evidently predominant. It is therefore no wonder that he died in the triumphant faith of a christian, uttering with his last breath that *Christ is all in all*. Loyalty to his Sovereign, and love to his country, were two other striking features of his character, and in these it is impossible he can be exceeded. The limits of our paper prevent us from enlarging on the virtues of this truly amiable and worthy man, in his universal benevolence, his conciliating manners, or his genuine humility of mind, much less to describe him as an affectionate husband, a tender parent, or a faithful friend. These qualities are however deeply impressed upon the memories of his surviving friends, and in an especial manner on the poor and destitute, whose advocate and benefactor he never ceased to be. May his example be well followed. He has left a widow and seven children to deplore his ---?

7 Mar 1812

WHITFORD, Mrs.

Yesterday, Mrs Whitford, wife of Mr Whitford of Truro, draper, was a lady whose uniform character has most eminently displayed all that is desirable in the virtuous wife, the tender mother, and the sincere Christian, and from her tender concern to make all within the circle of her acquaintance as happy as herself, we are sure that the tears of conjugal and filial affection will be mingled with those of a most numerous circle of Christian friends.

28 Mar 1812

VYVYAN, Mrs.

On Monday last the 23rd instant, at Bideford, aged seventy-one, Mrs Vyvyan, daughter of the late John Downe esq. of Burrough, near Bideford, and relict of the Rev. Richard Vyvyan, late of Lamerton, Devon, many years one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for that county. A life of exemplary worth emanating from every virtue that adorns the human heart, endeared this amiable woman to every class of society in which she mixed, and who alike deplore with her afflicted family, the irreparable loss they have sustained.

9 May 1812

SERPELL, Thomas

At Pendriscutt in the Parish of Duloe, in the 90th (?) year of his age, that venerable and worthy old man, Mr Thomas Serpell. He was deservedly respected through life, and cheerfully resigned at his death. In addition to his good name, he has left behind him upwards of three score respectable grandchildren, sixteen of whom (Grandsons) bore his remains to the grave, followed by a most respectable concourse of Farmers as the last testimony of respect due to departed worth.

11 July 1812

OXNAM, Mrs.

On Sunday the 5th instant at Rosehill, near Penzance, after a lingering illness which she bore with great fortitude and resignation, Mrs Oxnam, wife of Richard Oxnam, esq of Rosehill; deeply lamented by her afflicted husband, and by a large circle of relations and friends.

12 September 1812

VYVYAN, Mrs.

Last Saturday, suddenly, at Trelowarren, the Lady of Vyel Vyvyan, esq. aged 35. By the death of this truly amiable Lady, the indigent and distressed have lost a benefactress, who made it the chief business of her well spent life, not only to relieve their temporal wants, but to cultivate and cherish among them that religion and virtue which qualifies the poor to become partakers with the rich, in the inheritance of eternal happiness.

12 September 1812

TREFRY, F.

At Grampound last week, Mr F. TREFFRY, late of Cuby, at the advanced age of 73 years, regretted by all who knew him: he had been 30 years a useful zealous member of the Methodist Society, and died in full assurance of enjoying that rest which alone remains for the people of God.

26 Sep 1812

MARTIN, Henry

In Stithians, on the 22d instant, Mr Henry MARTIN, aged 101. He had been confined to his bed upwards of 20 years, but retained his faculties to the last. His children, grand children and great-grand children, are nearly equal to the number of his years.

17 Oct 1812

WILLIESFORD, Sophia, nee BEDFORD

On Monday morning, at Tavistock, in the prime of life, after the most patient and lingering suffering, which she bore with unprecedented calmness and resignation, Sophia the wife of Francis Willesford, esq. of that town and the daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Bedford of Philleigh, in the County of Cornwall. It is almost needless to comment upon such invaluable departed worth; since her religious, meek and charitable heart endeared her most affectionately to all ranks and degrees; and she has left very many a dear and near relative who though they will long sigh to think they 'ne'er will see her like again,' --- still their pleasing consolation will be, that she now receives the glorious rewards of the religion which she professed.

2 Jan 1813

CLEMENCE, John

At his son's house in Truro, Mr John CLEMENCE, late of Cornelly, malster, aged 71. The extraordinary strength of his constitution enabled him to sustain a violent bowel complaint for the space of twenty one days without taking the smallest quantity of food of any kind. He was a truly honest man, and died universally respected and lamented.

20 Feb 1813

ALLEN, Dorcas

On Friday the 12th Instant at a Farm House near Tregony, at the advanced age of 91, Dorcas ALLEN; whose faithful services are recorded by Mr Polwhele in his history of Cornwall. (See volume on Population, Longevity. &c. &c. p. 44.) She had lived in Mrs Polwhele's service from the age of 16 to that of 75 years! a space of time which female servants of the present day would wonder at, and which therefore deserves our notice for its singularity.

20 Feb 1813

CORIN, Jacob

On Sunday the 14th instant, Mr Jacob CORIN, of Cyandour, shoe-maker and money lender. He is reported to have died worth from 20 to 30,000 l. It is said that no less than 160 notes of hand, mortgages, bonds &c. were in his possession at the time of his decease. He has left a large family to inherit the wealth which by industry, and the most rigid economy he had acquired.

10 Apr 1813

PLIMSAUL, James

On Thursday last Mr James PLIMSAUL, of Southside-street, Plymouth, aged 67, a character who during a series of years exemplified the purity of the religion of Jesus Christ, and who in the immediate prospect of dissolution was cheered by its consolations.

10 Apr 1813

LAMBERT, Henry

At Bahia, on the coast of Brazil, on the 2d of January last, of a wound received by a musket ball, at the close of an action which he maintained with his characteristic bravery, with the American ship Constitution, Henry LAMBERT, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's late frigate Java. He was interred with military honours. He is most deeply and sincerely lamented, both as a distinguished public, and most excellent private character.

18 Dec 1813

HAWLEY, Mrs Mary

At St. Ervan Parsonage, on the 12th inst. after a long and painful illness, which she bore with exemplary patience and resignation, Mrs Mary HAMLEY, aged 57, wife of the Rev. Thomas Tregenna HAMLEY. Her many estimable qualities justly endeared her to her relatives and acquaintances, by whom, and her deeply-afflicted husband, her loss will be long and sincerely deplored.

18 Dec 1813

GAYER, William

At Camelford, on Tuesday last, Mr William GAYER, aged 60 years, 40 of which he spent in the service of his country in the Royal Cornwall Militia, first as a musician, and afterwards as a serjeant.

27 Nov 1813

CONSIDINE, James

At Pendennis Castle, on Saturday last, in the 54th year of his age, James Considine, Esq. Captain in the late 22d Light Dragoons, and Lieutenant Governor of Pendennis Castle, which situations he filled as a brave and experienced officer. He was 36 years in the service, and his last commission was graciously bestowed on him by his Royal Master in consideration of his long and meritorious service. He did not hold his last situation above two years; and it is thought that some undeserved opposition which he met with, acting upon the most acute feelings and a delicate state of health, tended prematurely to deprive the country of his services, and his relatives and friends (by whom he will be long and sincerely lamented) of the society of a Gentleman and man of honour. He has left a wife and five children to regret their irreparable loss.