



The final resting place

Members of the early Upham family from Brixham who are buried in the Churchyard of Saint Mary's Church in Brixham

The gravestones identified by the
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John Upham married Mary Bird in 1829. They had a family of eight children that I have traced to date, but there may have been more. Sadly many of them died at an early age, which is something which happened in every family at that time. Health issues that would be cured quite easily nowadays proved fatal in victorian times. With poor living conditions and little knowledge of medicine, there were few remedies to use. Conditions were harsh, with little protection against the cold and no clean running water to drink. Water would have been collected from the nearest well. It will be noticed that many of the children have their mother's maiden name as a given name which was the custom in those days.

Plot 8 D26



Plot 8 D27

This gravestone relates the family of John and Mary Upham.
Nancy their daughter who died aged just 6years in 1843
William who was 4years old in 1849
William aged 2years in 1851
Samuel Bird Upham aged 20 in 1855
Henry Bird Upham aged 21 in 1860
Plot 8 Grave number D27



Plot 8 D33

Another large grave relating to the Upham family of John William Upham and his wife Catherine.
Mabel Upham, their youngest daughter aged 15 years died in 1894
Warren Upham, their youngest son aged 17 years died in the same year 1894
Elizabeth Upham their fourth daughter died aged 43years in 1909
Plot 8 Grave number D33



Samuel Victor Upham and Olive

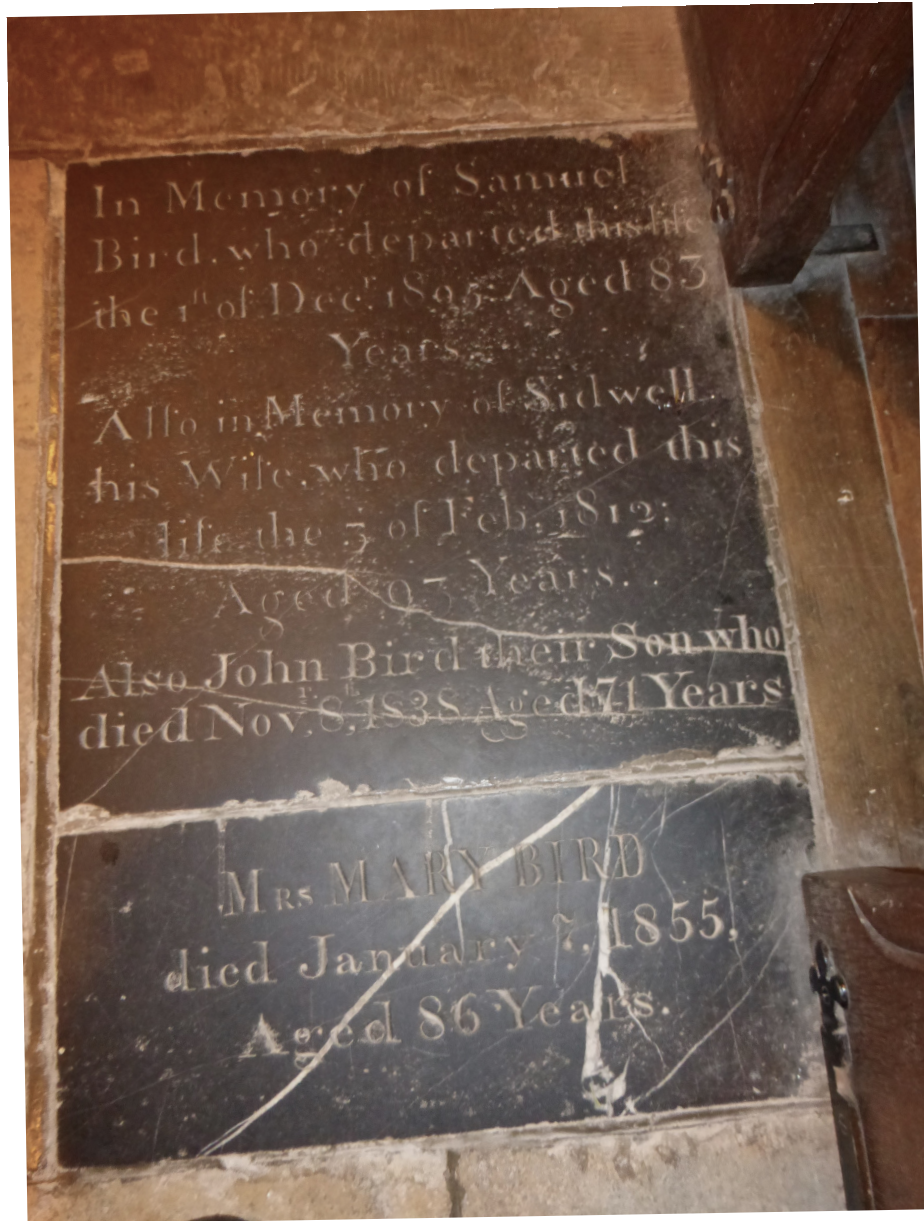
The grave of Samuel Victor Upham is much later than the others and relates to the next generation of the family. He was a grandson of John and Mary Upham.
Samuel Victor Upham died in 1947 and his wife Olive two years later in 1949
Samuel was an Auctioneer and Estate Agent and lived in Fortescue Road in Paignton.
Samuel Victor was the son of Charles Bird Upham, who died aged 42 years. Samuel was very young, and his mother married for a second time.



Saint Mary's Church



An early stone relating to the Upham Family



Set in the ancient floor of the church are several stones, one of which relates to members of the Bird family of Brixham.

Mary Bird Born in 1810 married into the Upham family in 1829 on her marriage to John Upham