

DROXFORD CHURCH - NORTH CHAPEL VAULT

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The three coffins in the vault are from left to right:

MARY ANGE

Born 1720 to Thomas and Elizabeth Ange in the parish of St Peter Le Poer, Muswell Hill, London.

In his will Thomas is described as Gentleman.

Baptised August 2nd 1720

Interred January 28th 1785

At the moment we can't find any link between Mary and the Myng family, but it's possible that she lived together with Elizabeth Nourse in the Myngs house, her husband having died in 1741. In her will she left all her goods, furniture, china, plate and £50 each to Mary Myngs and Elizabeth Nourse.

She also left instructions for her burial that:

"I desire that my body be laid strait on my bed and wrapt in the sheet I die upon and be buried forthwith without the usual ceremony of washing or any other generally practised and that it be enclosed in a leaden coffin and interred in Mrs Myngs vault in the parish church of Droxford if there is sufficient room in the said vault, but if not as near to the said vault as possible".

At that time there was a rule that deceased were to be wrapped in woollen and a fine was levied for being buried in linen as Mary was.

ELIZABETH NOURSE

Born 1716 to the Reverend Peter Nourse DD (Rector of Droxford 1701 to 1722) and Susannah Nourse (nee Major).

Died 3rd October 1804 and interred 9th October.

MARY MYNGS

(Elizabeth Nourse's Sister)

Born 8th September 1709 in Droxford to the Reverend Peter Nourse DD (Rector of Droxford 1701 to 1722) and Susannah Nourse (nee Major).

Married Oglander Myngs, son of Captain Christopher and Margaret Myngs. Margaret was the daughter of Sir John Oglander of Nunwell in the Isle of Wight and Christopher the son of Admiral Sir Christopher Myngs.

Died 1805.

Mary had the vault built but at the moment we are unable to put an exact date on it, however it was definitely before 1785 when May Ange was interred.