

The Reverend James Green was Minister at James's Meeting when the Dissenters' Graveyard came into use. In the absence of any other information it is assumed that it is his family remembered on this memorial.

The first person to be buried in the new burial ground was Mary Green. The Burial Ground accounts show that this was Mary, wife of the Rev James Green.

The burial register entry reads:

"Mrs Mary Green. October 15 1748. The first person buried in the Burying Ground belonging to the Dissenters... Mr Stephn Towgood officiated".

The Rev. James Green was Minister at James's Meeting from 1723 until his death in 1749. He studied at Bridgwater Academy under John Moore and was ordained in September 1713. He was at Shaftesbury before coming to Exeter. He died at the end of 1749 and was buried on 25th January 1750 in a "cave" (or vault) with his wife. The burial was conducted by the Rev. John Lavington.

The Burial Ground accounts show that the cave was opened in 1790 and again in 1807 for two further burials, both conducted by Rev. James Manning:

Jonathan Green (c.1721-1790).

The burial register records his burial on 19 October 1790.

Mrs Green c.1728-1807).

The burial register records her burial on 2 July 1807.

How Jonathan Green and Mrs Green were related to the Rev. Green is not yet known.

There are records of three children born to Rev. and Mrs Green. Mary was born in December 1725 and baptised by her father on the 19th. The entry in the register of baptisms is annotated "died".

A second daughter was born in October 1728 and again named Mary. She was baptised by her father on 27th October. A son, William was born in September 1730 and baptised by his father on 26th.

Mary, married Samuel Cross at St Mary Major in 1752. Samuel (c.1727-1791) was a grocer. They are also buried in the Dissenters' Graveyard.

Mary died on 2nd May 1787 and was buried on 9th by Rev. Joseph Bretland.

Samuel died in 1794. His death is described in the burial record as taking place in Buckfastleigh on 26th April 1791 "*in consequence of a fall from a horse*". He was buried on 29th. His burial record also records that he left "*two sons and four daughters, one of the sons and one of the daughters married*".