

## William MICHELL

## Memorial 75

William Michell died on in 1751 aged one year and seven months.

The inscription on the memorial stone reads:-

*“Her lyeth the body of William Michell son of Joseph Michell of this city who departed this life 1751 aged one year and seven months. Underneath rest the mortal remains of Joseph Johnson esq. of St Thomas near this city who departed this life Oct the 5<sup>th</sup> Aged 65 years”.*

It is likely that William died in September (or the very beginning of October) 1751 as an entry in the Accounts Book reads “Oct 4 1751 Rec’d of Mr Jos. Mitchell for a child’s grave 5/-”.

There is some confusion that, to date, has not been possible to unravel concerning the name of this child and his family.

There is no entry in the Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Burial Register for a William Michell/Mitchell in 1751 nor on any other document online that I have viewed. However, in the same Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Register, Piece 0965, Page 169, there is a handwritten entry as follows:- “*Bradburn Mitchell – a child Oct 4 1751 Mr M Towgood*”. (Mr Towgood was the Minister). When this is viewed on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) it can also be seen as a transcript and this reads, “A Child Mitchell” and “Father – Bradburn Mitchell”.

As the Memorial stone shows that the child was called William and his father was Joseph Michell, these are the names that have been used to attempt to learn more about William and his family. Unfortunately, this has not been possible. There are several people with the surname, Mitchell/Michell, living in Exeter at that time but none that can be positively linked to this child. To date, no record of the child’s death has been found in documents or newspapers.

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