

LUCY JUDGSON, died December 1788
MARY KENRICK, died November 1792
GEORGE KENRICK, died June 1790

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This memorial was erected in memory of two daughters of John Waymouth of Exeter and his grandson George¹.



John Waymouth was born in May 1721². His parents were Samuel Waymouth and Mary, (née Smith), who were married at Exeter Cathedral on Christmas Day 1718³. John was apprenticed to an ironmonger, which enabled him to become a freeman of Exeter in 1743⁴.

So far, no record has been found of John's marriage but the burial record of Lucy Judgson says she was the daughter of John and E Waymouth⁵.

Lucy Waymouth was born circa 1762¹. She married William Judgson, vicar of Market Drayton in Shropshire, on 12th June 1787 at St Mary Major church, Exeter³. Sadly she died eighteen months later, aged only 26. We do not

know the circumstances, or why she was buried in Exeter, perhaps she was visiting her family when she died. The burial took place on 10th December 1788, the service conducted by Rev. Manning⁵.

Mary Waymouth was born circa 1758¹ and married Timothy Kenrick, one of the ministers of George's Meeting, on 24th February 1786³. The couple had six children in very quick succession. Lucy was born on 27th November and baptised on 28th December 1786. John was born on 4th February and baptised on 4th March 1788. George and Samuel were twins, born on 11th January and baptised on 11th February 1790. George died aged 5 months and is remembered on this memorial. Mary was born on 5th May and baptised on 13th June 1791. The youngest child, again named George, was born on 28th October and baptised on 12th November 1792⁵.

Mary herself died in November 1792, aged only 34¹, shortly after George's birth. Sadly, a "*grave was opened for Mrs Kenrick*" on 8 November 1792⁶. There is no entry in the burial register.

Timothy Kenrick was left with a family of five young children. His sister Martha came to look after them as a temporary measure⁷ and he married again in 1794, this time to Elizabeth Belsham⁸, the sister of his former tutor, and daughter of a dissenting minister. They did not have any children⁷.

Timothy Kenrick came to Exeter to be assistant minister at George's Meeting in 1784. He was the son of a landowner in Denbighshire, born on 26th January 1769. He studied at the dissenting academy at Daventry and became a tutor there when he had completed his course. Kenrick differed in his theology from James Manning, the long-standing minister at George's Meeting. He held strong views politically and even considered emigrating to the USA to escape religious intolerance. In 1798 he was offered the post of divinity professor at Manchester Academy, but declined.

In 1799 he and Joseph Bretland, another minister, re-started an Academy in Exeter. The old library, which had been loaned elsewhere, was recovered. There were only a small number of students, and the Academy closed again in 1805, after Timothy's sudden death. He died while out walking in 1804, aged only 45, and was buried at the dissenters' burial ground at Rhosddu, near Wrexham^{7,9,10,11}.

Timothy and Mary would have been proud of their children had they lived to see them grow up.

Lucy married Timothy Smith in 1831¹³ and died in Kings Norton in 1877¹⁴.

Rev John, the eldest son, studied in Birmingham and at Glasgow University. He became a lecturer at Manchester College, York. He also spent some time in Germany and Switzerland. He had a wide range of interests and taught classics and history, and was considered "the greatest scholar among the Unitarians of his day". He became the Principal of Manchester College from 1846 to 1850 and married Laetitia Wellbeloved, the daughter of a former Principal of the college in 1821. They had no children. He died in York in 1877^{9,14}.

Samuel became a director of an iron works in Edgbaston and died there in 1854^{14,15}

Mary married Thomas Whitehead Reid, a sugar refiner and merchant, in 1813³. They had a daughter, Lucy who was born in 1814². Mary died in Hampstead in 1878^{14,15}.

Rev George studied at Manchester College and became a Unitarian minister in Chesterfield, Hull, Maidstone, Hampstead and Battle. He was married three times, having a daughter with his first wife. He retired to Tunbridge Wells, where he died in 1874^{9,14}.

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