

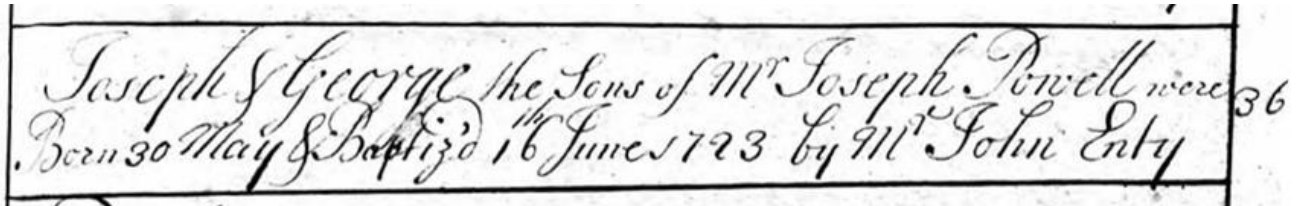
Memorial 59

GEORGE POWELL died 12 September 1798

ELIZABETH POWELL died April 1799

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George Powell and his twin brother Joseph were born on 30 May 1723 and both were baptised on 16th June 1723 by John Enty, the Minister at James's Meeting in Exeter.¹ Records suggest that George had five siblings although it would appear that only his sister, Ann, and his brother, Hugh, were still alive at the time he wrote his will in 1798.



George was apprenticed to Edmund Coffin, carpenter, and as a consequence of this became a freeman of Exeter on 17 September 1753.² George continued to work as a builder and joiner and later took on his own apprentices. His will stated his occupation as builder.³

George married Elizabeth (surname unknown) in the early 1750s and they had seven children two of whom, Elizabeth (d. 1754) and Ann, died in infancy and were buried in the graveyard together with other members of the Powell family.

George's will was written shortly before his death in 1798 aged 75 years. At this time he owned a house in Stepcone Hill in Exeter. Elizabeth, George's wife, survived her husband by a few months. She was buried in the Dissenters' graveyard on 28th April 1799 aged 74.

When his will was written George and Elizabeth's son, Joseph, was living in Exeter with his family (see **Memorial 37**). Their eldest son, George, was living in Gravesend, Kent and the third son, Thomas, was in Kingston, Jamaica. In February 1792 George's daughter Ann married William Drewe, a wine merchant, and they lived in Exeter (see **Memorial 29**). George left small bequests to his brother Hugh and his sister Ann Powell and left a clock to his son-in-law William Drewe. Ann Powell was buried in the graveyard on 17 September 1801 aged 76 and Hugh on 1 February 1814 also aged 76. The *Taunton Courier* reported Hugh's death, "On Friday last in Exeter, Mr Hugh Powell aged 73. Integrity, benevolence, and piety, were the governing principles of his conduct. In the filial and fraternal character, he was uniformly and exemplarily dutiful and affectionate."⁴ Neither Hugh nor Ann are mentioned on memorials which exist in the graveyard at the present day.

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¹ RG4/0965 Exeter, Presbyterian, Births/Baptisms & Burials 1687-1823; accessed on www.ancestry.co.uk.

² Rowe M M and Jackson A M (1973) *Exeter Freeman 1266 – 1967*, page 278.

³ England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384 - 1858, accessed on www.ancestry.co.uk.

⁴ Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser, 3 February 1814, accessed on www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.