

St. John the Evangelist in the Parish of Lund



*In remembrance of those who fell in
Other Conflicts*

St. John the Evangelist in the Parish of Lund, Lancashire



Memories of War

This document is somewhat unusual in the context that it goes beyond the usual World War One and Two memorials to a time before the instigation of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There have been many conflicts prior to World War One and most of the casualties of these earlier conflicts have, sadly, been forgotten.

In the church of St. John the Evangelist, in the Parish of Lund, there is a family memorial naming three military men involved in the Boer War, the Indian Mutiny and other conflicts.

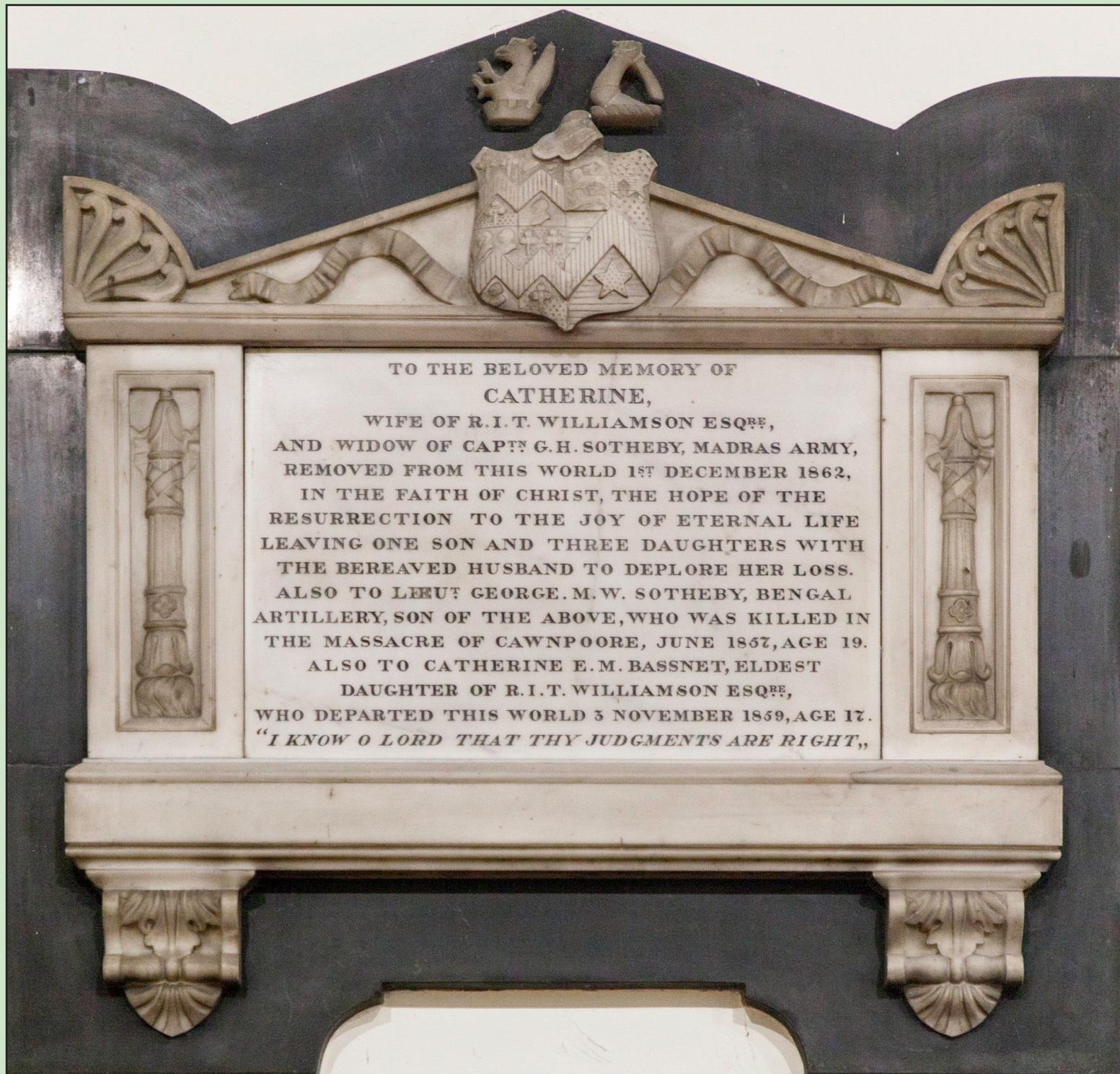
The same family is also remembered on a memorial in St John the Divine Church, Lytham and also in St James' by the Park Church in Shirley, Southampton.

I am still researching the lives of these men and further information will be added to this document as I receive it from the variety of sources with whom I am in touch.

I would like to commend the work of the Imperial War Museum and the National Archives as much of the information about these wartime heroes has been gleaned from their websites and any documents from these websites that are included in this tribute are their copyright©.

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Military Memorial to the
Williamson / Sotheby Family
St. John the Evangelist Church
Lund



Military Memorial to the
Williamson / Sotheby Family
St. John the Divine Church
Lytham



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
RALPH J.T. WILLIAMSON, MAJOR 1ST ROYAL LANCASHIRE MILITIA.
BORN 26: NOV: 1807 — DIED 26: NOV: 1886.

HIS WIFE

CATHERINE, WHO DIED AT SALWICK HALL 1: DEC: 1862 — AGED 52 YEARS

HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER

C.E. MONA BASNETT, DIED 5: NOV: 1859 — AGED 17 YEARS.

HIS SECOND DAUGHTER

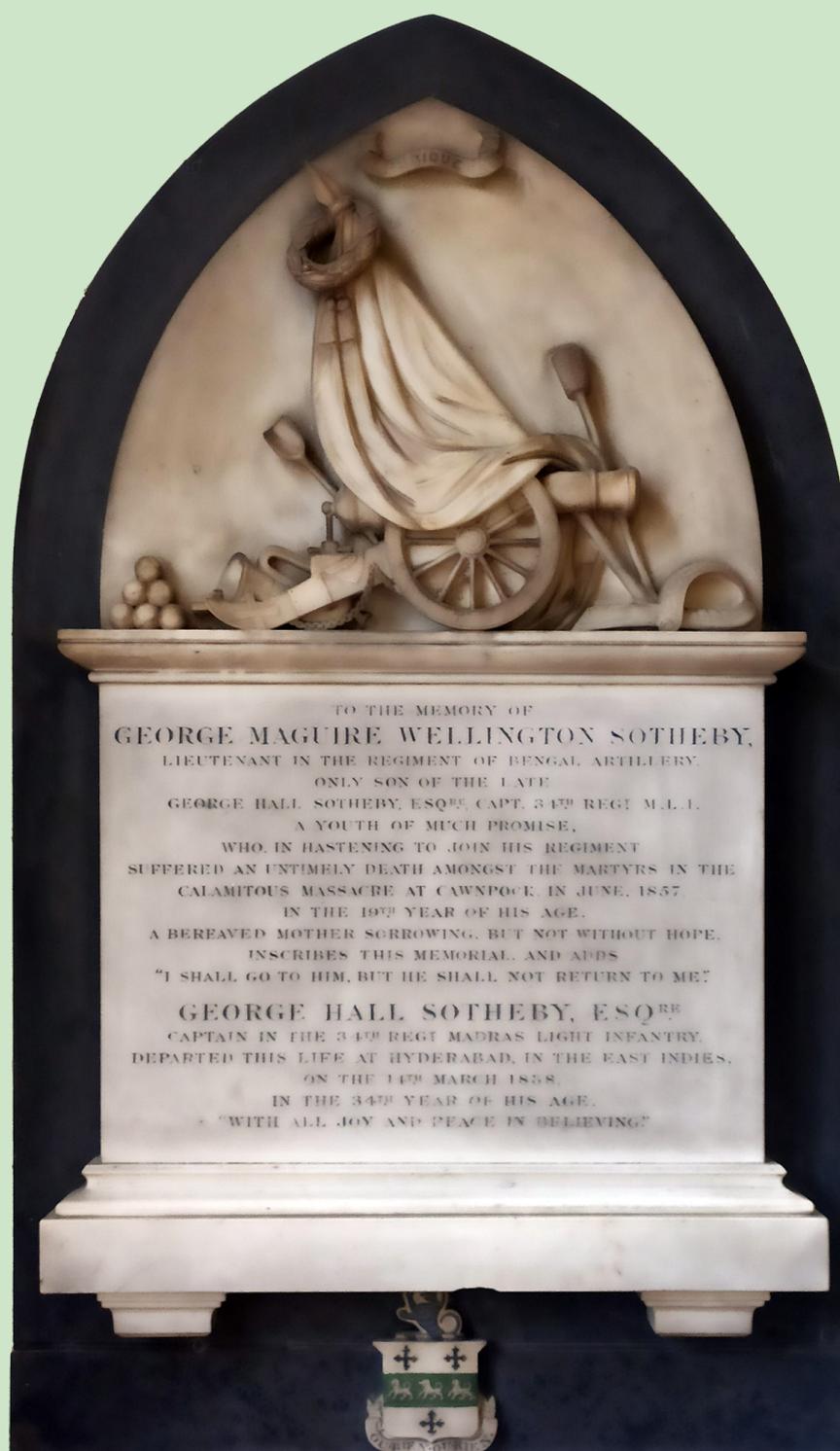
FLORENCE LYDIA, ENTERED INTO REST 2: DEC: 1893 — AGED 49 YEARS

HIS STEP-SON

GEORGE M.W. SOTHEBY, LIEUT. BENGAL ARTILLERY, AND ONLY SON OF
C.H. SOTHEBY, CAPT. 34TH MADRAS N.I. WHO MET HIS UNTIMELY DEATH
AT THE MASSACRE OF CAWNPORE 1857 — AGED 19 YEARS.

WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN ME." S. JOHN XVII — 24 VER.

Military Memorial to the
Sotheby Family
St James' by the Park Church in Shirley,
Southampton.



TO THE MEMORY OF
GEORGE MAGUIRE WELLINGTON SOTHEBY,
LIEUTENANT IN THE REGIMENT OF BENGAL ARTILLERY,
ONLY SON OF THE LATE
GEORGE HALL SOTHEBY, ESQ^{RE}, CAPT. 34TH REGT M.L.I.,
A YOUTH OF MUCH PROMISE,
WHO, IN HASTENING TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT
SUFFERED AN UNTIMELY DEATH AMONGST THE MARTYRS IN THE
CALAMITOUS MASSACRE AT CAWNPUR IN JUNE, 1857,
IN THE 19TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.
A BEREAVED MOTHER SORROWING, BUT NOT WITHOUT HOPE,
INSCRIBES THIS MEMORIAL, AND ADDS
"I SHALL GO TO HIM, BUT HE SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME."
GEORGE HALL SOTHEBY, ESQ^{RE}
CAPTAIN IN THE 34TH REGT MADRAS LIGHT INFANTRY,
DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT HYDERABAD, IN THE EAST INDIES,
ON THE 14TH MARCH 1858,
IN THE 34TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.
"WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING"

Captain George Hull Sotheby

Madras Army

Date of Death: 1 December 1862.

**March 14. At Secunderabad, aged
32, Capt. George Hull Sotheby, 34th
Madras light inf. elder son of Samuel
Sotheby, esq. the book auctioner.**

Obituary from *The Gentleman's Magazine* Volume X New Series - July to December 1838 -
page 110.

Awaiting further information

Lieut. George Maguire Wellington Sotheby

Bengal Artillery

Date of Birth: 13 July 1837

Died in June 1857 at the Massacre of Cawnpore (Cawnpore) – Indian Mutiny – age 19.

Son of Captain George Hull Sotheby (previous page) and step-son of Major Ralph John Thomas Williamson of the 1st Royal Lancashire Militia.

Second Lieutenant George Maguire Wellington Sotheby was born at Secunderabad in India on 13 July 1837, the only son of Captain George Hull Sotheby (born in 1804) of the 34th Madras Light Infantry, who died in Hyderabad a year after he was born, and his wife, Catherine (formerly Lane, born in 1810). At the time of the 1841 census he was living in Crawley with his six-year-old sister, Georgina, and their great aunt, Sarah Lane. He was educated at college in Park Road, Hampton Wick.

His mother married Major Ralph John Thomas Williamson of the 1st Royal Lancashire Militia (born 1807). They were based at Crawley but they travelled much. With his father dead and his mother not around much, George decided to enter the Bengal Horse Artillery as soon as he was old enough. He was just nineteen years old when the Indian Rebellion broke out.

extract from *The Devil's Trap - The Victims of the Cawnpore Massacre During the Indian Mutiny* by James W Bancroft

Awaiting further information

Major Ralph John Thomas Williamson

Died in 1886

of the 1st Royal Lancashire Militia.

There is a free e-book available to download about the Royal Lancashire Militia authored by:

Major Ralph John Thomas Williamson of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, 3rd & 4th Battalions and Joseph Lawson Whalley - with other contributors.

This is available from URL: https://books.google.co.uk/books/about/History_of_the_old_county_regiment_of_La.html?id=V6GgAAAAMAAJ&redir_esc=y

Further details available at URL: <http://www.kingsownmuseum.com/mus03archrlm.htm>

Awaiting further information

This document is incomplete.

This is because there is insufficient information to be able to trace the records of some of the local personnel lost in the two World Wars. This is particularly the case with many of the names on the various war memorials.

If you can provide me with further details, such as their service number, or any other personal information, I would be most grateful.

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