

## **ST. NICHOLAS CURATES BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **FLETCHER WOODHOUSE** **1830**

He gained his BA from Oxford Queens College in 1828 and his MA in 1833. He was deaconed in 1830 & priested in 1831. He was then Rector of Moresby from 1837 until his death in 1874. He was buried (from 'Roseneath') on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1874, aged 70, by the Rector of Arlecdon. The gravestone does not appear to have survived time- it is presumed to have been in the cleared North Western quadrant of the Churchyard.

### **DAVID CANNON FARADAY** **1835 to 1838**

This gentleman is not in the earliest available Crockfords, of 1865.

### **ELISHA WHITE** **1838 to 1841**

He trained at St. Bees Theological College. He was deaconed in 1833 by the Bishop of Durham & priested in 1834 by the Bishop of Carlisle. He was Master of Norton Grammar School, Durham from 1832 to 1837. After Whitehaven he was Priest in Charge of Wray, Lancashire from 1841 to 1844, then Rector of Quernmore until his death in the September quarter of 1890, at the age of 85.

### **JOSEPH ASKEW** **1841**

This gentleman is not in the earliest available Crockfords, of 1865.

### **FREDERICK WILLIAM WICKS** **1845 to 1849**

See St. Nicholas Vicars biographies.

### **WILLIAM HENRY JEMISON** **1861**

This gentleman is not in the earliest available Crockfords, of 1865

### **MICHAEL VALENTINE KENNEDY** **1865 to 1867**

He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin in 1857, where he had been a Bedell Scholar. He was deaconed in 1864 & priested in 1867. He was Vicar of Renwick from 1867 to 1868, then of Castle Sowerby to the summer of 1916, when he retired to Southport. He died there (at 8 Arnside Road) on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1923.

### **JOHN HOWARD** **1867 to 1868**

He trained at St. Bees Theological College in 1865, was deaconed in 1867 and priested in 1868. On leaving St. Nicholas (his only curacy) he became Vicar of Cotehill with Cumwhinton, where he stayed until at least 1885. In 1871 he was also Chaplain to the Garlands Asylum for Cumberland & Westmorland. This post provided an income of £150/year while the living provided £300. He is believed to have died in the December quarter of 1905 at the age of 73.

### **STEPHEN STOTT** **1870 to 1872**

He gained his BA at Oxford St. Mary Hall in 1871, was deaconed in 1870 and priested in 1872. After St. Nicholas his second and third curacies were at Bolton (Cumberland) 1873 to 1874 & Carlisle St. Paul 1874 to 1875. He was then Vicar of Flimby from 1875 until his death on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1919, at the age of 75.

His grave is in the South West Corner of Area G of Flimby Cemetery (The Churchyard was closed in 1895 except for interments in existing graves, which continued until 1930).

The Church has a photograph of his gravestone, but it has not weathered well, so is transcribed below.

His unmarried daughter, Ada Elizabeth (died 1906) is also remembered (on the east face of the stone), and the married daughter, Mabel, who died in 1904, is buried 3 plots west, with an identical gravestone.

In Loving/Memory of/The Revd Stephen Stott B.A./for 44 years Vicar of this parish/who fell asleep in Jesus/Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1919 Aged 75 years.

**EBENEZER MOLLOY 1888 to 1889**

He gained his BA at Trinity College, Dublin in 1885, and a Divinity Testament in 1888. He was deaconed in 1884 and priested in 1886 by the Bishop of Killaloe (Ireland). His first curacies were at Drumcliffe (County Clare) from 1884 to 1886 and Christ Church, Gorey 1886 to 1888. From St. Nicholas he served further curacies at Withyham to 1891 and Royston 1891 to 1893. He was then Rector of Keyston in the Diocese of Ely from 1893 to at least 1908- a country parish of 157 souls. He is believed to have died at the age of 74 in the September quarter of 1932 in the Lichfield area.

**WILLIAM JARDINE 1890 to 1893**

He trained at St. Bees Theological College in 1887, was deaconed in 1890 and priested in 1891. He served further curacies at Arlecdon from 1893 to 1895 & 1898 to 1899, Aspatria from 1895 to 1898, and Dearham from 1899 to 1909. He became Vicar of Holme from 1909 to 1917, Ennerdale 1917 to 1928 & Holme Cultram St, Cuthbert from 1928 to 1931. He then retired to Stanwix, Carlisle where he died in the March quarter of 1942.

**ERNEST JOHN LAMBERT KENDLE 1911 to 1913**

He was born around 1876 in the Durham area and graduated from the University of Durham in 1895 He was deaconed in 1911 and priested in 1913. After St. Nicholas he was Curate of Mildenhall from 1913 to 1915, then Stella from 1915 to 1917. He was then Curate in Charge of St. John's Mission Church, Edinburgh from 1917 to 1919, then Curate of Tynemouth (in charge of Preston) from 1919 to 1925, Long Benton (in charge of Forest Hall, St. Columba) from 1925 to 1926, then Vicar of Alnham 1926 to 1932, Sacriston 1932 to 1935 & Lowick from 1935 to at least 1941. He died in the December quarter of 1959 in the Newcastle area, at the age of 84.

**ALFRED MONTAGU CHARLES AUGUSTUS STACY 1913**

This gentleman is not in the 1929 Crockfords. It is assumed that he decided not to follow a clerical career. He was born in the March quarter of 1886 in the Lambeth area of London. He married an Eveline May Butlin on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1918 in Westminster, and died in the Devizes area in the June quarter of 1951. In 1891 the family were living at 15 St.Oswalds Place, Lambeth and his father was a bricklayer.

**HENRY ROBINSON 1917 to 1923**

He graduated from Durham Bishop Hatfield Hall in 1916, was deaconed in 1917 and priested in 1918. After St. Nicholas he became Curate of Lancaster from 1923 to 1924, & Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Lancaster from 1924 to at least 1929. He is not in the 1941 Crockfords.

**THOMAS WILLIAM COLES 1930 to 1932**

He gained his BSc at Durham where he was a Pemberton Exhibitioner. He trained at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, was deaconed in 1930 & then priested in 1931. After St. Nicholas he went to a second curacy at the new Currock Conventional District, Carlisle from 1932 to 1937, becoming Minister in 1937. He was Rector of Moresby from 1937 to 1949, Luddenfoot 1949 to 1952 & St. George, Ovenden, Halifax from 1952 to 1965. He was then Curate in Charge of Egton (North Yorkshire) from 1965 to 1966 & Vicar from 1966.

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