

Whiteparish Edward Eyre 1683



Near this place are interr'd the remains of Edward Eyre Esq^r son of Giles Eyre of Brickworth near Salisbury in Wiltshire Esq^r together with his wife Jane Eyre a virtuous charitable pious & in all respects an exceeding good woman three sons & two daughters their children

He was a thorough honest Englishman
Which plain character bespeaks him eminent v
Possess'd of all good & virtuous qualities
He lived greatly beloved by all that knew him &
Died much lamented on ye 14th of April 1683
In memory of so worthy a father & mother their
Duteous son Edward Eyre of Gallway Esq^r has
Erected this monument
Here also lies Edwd Eyre Esq^r who erected

This monum^t He died ye 5th of Novr 1739 aged 76 yrs
He married Jane ye daughter of S^r W^m Maynard
Of Walthamstow in Essex bart by her he had 4 sons
& 5 Daur^s. His wife & 3 daur^s survived him
He left large charity to build an alms house
And to maintain 12 poor for ever

OPC Notes

The above monument was erected by Edward Eyre (d 5 Nov 1739) at the St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway, Ireland.

The Eyre family were probably the most successful of the Protestant families to settle in Galway in the aftermath of the siege of the town in 1652, and the subsequent confiscation of the property of the old merchant families. The family can be traced to Giles Eyre of Brickworth, in the parish of Whiteparish, Wiltshire.

Edward died on the 14th April 1683 and was buried in the College Church of St. Nicholas in the town of Galway. His father was Giles Eyres of Brickworth (1572-1655) and buried at Whiteparish All Saints Church. There is a wall tablet to his memory, inside the church.

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"The Brickworth estate which formed part of the tithing of Abbotstone, was conveyed on 15 May 1605 to Giles Eyre, then of Redlynch, by Richard Plott of Wantage, Berks and John Lamb of Coulston Wilts for the sum of £950 and in 1628, William, the brother of Giles, granted him "all his lands in Brickworth". The Eyre family was connected with this tithing as far back as Edward II's reign when we find in the Nomina Villarum a Thomas le Eyre mentioned as one of the three proprietors in this tithing of Abbotstone."

ABBOTSTONE, a tything in the parish of Whiteparish and hundred of Trustfield, in county Wiltshire, 7 miles S.E. of Salisbury.