

## **George Pardoe JP (1810-1884)**

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Died: Cheltenham 29 November 1884

## **Henry Pardoe (1817-1861)**

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## George Pardoe JP (1810-1884) and Henry Pardoe (1817-1861)

### I. The Pardoe Family

The Pardoe family of Cleeton and Nash can trace their lineage back to George Pardieu priest to Thomas ap Evans, a treasurer at Powis Castle in 1484. Evans was rewarded after the Battle of Bosworth with the manors of Bitterley and Cleeton and he took up residence at Cleeton bringing his priest with him. By the 17<sup>th</sup> century the Pardoes were holding the manor of Cleeton as well as those of Burford and Nash and by the 19<sup>th</sup> century a succession of George Pardoes held the livings at Bitterley, Burford and Nash.

In the late 1840s George Dansey Pardoe (1786-1856), Rector at Hopton Castle, completed a land deal to purchase land at Cleeton from the coal and iron magnate Beriah Botfield M.P., the then owner of Hopton Castle. The Reverend George Dansey was educated at Shrewsbury School and Balliol (B.A. in 1808). He became Rector at Hopton Castle in 1812 having married Eleanor Sneade at St Lawrence, Ludlow in November 1809. They had four sons. First born George Pardoe was baptised at Bitterley in 1810. Henry, Frederick and Arthur Pardoe were all baptised at Hopton Castle. Of the latter three; Henry served in the 99<sup>th</sup> Foot as a lieutenant in the period 1836-1841, he died unmarried in 1861 at the age of 44; Frederick qualified as a solicitor practising in Bishops Castle, he married Anna Maria Evans, daughter of solicitor Richard Evans, at St Etheldreda, Hyssington in 1846. Frederick retired to Boraston, the location of a sister church of Nash near Tenbury Wells, where he died in 1892. The youngest son, Arthur, took up the cloth. He married Mary Banger Jane Jenkins of Sidmouth, daughter of a cleric, in 1847. Arthur is found as Rector of Rockford in 1851 when living at the White House, Kerywood, Tenbury but is noted as a 'curate in holy orders without the cure of souls' in 1871 when living at Fishmore Hall near Ludlow. Arthur Pardoe died in 1879 when living in Stanton Lacy House near Ludlow.

### 2. George Pardoe (1810-1884)

The census of 1841 finds the Pardoe family living at Hopton Castle with the exception of George who was lodging with Humphry Salwey in Dinham, Ludlow – presumably their geological/fossil interests drew them together. By the 1851 census George Pardoe had married Laura White who died in 1847 and was married again to Elizabeth Mary Croome - the couple were living at Nash Court near Burford. George Pardoe J. P. was listed as a magistrate and farmer of 176 acres. He died in 1884 just before he was due to become High Sheriff of Shropshire. Their was no issue from the two marriages and the Pardoe holdings eventually passed to George Owen Pardoe (1849-1912), the son of Frederick Pardoe. The Pardoe estate includes the group of buildings at Cleeton St Mary all endowed by George Pardoe. To quote Pevsner:



*'Cleeton St Mary. An isolated group of philanthropic dwellings, school, church and almshouses, high on the northern slope of Clee Hill. Erected in 1872-83 by George Pardoe of Nash Court to serve the community of miners and quarrymen whose cottages were scattered over Catherton Common ... the school, dated 1872, and Almshouses, 1883, are of no architectural ambitions, but the church is quite a proud piece.'*

St Mary, Cleeton St Mary Photograph: Trevor Rickard

### 3. George and Henry Pardoe as 'Fossil Hunters'

George Pardoe became a member of the Ludlow Natural History Society in 1845, Henry in 1848 both joining soon after the 'Resuscitating Meeting' of January 1844 when the finances of the Society were placed on a firmer footing. They both later acted as honorary curators. Arthur Pardoe also became a member in 1864 but there is no evidence of him having a specific interest in fossils.

George Pardoe donated some 50 fossils to the Society and Henry Pardoe donated some 80 plus fossils. A sample of the specimens donated is shown below selecting only from those where the location is given – the references are from La Touche's 1928 catalogue.

### Henry Pardoe

#### Ordovician

C/b/8	<i>Ogygia (Ogyginus) corndensis</i> Murch.	Cornden
C/c/29	<i>Orthis Plaesiumys</i> porcata Sow.	Nr Caer Caradoc
C/c/81	<i>Phacops (Chasmops) nacreurus</i> Sjogren	Acton Scott

#### Silurian

D/a/14	<i>Pentamarus oblongus</i> Sow.	Norbury
D/b/36	<i>Orthoceras annulatum</i> Sow.	Shelderton
D/b/52	<i>Calymene tuberculosa</i> Salter	Burrington
D/d/16	[ <i>Protatster</i> ] <i>lapworthura</i> Miltoni Salter	Church Hill
D/d/71	<i>Pterinea sowerbyi</i> M'Coy	Mocktree
D/d/151	<i>Ceratiocaris gigas</i> Salter <i>fig. TR Hones, H Woodward Mon. Brit. Pal. Phyllopora Pl. V, fig 5, p. 25</i>	Church Hill, Leintwardine
D/d/159	<i>Emmelezce tenuistriata</i> Jones & Woodward <i>fig. TR Hones, H Woodward Mon. Brit. Pal. Phyllopora Pl. VII, fig. 9, p. 70</i>	Trippleton

A number of Henry's fossils remain in the Ludlow Museum Resource Centre including the following:

G.00130-133	<i>Atrypa reticularis</i> Linn. (with G. Cocking)	-
G.00148-150	<i>Kirkidium knighti</i> Sow. (with A. Marston)	Shelderton
G.00159	<i>Gypidula dudleyensis</i>	-
G.00376-379	<i>Pentamerus oblongus</i> Sow.	Norbury
G.01034-138	<i>Eospirifer radiatus</i>	Mocktree
G.06381	<i>Eurypterid</i>	Church Hill



G.12669 *Gypidula dudleyensis* ?

The numbers refer to W J Norton's Inventory of 1963

### George Pardoe

#### Silurian

D/b/50	<i>Phacops (Odontochile) longicaudatus</i> Murch.	Burrington
D/d/70	<i>Pleurotomaria undata</i> Sow.	Mocktree
D/d/90	<i>Bellerophon (Trematonotos) dilatatus</i> Sow.	Leintwardine
D/d/122	[ <i>Lituites</i> ] <i>trochoceras tortuosum</i> Sow.	Mocktree
D/d/127	<i>Phragroceras ventricosum</i> Sow.	Mocktree
D/g/39	<i>Goniophora cymbiformis</i> Sow.	Whitcliffe

Again some of George Pardoe's fossils remain at Ludlow including that shown below:



G.00182-189  
Orthoceras ibex Sow.  
Mocktree

On reviewing the locations of the fossils collected by the Pardoe brothers it would suggest that the excursions of George Pardoe were mostly limited to the Leintwardine area. This is to be compared to his brother Henry who collected fossils from the Long Mynd and Acton Scot etc. as well as a concentration of fossils from the Leintwardine area, perhaps the latter on joint expeditions?

### 3. Death

Henry Pardoe died unmarried in Ludlow on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1861.

George Pardoe died on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1884 while living in the Priory Dwellings, Cheltenham. He was buried at Nash Chapel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December of that year. Elizabeth Mary died in Cheltenham in 1903 and is buried alongside her husband. The burials are simply remembered by two crosses adjacent to the church entrance door. A more substantial memorial is found at Clee St Mary giving recognition to the endowment of the church and associated buildings. The inscription on the memorial at St Mary's runs as follows:

*'To the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Pardoe J. P. D.L. eldest son of George Dansey Pardoe J.P. D.L. of Nash Court and Cleeton in this county.  
Born 2 Dec 1810 Died 29 Nov 1884*

*And of Elizabeth Mary his wife only daughter and heiress of Putloe Court Gloucestershire  
Born 24 July 1826 Died 15 July 1903.*

*To their beneficence is due the foundation and endowment of the Church School, and Almshouses at Cleeton St Mary in this Parish 1881.'*

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Findmypast [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)

## Appendix I The Pardoe Family

George Pardieu priest to Thomas ap Evans, Treasurer at Powis Castle

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George Pardoe of Cleeton and Faintree d. 1669

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George Pardoe d. 1682 – Edward Pardoe d.1714

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George Pardoe 1694-1760

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George Pardoe m. Elizabeth Rocke  
1728-1783

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George Pardoe m. Ellen Dansey 23.05.1783 *Little Hereford*  
1756-1763-  
b. *Easton Court, Herefordshire*

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Rev. George Dansey  
1786-1856

c. *Burford* 12.10.1786

d. *Clun*

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m. Eleanor Sneade 24.11.1809 *Ludlow*  
1785-1862

c. *Stapleton* 04.02.1785

d. *Ludlow* 04.10.1862

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James Kinnersley 1791-1812

Francis Rocke 1792-

Edward 1795-1796

Ellen Lucy 1784-1843

Maria 1788-

Anna 1789-

Hester 1789-1836

Isabella 1791-1870

Emma 1799-

George  
1810-1884

c. *Bitterley*

03.12.1810

d. *Cheltenham*

29.11.1884

bd *Nash* 03.12.1884

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m. (1) *Laura White* 1821-1847

11.07.1843 *More*

d. *Tenbury* 1847

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m. (2) *Elizabeth Mary Croome* 1827-1903

22.01.1850 *Cirencester*

d. *Cheltenham* 1903

Henry  
1817-1861

c. *Hopton Castle*

27.01.1817

d. *Ludlow*

21.12.1861

Frederick  
1818-1892

c. *Hopton Castle*

09.11.1818

d. *Burford*

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m. *Anna Maria Evans*

1821-

16.06.1846 *Hyssington*

Rev. Arthur  
1821-1879

c. *Hopton Castle*

16.04.1821

d. *Clunbury*

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m. *Mary Jenkins*

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1847 *Sidmouth*

