

DAVID WARDLE -
A MEMBER OF THE GRIFFYDAM
METHODIST SOCIETY, TRUSTEE OF THE
GRIFFYDAM WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHAPEL AND CLASS LEADER

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RECENT DEATHS:-

JANUARY 31st - At Griffydam, in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Circuit, David Wardle, aged 87, having been a consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society for 68 years and about 45 years a class leader.

When the late Rev. Walter Sellon served the churches at Smisby and Breedon, he attended his ministry. Under that of the methodist preachers that first visited Griffydam, his convictions of sin were deepened, and he gladly availed himself of the privilege of Christian Communion. With prayers and tears he sought, and soon found the Lord.

By the blessing of God on his industry and frugality, he obtained a sufficiency for his support in old age. He has given £200 to the chapel of which he was a trustee. His trust in Christ he retained to the last, and left the world in the firm persuasion of meeting his friends in Heaven.

David Wardle was born in 1754 and his wife Ann in 1761. Ann died on Oct 9th 1839 and David died on Jan 31st 1841. They are both buried in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel graveyard at Griffydam in the same grave.



In a Lease for a Year dated 1st July 1813 (L& RRO DE4579 - 66) David Wardle is shown as being from Worthington and a coal bailiff. The lease refers to the land on which the Chapel and William Garner's cottage was built.

Lease for a Year

1. John Hall, Thomas Vernon, John farmer, Samuel Clarke, John Massey, Matthew Finch of Heather, collier, Matthew Ingle, James Burton, James Sharpe, Samuel Gilbert, William Garner of Long Watton, yeoman and Ralph Pope of the Brand in the parish of Breedon, farmer.
2. Ambrose Beaumont of Melbourne in the county of Derby, surgeon, Thomas Gilbert of Osgathorpe, cordwainer, Samuel Shakespear of Staunton Harold, farmer,, John Bindley of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, felmonger, John Knight of Newbold in the parish of Breedon, farmer, Richard Smith of Newbold, farmer, **David Wardle of Worthington, coal bailiff**, William Woodward of South Wood in the parish of Repton, county of Derby, farmer, and William Kidger of Thringstone, grocer.