



# People News

*Seend*

## *WADHAM LOCKE, ESQ.*

The mortal remains of our late universally respected Representative (Mr Locke) were this morning conveyed to the family vault at Seend. The pall was supported by six of our county magistrates, viz. Mr Estcourt, Mr C L Phipps, Mr Scott, Mr T Estcourt, Mr Ludlow Bruges and Major Olivier.

A considerable number of the inhabitants of Devizes having expressed a desire of testifying their respect by attending the funeral, a letter was addressed to Mr F Locke, to ascertain whether it would be in unison with the feelings of the family; to which an answer was returned, expressing the high sense of obligation felt by the family at so flattering a mark of respect to their father's memory, but as he had in his latter moments given directions for his funeral, they did not feel themselves at liberty to vary them in the smallest particular, and therefore begged most respectfully to decline the kind offer of attendance.

Requests were also made by the tenantry, and the Devizes troop of Yeomanry Cavalry (of which Mr L. was Captain,) to pay this last mark of regard, all of which were similarly declined.

The bells of the different parish churches in Devizes tolled during the morning; and the shops have been partially closed throughout the week. It had been a fearful visitation, and must excite, even in the most careless and obdurate, feelings of awful apprehension at the precariousness of human life. - Devizes Gazette.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 2 November 1835**

A handsome monument, the production of Mr Osmond, the eminent sculptor of this city, had been erected in Seend Church, to the memory of Mr Locke, the late respected Member for Devizes. It bears the following appropriate inscription:-

In the family vault  
in this church,  
lie the mortal remains of  
WADHAM LOCKE, ESQ.,  
of Rowdeford House, in this county.

He married Anna Maria Selina, only daughter of Francis  
Powell, of Hurdcott, Esq., by whom he had ten  
children, and whose affectionate conduct  
greatly contributed to his  
happiness through life.

In the different situations which he filled, as an Officer of  
the Militia, and of the Yeomanry, as a Magistrate, and  
as a Deputy Lieutenant, he ever endeavoured to render  
himself useful to the public; sustaining from early life  
a uniform and consistent character for uprightness  
and integrity. And during three successive Parliaments, in which, by the almost unanimous suffrages of  
the inhabitants of Devizes, he represented that Borough, he fulfilled the trust confided to him with strict  
regard to the principles he had ever professed, advocating the necessity of a safe and reasonable reform in  
the political, moral and religious institutions of his

country; and promoting at all times the public good  
in preference to his own private interest.

In fulfilling the duties of domestic life, as husband and  
father, he watched with tender solicitude over the  
welfare and happiness of his family, to all of  
whom he bore the most affectionate regard;  
and in the firm faith and humble hope  
of a Christian, departed this life  
on the 21st of October, 1835,  
aged 55 years.

In the same Vault repose the Remains of  
Elizabeth Sarah, his second Daughter,  
who died 14th Nov, 1833, in themselves 23rd year of her age.  
And of John, his third Son, who died in Infancy,  
17th Jan, 1806

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