

The Hawstead Hatchments: 3

Emma Colville nee Metcalfe



Emma Colville was a sister of Henry Metcalfe and the youngest daughter of **Christopher Barton Metcalfe** esq. and his wife **Sophia**. She lived 1795-1840 and died at the age of 45.

In 1825 Emma married the **Rev. Nathaniel Colville**, Rector of Great Livermere. They had two short-lived daughters Augusta Letitia (1827 – 37) and Clara Harriet Emma (1829 – 49)

Emma is buried in the churchyard at Hawstead, to the West of the porch and together with Augusta. This fact is recorded on a monument in the church, to the West of the main door. An adjacent memorial commemorates her second daughter, Clara.

The hatchment is similar in its representation to that of Frances Metcalfe (which has previously been described in this Journal): there's a background which is half black, half white on which sits a shield which is divided vertically into two, representing two family arms. As with Frances, the white background on the left indicates that she is survived by her husband.

As Emma was born a Metcalfe we see the simple design of the calves 'passant' on a silver background on the right side of the shield: the Colville arms on the left show in quarters a) an unidentified tower and b) a lion 'rampant' (= "rearing up to fight"). The lions have a curious 'label of three points' across and partially obscuring them.

Outside the shield we can see a cherub at the top (no helm or crest as this is for a woman) and the motto "Resurgam" (I shall arise again) at the bottom. All this is again similar to the hatchment for Frances Metcalfe: the remaining decorations, leaf-shaped and in red and silver, are quite different.

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