

Old Hall on the Felbrigg estate. The family lived there for ten years during which time another six children were born. Young John Adey Repton must have been a clever lad because although he was deaf he was educated at the Aylsham Grammar School.

He later became the architect of the Hall in Sheringham Park.

By 1786 the family fortunes had waned and so they moved to cheaper premises in Hare Street near Romford where they lived for the rest of their lives. Humphry regularly visited Dorothy and his son, William lived with her, calling her 'Aunt Adey.' His brother became a farmer at Oxnead.

In conclusion, it would appear that Humphry chose to be buried in the churchyard in Aylsham because of his family network in the town.

Site of Aylsham Grammer School in 1785



Humphry Repton's grave, St Michaels Church Aylsham

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Humphry Repton 1752-1818

Why is Humphry Repton buried in Aylsham when he never lived here?

Humphry never spelt his name in the usual way with an 'e.' His clever father originally came from Lichfield before moving to Bury St Edmunds when he was 22 years old.

He married a beautiful Suffolk girl, Martha and Humphry was born on April 21st 1752, the second of three children. Soon afterwards his father, John Repton, now 40 years old, moved to Norwich in his job as the Customs & Excise officer for the whole of Norfolk.

His parents were well enough off to send Humphry to Norwich Grammar School until he was 12 years old. Being educated in the classics, Humphry would be well equipped to mingle with the wealthy patrons he would one day meet.

In the same year that the teenage Humphry was sent abroad to learn Dutch, his father bought two properties in Aylsham. A former contact and attorney from Lichfield, John Adey, moved into one, Norfolk House in Hungate Street and then two years later he was using the second, 1, Market Place, Aylsham as his office.

Norfolk House, Hungate Street, Aylsham



1, Market Place, Aylsham

In 1767 John Adey married Dorothy Repton at St George's Tombland, Norwich and they set up home in 1, Market Place. (Barclays Bank)

Meanwhile, Humphrey had returned to Norwich where he was apprenticed to a textile merchant.

Sustead Old Hall



His sister, Dorothy, had babies in 1771 and 1772 but both died and were laid to rest in Aylsham Parish Church and there were to be no more children. The couple continued to live in the house until they died.

The following year, 21 year old Humphry married Mary Clarke and they set up home in Norwich, while his 19 year old brother went as clerk to John Adey in Aylsham.

Later that year their mother died and she was buried in the south aisle of Aylsham Parish Church, before being joined by her husband two years later.

There is now a memorial stained glass window which celebrates the family's connection to the town.

Humphry's first child, a daughter, died as an infant and was buried in St. Giles, Norwich.

Their second child, born in 1775, was named after his uncle, John Adey Repton.

The inheritance Humphry received from his father's will enabled the young family to move to Sustead

Repton Memorial Window

