

Charles Henry Tovey

Isle of Wight Observer – 9 October 1858

DIED.

On the 29th ult., five days after reaching his home from India, Charles Henry Tovey, Esq., Assistant Surgeon H.M. 30th Regiment, son of H. L. Tovey, Esq., of Carisbrooke, and grandson of the late Charles Howard Wansbrough, Esq., of the Manor-house, Shrewton, Wilts.

Hampshire Independent - 16 July 1859

HONOUR TO THE BRAVE. — A very elegant and costly monument, designed and executed by Mr. Joseph Poore, of Node-hill, statuary, had just been erected in the New Cemetery, at Carisbrooke, at the request of H. L. Tovey, Esq., of the Pitt, in memory of his gallant son, and other members of his family. The memorial is in the shape of an obelisk, standing on a granite pedestal, and the whole is of the height of 17 ft. 3 in., forming a very prominent object in the view from the Carisbrooke road. On the face of the pedestal appears the following inscription:-

Sacred to the memory of CHARLES HENRY TOVEY, M.R.S., L.S.A., and under-graduate of the University, London. Assistant Surgeon in Her Majesty's 30th Regiment, only son and surviving child of HENRY LACOCKE TOVEY, of this parish, and grandson of the late EDWARD TOVEY, of Dilley-brooke, in the parish of North Bradley, Wilts, who, having survived the perils of the Indian campaign, died from the effects of his unwearied exertions in attending the sick and wounded, four days after reaching his home in this Island, September 29th, 1858, aged 28 years.

He also served with the Allied Forces in the Crimea, and was present with the British army before Sebastopol, during the siege and fall of that fortress, for which services he was awarded the Crimean Medal and Clasp, the Turkish Crimean Medal, and the Indian War Medal.

High mental attainments, united with great amiability. a thorough knowledge of his profession, with untiring real and abilities in the discharge of his duties, endeared him to all who came under his care, his brother officers, the men of his regiment, and a large circle of friends and acquaintance, by whom his early death is deplored and regretted.

On two other faces of the pedestal the following inscriptions appear, and on the forth the family arms are carved [actually, the crest is on the west face of the obelisk].

Sacred to the memory of MARTHA, the beloved wife of HENRY LACOCKE TOVEY, of this parish, and eldest daughter of the late CHARLES HOWARD WANSBROUGH, of the Manor House, Shrewton, Wilts, who died in London, March 18, 1846, aged 41 years, blessed with every Christian virtue.

Sacred to the memory of MARTHA HARRIETT, a beloved and only daughter, who died Feb. 19 1847, aged 20, endowed with an intellect of the highest order, and with fervent Christian piety.

"Her end was peace."

Hampshire Advertiser - 16 July 1859

MONUMENT TO THE BRAVE. —The monument in Carisbrooke Cemetery erected to the memory of Mr Charles Henry Tovey, M.R.C.S., F.S.A., undergraduate of the University of London, and assistant surgeon in H.M.'s 30th Regiment, is in process of completion. The tomb has been erected by Mr. Henry Leacocke Tovey, the deceased's father, and has a square massive base, with an

obelisk shaft, fronted with the family arms, motto "*splendor cam cornucopia.*" The carving on the side of the base is neat and ornamental. The deceased served through the Crimean campaign, also during the greater portion of the Indian mutiny war, for both of which he received medals. On arriving at his home in the Island he survived only four days, his death being caused from excessive exertion in his professional capacity while attending the sick and wounded in India. The monument was designed by Mr. Poore., of Newport, and the carving by Mr. Cowdery.

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