

Rev. Roger Baldwin d 28 August 1801



The plaque is inside the church. His wife Cecilia, named Cisley on the gravestone, is buried outside the church, close to the altar.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
ROGER BALDWIN D.D. F.R.S. F.A.S. Prebendary of Carlisle
Vicar of Edenhall and 39 Years Rector of this Parish,
He died on the 28th August 1801, leaving one Son and 5 Daughters.
He was married first to MARGARET, the Daughter of
Christopher Wilson Esq^r of Bardsea Hall in the County of Lancaster.
She died on the 27th Day of Oct^r 1765, leaving four Daughters
and was buried at Urswick.
Secondly to CECILIA, the Daughter of Thomas Hawkshead, Esq^r
of Hesketh in the said County
by whom he had one Son and one Daughter
His only son JOHN BALDWIN ESQ^R died in Milan in Italy
on the 25th of August 1818 and was buried at that place.
The above named CECILIA BALDWIN died on the 15th Day of April 1820
and was buried in the Church Yard near this place

Roger Baldwin D.D., F.R.S. was a member of the Society of Antiquaries in 1776. I assume that the F.A.S. on the tablet means Fellow of the Antiquarian Society.

According to a family tree on *Ancestry*, Roger Baldwin was born on 4 November 1718 in Wigan. Some dates below are from this family tree, others from *Lancashire Parish Clerk online*.

His will can be found on *Ancestry*. It is very long, but clearly Rev. Baldwin was a wealthy man, with land-holdings at Wigan, and the wherewithal to leave his children bequests of several thousand pounds. **Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384-1858**. Probate was granted 19 October 1801.

Roger Baldwin (*sic*) was christened on 19 November 1718 at All Saints, Wigan, the son of William Baldwin. He married Margaret Wilson (born 1730) at Urswick on 22 February or April 1762. (*Both dates are on Ancestry*). April is the likely date, since a Bond regarding the marriage is dated April. Two of the daughters were Christophera (*sic*) (1762 – 1848) and Sarah (1764 – 1818; baptised 28 Jan 1765). Two more, Margaret & Elizabeth, were baptised on 3 February 1764. I cannot find them on *Ancestry*, or on *Lancashire Parish Clerk online*. Perhaps they died as children.

An obituary in the Gentleman's magazine, 1839, says that Christophora married Sir Robert Clayton in 1786, but they had no children. Their **Marriage Bond** can be found on *Ancestry*, as can her will and burial details in Wigan. Sarah married Henry Richmond Gale, of Bardsey (*sic*) Hall on 9 November 1785 (**Burke's Family Records** on *Ancestry*).

His second marriage was to Cicely Hankshead or Hawkshead (*sic*) in Wigan on 24 July 1770. The document says "both of this town." Their children were John, baptised at Aldingham 6 October 1771, and Cecilia, born 2 November 1772, baptised 6 December 1772. This Cecilia married James Losh, Recorder of Newcastle. (*See separate sheet*).



His entry in the list of **Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900** reads
Adm. pens. (age 17) at PETERHOUSE, March 22, 1735-6. Of Lancs. School,
Wigan. Matric. 1736; Scholar, 1736; B.A. 1741-2; M.A. 1745. Fellow, 1743.
F.R.S. 1760. F.S.A. Practised as a physician, first at Cambridge and afterwards at
Wigan. P.C. of Ellenbrook, Lancs., 1746-7. R. of Aldingham, 1760-1801.
Chaplain to the Duke of Portland. Prebendary of Carlisle, 1764. V. of Edenhall,
Cumberland, 1774-1801. Died at Aldingham, Aug. 28, 1801. (*T. A. Walker, 273.*)

I found this picture on the family tree mentioned above. It is entitled [*Portrait of the Reverend Dr Roger Baldwin, Rector of Aldingham, 1780 \(d.1801\)*](#) and identified as eighteenth century British School.