

AGNES QUEK

Agnes Quek was the last heiress of the Quek family's estate.

She married John Crispe at the beginning of the reign of Henry VII (1485), thus transferring the ownership of the old house, known as Parker's in 1414, into the hands of the Crispe family. It remained in this family's possession until the start of the 1700s, when it again was left to four daughters. At this point it was sold, in order to divide the inheritance between them.

It is not known when John Crispe died, as the inscription only gives his wife's details, leaving blanks in the text to be filled in after his death. Agnes died on the 6th June 1533, so it is probable that John didn't die until after this date, but his family didn't get round to adding his details. They had 8 sons and 7 daughters, all depicted on the memorial on the west wall of Quex Chapel. Brass figures of Agnes and John were also mounted above their children, but unfortunately these two brasses have been stolen – sometime in the 19th century, probably.

We know roughly how Agnes and John would have been depicted, because their children were dressed as miniature versions of their parents during this era.



The top left section of the inscription was cut out during the Reformation, when it was forbidden to pray for the souls of the dead. The inscription would have begun with the words "Pray for the souls of" which are now missing.