

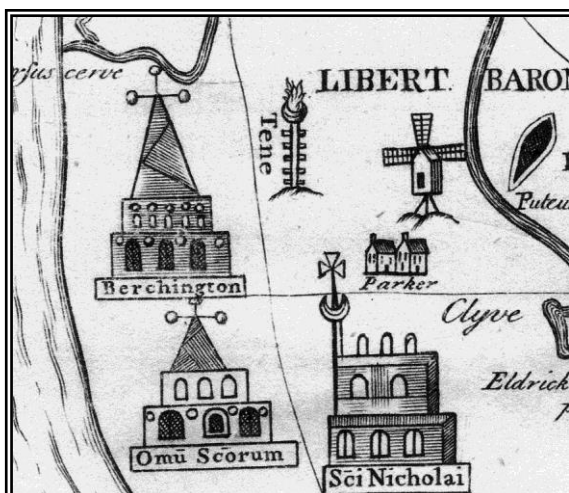
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The altar tomb in Quex Chapel has Henry Crispe and his wife Catherine Scott mounted on top of an older, unnamed tomb.

The people who built this chapel in c. 1250 were almost certainly the Parker family, or whoever preceded them in the property labelled 'Parker' on Thomas of Elmham's map of 1414. It was the custom in pre-Reformation times for the wealthy families to employ a priest to say Masses for their deceased forebears, in order to reduce the time their souls had to spend in Purgatory.

Because this chapel still belongs to the family living in Quex Park (the present name of the property called 'Parker'), it would almost certainly have been built to house the remains of an early member of the Parker family in c. 1250.



The Birchington section of the map by Thomas of Elmham dated 1414, showing 'Berchington' Church, the beacon that stood SE of the village, the windmill that was owned by the Cathedral and the property labelled 'Parker' – owned by the Quek family by 1430.