

The Alabaster Monument

Kneeling figures of Marie Culpeper and of Sir Henry "Bonjour" Crispe. The shield at the top, in the centre, with helm and mantling, Quartering,

(1) QUEX, Ermine, a fess chequy of argent and sable. (Black spots on a white background with a bar of black and silver squares across the centre).

(2) CRISPE. Or, on a chevron sable, five horseshoes argent. (Gold background, a black chevron having five silver horseshoes on it.)

(3) DENNE. Argent, on two flanches sable, as many leopards faces or (Silver background, with a black flanche on either side, each having a leopards face in gold.) John Crispe of Cleve and Quek, married as first wife, Alys, daughter of Thomas Denne of Kingstone. She was the mother of the great Sir Henry Crispe. She died in 1518.

(4) HAZELHURST, Or, on a fess dancette sable, three leopards faces argent, on a chief as of the second charged with three hazel bushes, argent. (Gold background, on a black bar with indented edges across the centre, three leopards faces in silver, and three hazel bushes in silver on a black bar across the top.)

Ann Hazelhurst, the daughter and heiress of George Hazelhurst, was the second wife of the great Sir Henry Crispe, and was married in Birchington Church in 1545.

On the Shield on the East Side of the Monument

Quarterly,

(1) CULEPEPER

Argent, a bend engrailed gules. (Silver background with a red bar diagonally across. This shield can be seen in Canterbury Cathedral, S.W. Cloister.

Marie was the daughter of Sir Anthony Culpeper of Bedgebury, Goudhurst, and was the first wife of Sir Henry "Bonjour" Crispe.

(2) CULEPEPER.

Argent, on a chevron sable, five horseshoes or, between eight martlets gules. (Silver background, a black chevron with five horseshoes in gold and eight red birds.)

(3) HAUT

Or, a cross engrailed gules, (Gold background, a red cross with engrailed edges. This can be seen in the Cloisters, Canterbury Cathedral,

(4) ROBERTS

(I am not sure of this. Per pale, gules and argent, a lion rampant or. (Half red and Silver with a rampant lion in gold.)

On the Shield on the West side of the Monument

Quartering **QUEX, CRISPE, CULPEPER, CRISPE**
argent, chevron sable five horseshoes in gold

DENNE, HAZELHURST, HAUT, ROBERTS

The two small shields above the kneeling figures are,

MARTIN

On the East, Argent, a chevron sable between three mascles* sable and argent, within a bordure gules.

[***mascles** = lozenge with lozenge-shaped hole in centre. It can also be called a 'voided lozenge']

On the West, **HAZELHURST**.

