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#### ILLUSTRATIONS

ABOVE: George Gradwell, 1855, from Preston, Lancashire.

FRONT COVER: Margaret, wife of Nicholas Gaynesford, 1503, from Carshalton, Surrey.

BACK COVER: (TOP) Sir Thomas Boleyn, K.G., Earl of Wiltshire and Ormond. Father of Anne Boleyn, 2nd wife of Henry VIII, 1538, from Hever, Kent; (BOTTOM LEFT) Joan, Lady Cromwell, 1490, from Tattershall, Lincolnshire; (BOTTOM RIGHT) Sir John d'Abernon II, 1327, from Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey.









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The Society was founded in 1887 to preserve and record monumental brasses. Initially it was known as the Cambridge University Association of Brass Collectors. Later it was renamed the Monumental Brass Society. From a membership of 60 in 1887, the Society has grown to around 500 today.

Early research into brasses focused chiefly on English brasses of the medieval and early modern periods. Today, however, the field is much wider. Chronologically, it extends to brasses of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and geographically to those of Continental Europe. Incised slabs are also the subject of growing interest. Areas of current research include the artistic context of brasses, workshop organisation, and the self-image of the commemorated.

Membership will also benefit those with an interest in local history, genealogy, armour, the study of costume, and heraldry.

#### **AIMS**

- To encourage the appreciation of brasses, indents of lost brasses and incised slabs by publications, lectures and meetings.
- To preserve brasses by assisting with grant funding conservation and providing advice on their care.
- To promote the study of brasses, indents of lost brasses and incised slabs, and to encourage and disseminate original research.
- **To record** lost and stolen brasses and those remaining in private hands.

#### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Illustrated lectures with discussions and an opportunity to meet other members.
- Transactions, published annually with articles on brasses and incised slabs.

- Bulletin, published three times a year (available in electronic or printed format), with information about current activities, work in progress and new literature.
- Excursions to churches of interest.
- One-day meetings at churches and periodic residential events, usually in September.

#### **ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY**

The Society provides advice and assistance to churches on the care and preservation of their brasses.

The Society is actively involved in publishing county surveys. Volumes are fully illustrated and are proving an important aid to the study of monumental brasses and family history (see website for further details).

The Society continues to influence brass-rubbing activities and promotes good practice amongst its membership.

### **HOW TO JOIN**

Please complete the application section and send it together with your subscription to:

Penny Williams, Hon. Assistant Secretary Monumental Brass Society 12 Henham Court, Mowbrays Road Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 3EN Email: penny7441@hotmail.com

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