

Burial Record Book – Potato Crop Failure (1 of 3)

Potato Crop Failure 22-02-1847

1846, 1847 – Failure of Potatoe Crop in Ireland & many Districts of Scotland, & also in England & also in our little Parish. The Horrors consequential in Ireland are not to be expressed in words – I paste in the Register for the Information of my successors the following authentic & not enlarged account. (*see 2 of 3*)

Edwin E Coleridge

Vicar of Buckerell

Feb 22 – 1847

The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the Corn is wasted; the new Wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

Joel 1st Ch. 10v

And in all Vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee saith the Lord.

Amos 5th Ch. 17v

O let us all, specially the Ministers of the Lord, Weep between the Porch & the Altar, & let they say, Spare Thy People, O Lord, & Let not Thy Heritage be brought to Confusion.

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May 15th 1847 – Riots at Honiton, Exeter, Collumpton & different Towns on account of the bealmen of Corn & c. Waggons stopped – Bakers Houses & Shops broken open & Mischief done.

Edwin E Coleridge, Vicar

Wheat 16s per Bushel & no Potatoes.