

Friends of Newtown Cemetery Grave of the Month

William Corden the Younger

1819 -1900

Born in Derby, William moved south when his father came to work at Windsor Castle as an artist. He also became a painter and went to Coburg and Portugal mostly to copy portraits of Queen Victoria's relatives.

He married and lived in Datchet. He taught Queen Victoria to paint in watercolour and worked with Prince Albert on military portraits. He was also a talented violinist. After Prince Albert died in 1861 the Queen decided never to paint again and gave her paints back to William. His family still have them. William's son, Victor came to live in Newbury and William joined them when he retired. Victor painted this portrait of his father in later life.

