Visit to Exeter Cathedral

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Some 16 participants from the workshop accompanied me on a conducted tour of monuments in Exeter Cathedral that have some direct link to slave-ownership. Below we list the monuments visited, and their probable links to the Caribbean and compensation payments.

Nave: North Aisle (near north door)

Margaret Rous (Barbados). Wall monument. Compensation paid to her son-in-law General Miles Brathwaite and to her grandchildren Irenaeus Moe Brathwaite and Miles Brathwaite.

Catherine Estridge Buncombe (St Kitts). Similar monument next to that of Margaret Rous. Possible links to Estridge estates in St Kitts.

North Quire Aisle

Ann Griffith (Jamaica). Wall monument. Possible link to Jamaica plantation (Bagdale Estate).

Chapel of St John the Evangelist

Bryan Blundell. Wall monument. A Major General, involved in the taking of **Martinique**, **Guadaloupe and St Lucia**.

Ambulatory

Marianne Coventry Trefusis. Floor brass. Sister-in-law of 1st Baron Rolle (**Bahamas**), and niece of Anne St John Trefusis who married Thomas Maxwell Adams (**Barbados**).

South Quire Aisle

Robert Harvey (Grenada). Wall monument. (Also floor stone in ambulatory.) Compensation paid to his sister's son and other relatives.

William Kellitt Hewitt (Jamaica). Wall monument (in Latin) and floor stone. His children received compensation.

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Nave: South Aisle

Saccharissa Hibbert (Jamaica). Wall memorial. She was the sister of Thomas and John Hibbert who received compensation. (see p.209 of Catherine Hall et. al. *Legacies of British Slave-ownership*).

West end of the nave

Mary Irvine, widow of Lt. Col. Arthur Henry Irvine (San Domingo), Wall memorial. He was Commandant of the Yorkshire Hussars, and died of yellow fever on 8 July 1796.

William Sloane (Tobago). Floor stone, with brass coat of arms. He sold some of his estate to the company Chauncey Lang & Co., who later claimed compensation.

R.D.Blackmore, author of Lorna Doone. Wall memorial and window above. The only connection with the Caribbean is that this memorial was unveiled on 26 April 1904 by Eden Phillpotts - "man of letters" - who was the grandson of **Thomas Phillpotts (Jamaica).**