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The Wragg window

Date: 1884

A HISTORY OF ST ANDREW'S IN 100 OBJECTS

Most of the wall and floor memorials in the north aisle are of the Wragg family who were the largest village landowners in the 19th century. They lived at Chesterton Hall, which was probably built in the early 17th century by Thomas Hobson, the famous Cambridge carrier (as in 'Hobson's choice' and Hobson's Conduit), for his son. The window was installed in memory of the last male Wragg, Francis William. His widow, Johanna, remarried a fellow of St John's, Theodore Thomas Gurney (after whom Gurney Way is named), and bequeathed the Hall and its lands to St John's when she died in 1922. St John's passed the Hall to the city council in 1945.

In the window, the Risen Christ is flanked by the two Johns (the Baptist proclaiming the Lamb of God on the left, the Evangelist—patron of the college - with his symbol, the eagle, on the right). Underneath, the cross is represented by the tree of life surrounded by the instruments of the passion. On either side are two sacramental scenes: Jesus baptised by John the Baptist on the left, and presiding at the Last Supper alongside John the Evangelist, the beloved disciple, on the right.