

## Richard Stokes and Mary Jane Pinder



Richard and Mary Jane were married on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1831 in St Andrew's by the Reverend Alexander MacDonald. Their story is rather a tragic one.



After only four years together in 1835 Richard died aged just 27 years and Mary Jane aged just 30. They had an eleven week old daughter also called Mary Jane who died in 1835 too and according to the burial register she was buried in St Andrew's churchyard. The very touching inscription on their headstone reads:



In memory of  
Richard Stokes  
who departed this life  
September 10th 1835  
aged 27 years  
Also Mary Jane  
wife of the above  
who died July 4th 1835  
aged 30 years

Also one child died an Infant  
"A loving couple resteth with their infant dear  
Who were whilst in this mortal life  
a tender husband and wife  
Their God hath called them where  
we trust they have blessings more.  
? ? ? themselves once again."

Stranger still, on Ancestry.com it says that they were buried at Cosgrove in Northampton, but clearly, we have their burials recorded in our burial register and their grave in our churchyard!