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Samuel Horsley / Samual Hursley 1733 – 1806

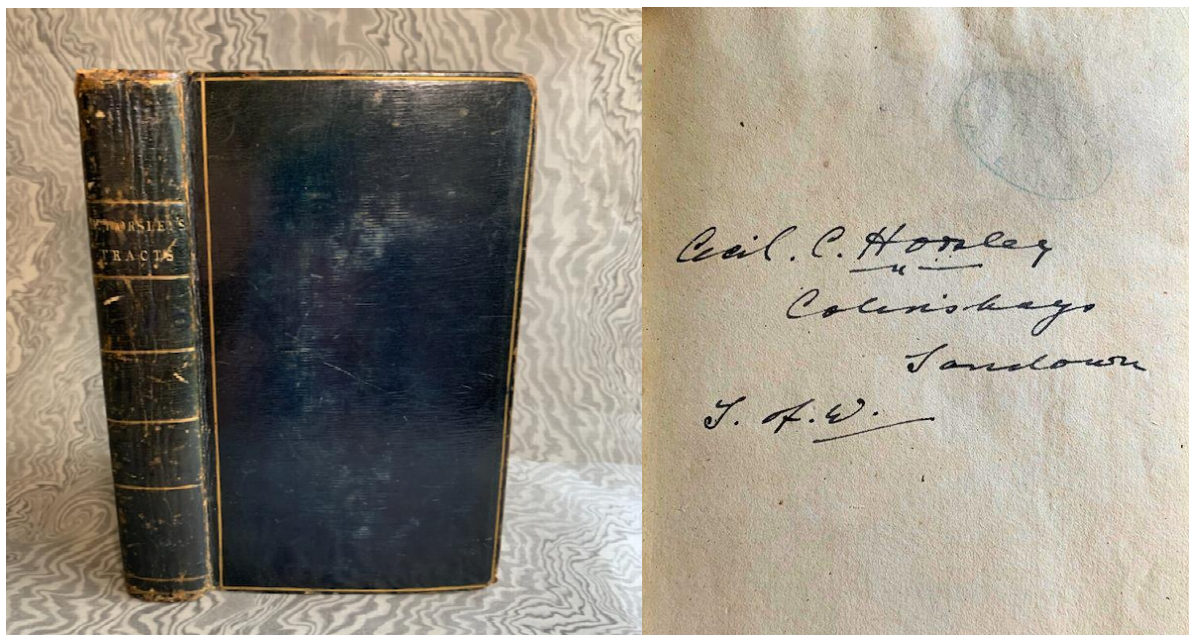
Horsley became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1767 and was Church of England Rector of Albury from 1774 to 1780 at what is now the Old Saxon Church.

Later, he was Archdeacon of St Albans from 1781 and Bishop of St David's from 1788 to 1793. There is a biography at: [friends-stjames.org/Samuel Horsley Biography.htm](http://friends-stjames.org/Samuel_Horsley_Biography.htm).

Hursley was a mathematician, scientist, anti-slavery speaker and author who disputed with Joseph Priestley.

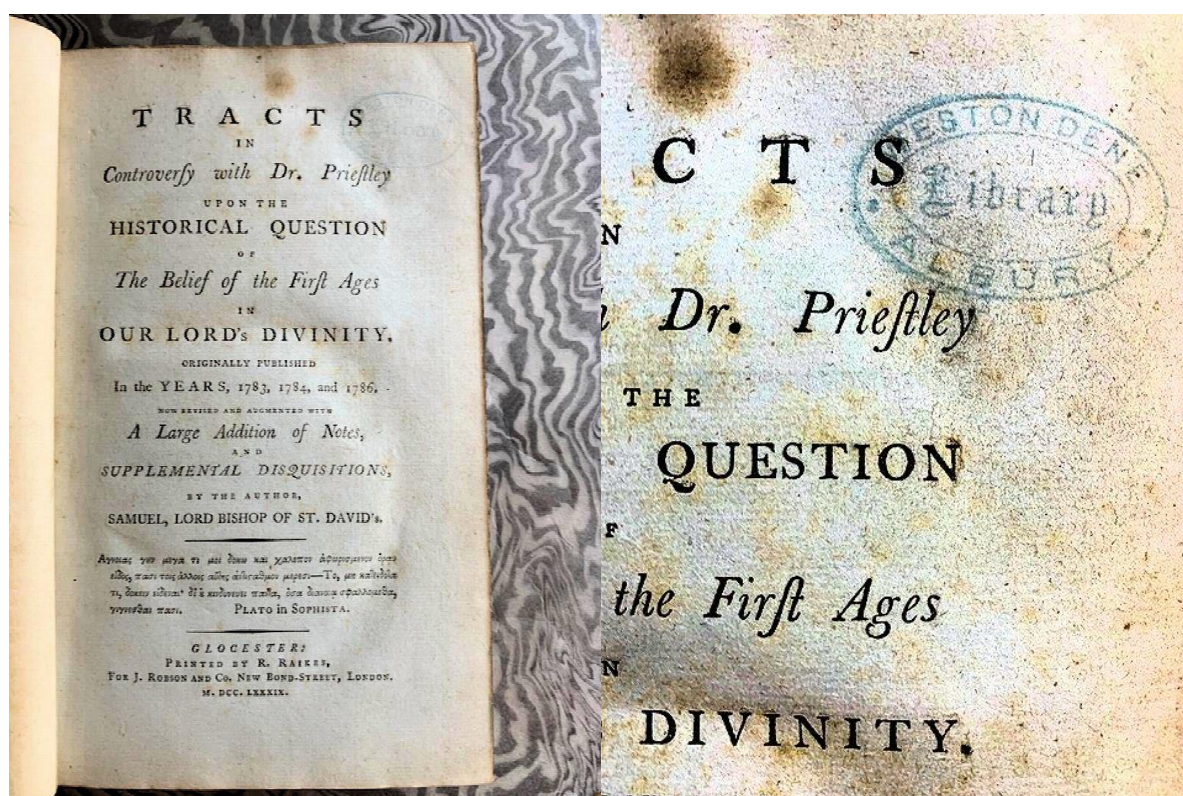
This book by Samuel Horsley, published in 1789: *HORSLEY'S TRACTS, Tracts in Controversy with Dr. Priestley Upon the Historical Question of the Belief of the First Ages in Our Lord's Divinity, Originally Published in the Years, 1783, 1784, and 1786. Now Revised and Augmented with A Large Addition of Notes, and Supplemental Disquisitions, by the Author, Samuel, Lord Bishop of St. David's*, emerged in Los Angeles in 2021 and was once in Weston Dene Library at Weston Dene in The Street, Albury, a house used by Catholic Apostolics.

With the end of Apostolic use of Weston Dene c1925, it seems the book passed to descendant Commander Cecil Charles Horsley, 1880 – 1950, of Colinshays, Broadway, Sandown on the Isle of Wight. His probate record after death on 29th May 1950 at Willpan Farm, Chale, IoW, states his house then as Downend Cottage, Chale, IoW. He left £5,042 14s 10d to his widow Beatrice Maud Mary Horsley.





Fore-edge painting of St David's Cathedral



The Weston Dene Albury Library stamp

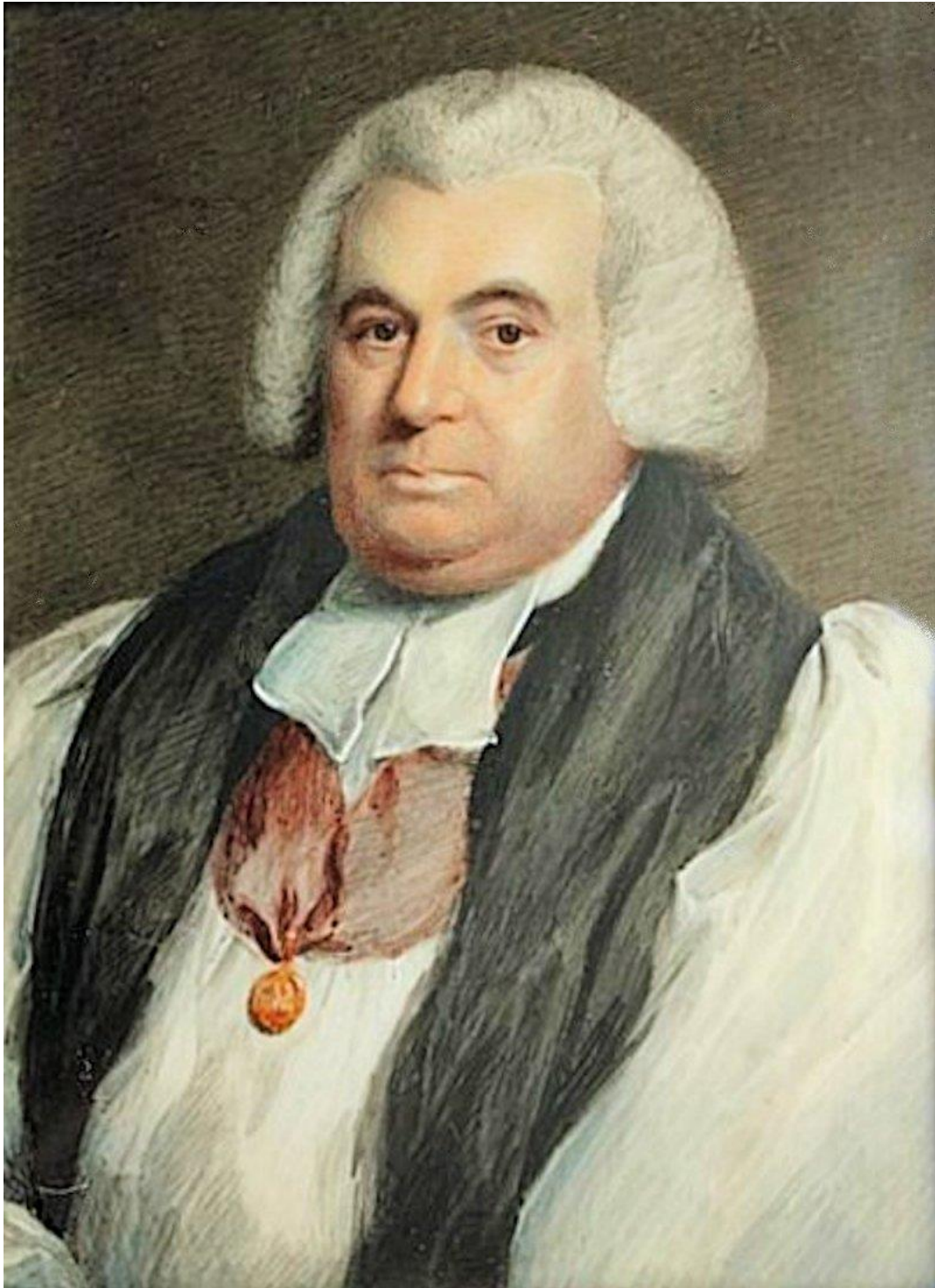
HORSLEY Eleanor Marianne of Colinshays Broadmoor Sandown Isle of Wight widow died 3 May 1932 at Dunraven Trinity-street Ryde Isle of Wight Administration (with Will) **London** 8 August to Cecil Charles Horsley retired captain R.N. Effects £314 4s. 11d.

Telephone directories and this 1933 probate of Cecil Horsley's widowed mother provide the full address of Colinshays, though 'Broadmoor' rather than 'Broadway' seems to be a 1930s typo.

One other book, of 1676, from Weston Dene Library in Albury is known.

It is held by the [University of Leeds](#):

The present state of the Jews: wherein is contained an exact account of their customs, secular and religious. To which is annexed a summary discourse of the Misna, Talmud, & Gemara. By L. Addison.



Albury Rector 1774 - 1780, Samuel Horsley,
in 1799 as the Bishop of Rochester.
Painted by Frances Guise, known as Mrs Badou.



Bishop Samuel Horsley c1803
Watercolour miniature by Walter Stephens Lethbridge NPG155



Weston Dene, The Street, Albury, in October 1986
Used by visiting Catholic Apostolics and the site of Weston Dene Library