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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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THORNHILL, WEST YORKSHIRE

REPORT TWO

MONUMENT TO SIR GEORGE SAVILE, 1622

This monument was designed by Maximilian Colt and is constructed in alabaster with carboniferous limestone and coloured marble in set panels. It is situated on the north wall of the Savile Chapel.

Height 390 cms

Width 270 cms

Depth 75 cms

## Description

A climbing effigy on a rather plain base with two columns supporting a canopy above which are pinnacles and three achievements of arms. The back panel bears the inscription and is surrounded by very fine trophy panels.

## Present Condition

Although the monument is built into a deep damp wall, there are no serious signs of disruption as a result of this. The panels in the lower section are losing a little of their surface and there is some efflorescence. The rate of deterioration will, however, accelerate. A major problem here is the movement of the monument as a result of slight settlement in both the monument and the wall. Both ends of the monument appear to have dropped under the weight of the columns and load above, and the canopy has sagged in the centre giving the whole monument a most odd perspective. Measurement showed a variation of 3 cms between the

