



N is for *Nelson*

This is from the funeral carriage that carried the coffin of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson.

Made of silk plush velvet with tin lettering, the drape hung beneath Lord Nelson's ornate and highly decorated coffin.

Admiral Nelson was born in Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk in 1758 and died in command of the British fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

The usual practice was to bury at sea those killed during battle but Nelson's body was preserved in brandy and transported back to England where he was the first non-Royal person to be given a state funeral.

This funeral drape was later given to Captain William Rivers RN, who had fought at Trafalgar and was eventually passed down to his son. It was later donated to the Sailors' Home Museum in Great Yarmouth.



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