



Retired Serviceman

Lieutenant Colonel, Edward Shirley Godman

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Godman	Edward Shirley	Retired Lieutenant Colonel		Dorsetshire Regiment		1951	25-Jan		
Date of Birth									
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1876	22-Aug	Nuthurst, Horsham, Sussex	Godman	Percy Landen	Smithe	Isabella Frederika	1876	24-Sep	St. Andrew, Nuthurst
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
Muntham, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex									

1881	Godman	Percy L.	Married	46	Dividends	Hascombe, Surrey	Head
	Godman	Isabelle T.	Married	37		Weymouth, Dorset	Wife
	Godman	Miriam B.		7		Nuthurst, Sussex	Daughter
	Godman	Alice K.		5		Nuthurst, Sussex	Daughter
	Godman	Edward S.		4		Nuthurst, Sussex	Son
	Godman	James F.		2		Shermanbury, Sussex	Son
	Godman	Charles R. B.		1		Shermanbury, Sussex	Son
	Roper	Robert	Unmarried	20	Footman	Normanton-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire	Servant
	Gardiner	Ann	Unmarried	30	Housemaid	Hawes, Oxfordshire	Servant
	Holder	Louisa	Unmarried	18	Housemaid	Chichester, Sussex	Servant
	Gull	Elizabeth	Unmarried	52	Cook	Enfield, Middlesex	Servant
	Reed	Jane	Unmarried	18	Kitchen Maid	Slinfold, Sussex	Servant
	Barrick	Eliza	Widow	39	Nurse	Norfolk	Servant
	Tucker	Jane	Unmarried	23	Nursemaid	Cadeleigh, Devon	Servant
	Tidy	Harriet	Unmarried	22	Nursemaid	Cowfold, Sussex	Servant
Philpots	Lucy	Unmarried	16	Nursemaid	Canterbury, Kent	Servant	
1 Compton Road, St. Faith, Winchester, Hampshire							
1891	Godman	Edward S.		14	Scholar at Winchester College	Horsham, Sussex	Boarder
Room Over Stable, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex							
1901	Godman	Percy S.	Married	64	L. P. for Sussex Farming	Hascombe, Surrey	Head
	Godman	Isabel F.	Married	56		Weymouth, Dorset	Wife
	Godman	Alice H.	Unmarried	25		Nuthurst, Sussex	Daughter
	Godman	Edward S.	Unmarried	24	Lieutenant, 2nd Dorset Regiment	Nuthurst, Sussex	Son
	Godman	Charles R. B.	Unmarried	21	Articled Architect	Shermanbury, Sussex	Son
	Godman	Maud W.	Unmarried	19		Itchingfield, Sussex	Daughter
	May	Charlotte	Unmarried	38	Cook	Peterhead, Aberdeenshire	Servant
	White	Alice M.	Unmarried	25	Housemaid	Burghclere, Hampshire	Servant
	Tiller	Emma M.	Unmarried	18	Housemaid	West Lavington, Sussex	Servant
	Wackford	Gertrude M.	Unmarried	14	Housemaid	Sussex	Servant
	Mixer	Jesse	Unmarried	19	Kitchenmaid	Sudbury, Suffolk	Servant

	Miles	Mabel	Unmarried	15	Scullery maid	Burgess Hill, Sussex	
	Holder	Florence	Unmarried	34	Ladies maid	Hurstpierpoint, Sussex	
	Mitchell	George R.	Unmarried	18	Footman	Brighton, Sussex	
Muntham, Itchingfield, Horsham, Sussex							
1911	Godman	Percy Sander	Widower	74	Private Means	Wascombe, Surrey	Head
	Godman	Miriam Bertha	Unmarried	37		Nuthurst, Sussex	Daughter
	Godman	Alice Hilda	Unmarried	35		Nuthurst, Sussex	Daughter
	Godman	Edward Shirley	Unmarried	34	Army Captain, Dorset Regiment	Nuthurst, Sussex	Son
	Godman	James Frederic	Unmarried	32	Member of Lloyds of London	Shermanbury, Sussex	Son
	Godman	Charles Richard Bayly	Unmarried	31	Architect	Shermanbury, Sussex	Son
	Davey	Margaret Alice	Unmarried	24	Cook	Loughton, Essex	Servant
	White	Alice Mary	Unmarried	35	Housemaid	Burghclere, Hampshire	Servant
	Taylor	Emily Frances	Unmarried	22	Housemaid	Chichester, Sussex	Servant
	Simmons	Harriet Elizabeth	Unmarried	18	Kitchen maid	Standen, Sussex	Servant
Emery	Mary Ann	Unmarried	19	Parlourmaid	Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk	Servant	
South Lodge, Lower Beeding, Horsham, Sussex							
1921	Godman	Alice M.	Widow	52		Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire	Head
	Godman	Eva May	Unmarried	26	Not Occupied for a living	London	Daughter
	Drury	Dabeny Ann	Unmarried	33	Engineer	London	Visitor
	Godman	Catherine Edith	Unmarried	24	Not Occupied for a living	London	Daughter
	Pankhurst	Richard	Married	65	Boarding House Keeper	Heathfield, Sussex	Servant
	Godman	Edward Shirley	Unmarried	44	Ex-Soldier & Stock Broker	Horsham, Sussex	Visitor
	Round	Amelia Ann	Unmarried	52	Cook	Chelsea, London	Servant
	Chipchase	Florence Annie	Unmarried	39	Ladies Maid	London	Servant
	Smallwood	Maud Lizzie	Unmarried	18	Upper House Maid	Holborn, London	Servant
	Tullis	Fanny	Unmarried	46	Parlour Maid	Ledbury, Herefordshire	Servant

	Rowe	Anna Louisa Maud	Unmarried	24	House Maid	Dorchester, Dorset	Servant
	Powley	Elizabeth Ellen	Unmarried	21	Kitchen Maid	Middlesborough, Yorkshire	Servant
	Bunce	Florence	Unmarried	20	House Maid	Reading, Berkshire	Servant
	Jones	Helen Nora	Unmarried	17	Scullery Maid	Sundridge, Kent	Servant
	Boniface	Stanley William	Unmarried	14	Hall Boy	Sussex	Servant

8 Manor Guest House, Ash Walk, Warminster

1939 Register	Godman	Edward S.	Married	22-08-1876	Retired lieutenant Colonel		
	Godman	Isabel M.	Married	17-12-1888	Private Means		
	Lakeman	Elizabeth	Married	18-11-1892	Private Means		
	Stratton	Elfreda I.	Married	26-05-1896	Housemaid		Servant
	Morris	Joan G.	Unmarried	03-11-1920	Cook		Servant
	Amphlett	Mollie B.	Unmarried	24-02-1904	Parlour Maid/Waitress		Servant
	Pather	Mabel H.	Married	08-08-1868	Private Means		
	Staney	Katherine M.	Married	04-09-1895	Unpaid Domestic Duties		
	Staney	John N.	Married	27-12-1894	Guest House Manager		
	Unknown	Unknown					Record Closed

Military Service Record

Enlistment Details

Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion	
			Years	Months	Days			

Physical Description

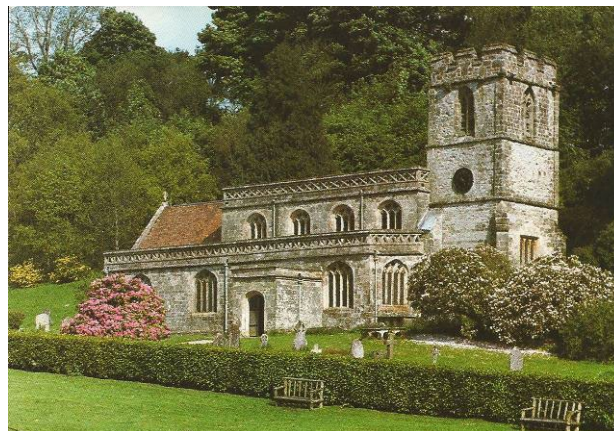
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks	
Feet	Inches					
5	10½					

Military Service Record

Named his father P. S. Godman, of Horsham, Sussex as next of kin on commencement of army career.
5th September 1896 to 11th January 1897 home service
12th January 1897 to 11th January 1899 deployed to Malta
12th January 1899 to 23rd November 1899 home service as Staff Officer for Musketry at Bulford Camp from 1st July 1899 to 21st August 1899
Promoted to Lieutenant

Promoted to Captain whilst on active service										
24th November 1899 until 10th June 1900 served in South Africa at the Relief of Ladysmith 17th October 1899 until 24th January 1900 and at Spion Kop from 5th to 7th February 1900 including action at Vaal Krantz. Also involved in operations at Tugela from the 14th - 27th February 1900 and action at Pieters Hill. Also operational in Natal in March 1900.										
11th June 1900 to 15th January 1902 returned to home service										
16th January 1902 to 19th October 1902 served in South Africa										
Awarded the Queens South African Medal with Clasp for Boer War Service										
20th October 1902 to 2nd October 1906; Commanded 31st Company M.I. at Bulford Camp from 1st January 1906 to 2nd April 1906										
3rd October 1906 to 18th April 1908 served in India, passing Hindustani fluency exam on 1st July 1907										
A notice of promotion to Temporary Staff Captain was announced in the London Gazette in 1914										
Promoted to Major										
Had a period of sickness from 19th April 1908 to 22 January 1910										
Retired from Military Service on the 2nd April 1913										
Next of Kin										
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode						
Godman	Isabel Myrtle	Widow	Wife of deceased	Chetcombe House, Mere						
Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
Grave Location										
Cemetery								Plot Number		
Unable to locate Place of Burial although there is a memorial stone inside St. Peter Church, Stourton										
Other Significant Information										
Educated at Winchester College										
Fluent in French, German, Italian and Hindustani										
In 1912 - 1913 Edward Shirley was living in Officers' Quarters in St. Peters, Dorchester, Dorset										
Awarded the OBE in 1918 for work undertaken during WWI										
In the December Quarter of 1921 a marriage was registered in the Chelsea Registration District between Edward S. Godman and Isabella M. Annesley; The marriage took place on 15th November 1921 in St. Luke Church, Chelsea										
A daughter Isabel Hope Godman was born on 31st January 1923 in Exeter, Devon. She died in 1978. In the 1939 Register she was away from home at										

boarding school.
A son Desmond F. S. Godman was born in 1927 in Wincanton, Somerset (Probably the Closed entry in the 1939 Register).
In 1928 - Edward and his wife Isabella Myrtle were resident in St. Martins. Gillingham, Dorset
A news article in the Bath Chronicle dated Saturday, 12th October 1929 reports that Edward Shirley Godman was fined 10s. for a parking/driving offence on the 30th September. His address was given as Sutton Veny
Edward Shirley of Chetcombe House, Mere, left a will. Probate was granted in the Probate Court in London on 15th June 1951 to Isabel Myrtle Godman. Widow; Desmond Frederick Shirley Godman, Agricultural Student; and Nigel William Ivo Naper, Farmer. Estate Value being £11643 8s. 10d.
His widow Isabel Myrtle was living in Nutborne Duntisbourne, Cirencester at the time of her death which was registered in the March Quarter of 1978 in the Swindon Registration District.
At the time of writing we have been unable to locate a burial location for Edward nor his wife Isabel. It is of course possible that the couple were cremated but we have no firm evidence of this. We have been unsuccessful in tracing obituaries in the local newspapers either.



**Insignia of the Dorset Regiment
St. Peter,
Stourton**



**Memorial Stone to Edward Shirley Godman
courtesy of Christina Fearon**