

Obituaries Oaksey

Lieut.-Col John Henry Eden

The death has occurred at Flintham House, Oaksey, of Lieut.-Col John Henry Eden.

He was 79 years of age and had been an invalid for a number of years.

He came to Oaksey about six years ago and was the eldest son of the late Canon Eden of Sedgefield. He was a brother of Bishop H C E Eden, who was Bishop of Wakefield from 1897 until 1928.

Col Eden, who took a keen interest in church affairs at Oaksey, married Lady Florence Curry, a member of an old Irish family, who survives him. He leaves one son who is in Shanghai, and two unmarried daughters.

Col Eden was in the Green Howards, Yorkshire Regiment, and was for some years Chief Constable of the County of Durham.

The funeral takes place at Oaksey Parish Church on Friday.

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A farm wagon drawn by a single horse conveyed the coffin to the church at the funeral yesterday of Lieut-Colonel John Henry Eden, of Flintham House, Oaksey. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and was surrounded by floral tributes.

The service took place at All Saints' Church, Oaksey.

Colonel Eden, who was in his 80th year, was formerly His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, and Mr C de Courcey Parry (former H M Inspector of Constabulary) attended the funeral.

The coffin was interred in a new vault in Oaksey Churchyard, and was lined with moss and snowdrops.

The chief mourners were; Lady Florence Eden (widow), Miss Norah Eden and Miss Christian Eden (daughters), Bishop Eden and the Rev H C Eden, of London (brothers), Lady Kathleen Ward and Lady Lowry-Corry (sisters-in-law), Mrs Charles Eden, of Winchester (sister-in-law), Mrs N E Little, of Barford (cousin), Major John Hardy (cousin), Mr N Little, Mr F Perkins and Mrs Beard (nurses to the late Colonel

Eden), Miss Gladys Allen and Miss Dorothy Woodward and Mr J Chivers (representing the staff of Flintham House). Among those who sent wreathes were the Hon Geoffrey and Mrs Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Harold Graham, Mrs Arthur Nicholson and Sir John and Lady Gladstone Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle Saturday 14 February 1931 ©Wiltshire OPC Project/2014/David Palmer