



Retired Serviceman

Lieutenant Colonel, Edward Shirley Godman

| Surname | Given Names | Rank | Number | Regiment | Attachment | Date of Death | | Age at Death | |
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| | | | | | | 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 | | | | | | | | | |

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| 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 |

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| | 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 |

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| | 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

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| 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 | |
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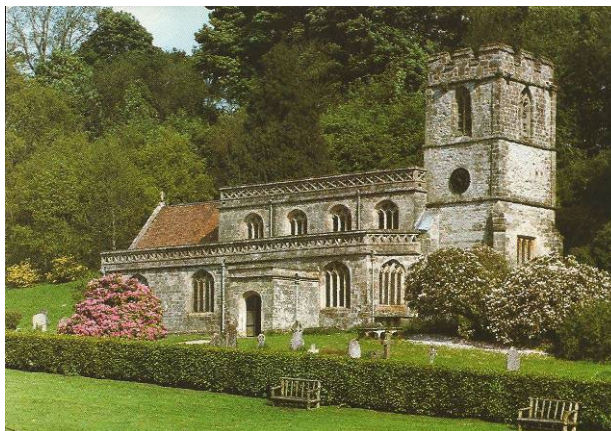
| Height | | Complexion | Eye Colour | Hair Colour | Distinguishing Marks | |
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| 5 | 10½ | | | | | |

Military Service Record

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| 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 |

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| 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. | |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 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. |
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| 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**