



Wilcot Obituary 1882

Admiral John William Montagu of Wilcot Manor and Stowell Lodge, Wiltshire, died on the 12th inst at his residence Seend Manor House near Melksham, aged 92.

The deceased was the last surviving son of the late Admiral Sir George Montagu, GCB, by his marriage with Charlotte, daughter and heiress of the late Mr George Wroughton, and was born in 1790. He was educated at the Royal naval College and entered the navy in 1806. He obtained lieutenantcy in 1809, and in 1823 commanded the boats of the *Cerebus* in an attempt to re-capture five Sicilian gunboats taken by the French and lying under the batteries near Reggio, the attack being partly successful.

He was three times gazetted for special acts of gallantry in 1813. And in the following year he was promoted to the rank of commander. He received a captaincy in 1820, was advanced to flag rank in 1852 and became a retired Admiral in 1863.

Admiral Montagu married in 1840, Isabella, daughter of Mr Charles George Beauclerk, but was left a widower in 1864.

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