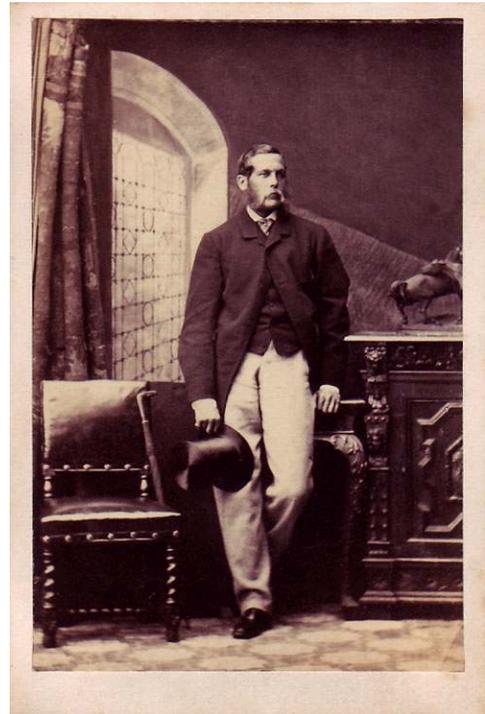


Captain Geoffrey J. Shakerley – former resident of Weddington Hall, Nuneaton (between c1912 and 1915)

Geoffrey J. Shakerley appears on the 1851 census, a 'Gentleman Cadet' at Woolwich. At the time of the census he was 18 years old, so he was born in or about 1833. His place of birth is given as Whatcroft in Cheshire, so he is almost certainly the eldest son of Geoffrey Joseph Shakerley (1800-1878) and older brother of Miss Dora Shakerley.

According to Hart's *Army List* (1863-64), 2nd Captain Geoffrey Joseph Shakerley enlisted in the Royal Artillery on 23 June 1852. He rose from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant on 17 February 1854 and on 1 April 1859 he was promoted Captain. He served in the Crimea from June 1855 and was present at the Siege and Fall of Sebastopol. According to Hart's *Army List* (1874), Captain Shakerley retired on an annuity on 23 September 1871. He is mentioned in successive years of the publication until 1904.



At the time of the 1891 census, Geoffrey Shakerley, 'late Captain [in the] Royal Artillery', was living at Butterton Hall at Trentham in Staffordshire with his wife, Emma, six daughters and two young sons. Also present on the night of the census were 14 live-in servants (with more in out-buildings) and a governess.

By 1901 he was a widower, 'living on [his] own means' at Grove Park Mansion, Budbrooke in Warwickshire. Also present on the night of the census were 6 unmarried daughters and two sons; the elder, also called Geoffrey, was a Captain in the 60th Rifles (Royal Rifle Corps). According to an announcement in the *Times* (24 May 1915), this son, by now a Major, was killed in action during the First World War. **Captain Geoffrey Joseph Shakerley was still alive and living at Weddington Hall, Nuneaton at this time.** His other son, Arthur, according to another announcement in the *Times*, served in the Royal Field Artillery and was killed in action on 22 April 1917. This announcement refers to the father as 'the late Geoffrey Shakerley' and mentions another, third son, Eric, who was also killed in action in 1915.

The index of deaths in England and Wales reveals that Geoffrey Joseph Shakerley died in the September of 1915 at the age of 82. The death was registered at Chapel-en-le-Frith, a market town 5 miles or so north of Buxton in North Derbyshire.

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The Shackerley connection with Weddington is confirmed by a commemorative plaque situated within St James' Church – an image of which is below. This is dedicated to five soldiers – including all three of Geoffrey Shakerley Snr's sons.



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ORDERS.—All Scouts to parade on Monday, at Headquarters, in full uniform at 6.45 hours, recruits' instruction class.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION.—The work at Warwick in connection with National Registration is nearly complete, and the enumerators have been delivering the Registration Certificates.

NATIONAL SATURDAY FLAG DAY has been fixed for Saturday, September 11th. The Warneford Hospital is in much need of help owing to the large number of wounded soldiers treated at the institution. Anyone who is willing to sell flags should communicate with Mr. Megeney, Cape-road.

THE THREE PENNY BANK.—The number of accounts at this bank on Monday evening last was 1,234. The amount £7 15s. 11d. Five repayments were made, amounting to £1 0s. 1d. One new account was opened, and two closed accounts re-opened. The manager in attendance was Mr. R. G. Moore.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. BRISCOE.—Mr. William Briscoe, of the Dale Hotel, Warwick, who died on July 30th, aged 58, left estate valued at £668 gross. Probate of his will has been granted to Mrs. Jane Briscoe, of the above address.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEOFFREY J. SHAKERLEY.

We regret to announce the death, which took place at Buxton on Wednesday last, at the age of 83, of Mr. Geoffrey J. Shakerley, of Weddington Hall, Nuneaton, and formerly of Grove Park, Warwick. Mr. Shakerley belonged to an old Cheshire family and was an uncle of Sir Walter Geoffrey Shakerley, Bt., of Congleton, in that county. He served in the army and retired from the service with the rank of Major. Two of his sons have been killed in the present war, and another fell in the South African campaign. His one remaining son gave up an appointment in Canada to enlist, and now has a commission. Mr. Shakerley was the father of Mrs. Richard Lakin; and another of his daughters, Miss Dora Shakerley, who was very well-known in the Warwick district, served for a time as a member of the Warwick Board of Guardians. Mr. Shakerley was a member of the committee of the North Warwickshire Hunt. The funeral takes place at Leaton to-day (Saturday), and there is to be a memorial service at Weddington.

In Memory of

Captain

Eric Piers Shakerley

Mentioned in Despatches

6th Bn. attd. 1st Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 10 March 1915 Age 30

Order of the Medjidie (4th Class). Son of Geoffrey Joseph and Emma Shakerley. Educated at Clifton College and Cooper's Hill. Sudan Irrigation Service 1906-13. Gazetted Aug., 1914.

Remembered with Honour

Le Touret Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

In Memory of
Second Lieutenant

Arthur Cecil Shakerley

"D" Bty. 64th Bde., Royal Field Artillery who died on 22 April 1917 Age 37

Son of Capt. Geoffrey Joseph Shakerley (R.A.) and Emma Shakerley (nee Butler), of Hulme Rancho, High River, Alberta, Canada.

Remembered with Honour

Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St. Laurent-Blangy



In Memory of
Lieutenant Colonel

Geoffrey Charles Shakerley

D S O, Twice Mentioned in Despatches
1st Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 15 May 1915 Age 46

Son of Geoffrey Joseph and Emma Shakerley; husband of Marjory Shakerley, of Whittington Lodge,
Worcester.

Remembered with Honour
Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix

