

SIR FREDERICK JEUNE WILLANS KCVO MRCS LRCP (1894-00)

He was born on 17 February 1884 and was the eldest of 4 brothers to go to Framlingham.

After university at Durham he studied medicine at Newcastle and London Hospitals, gaining MRCS and LRCP in 1910.

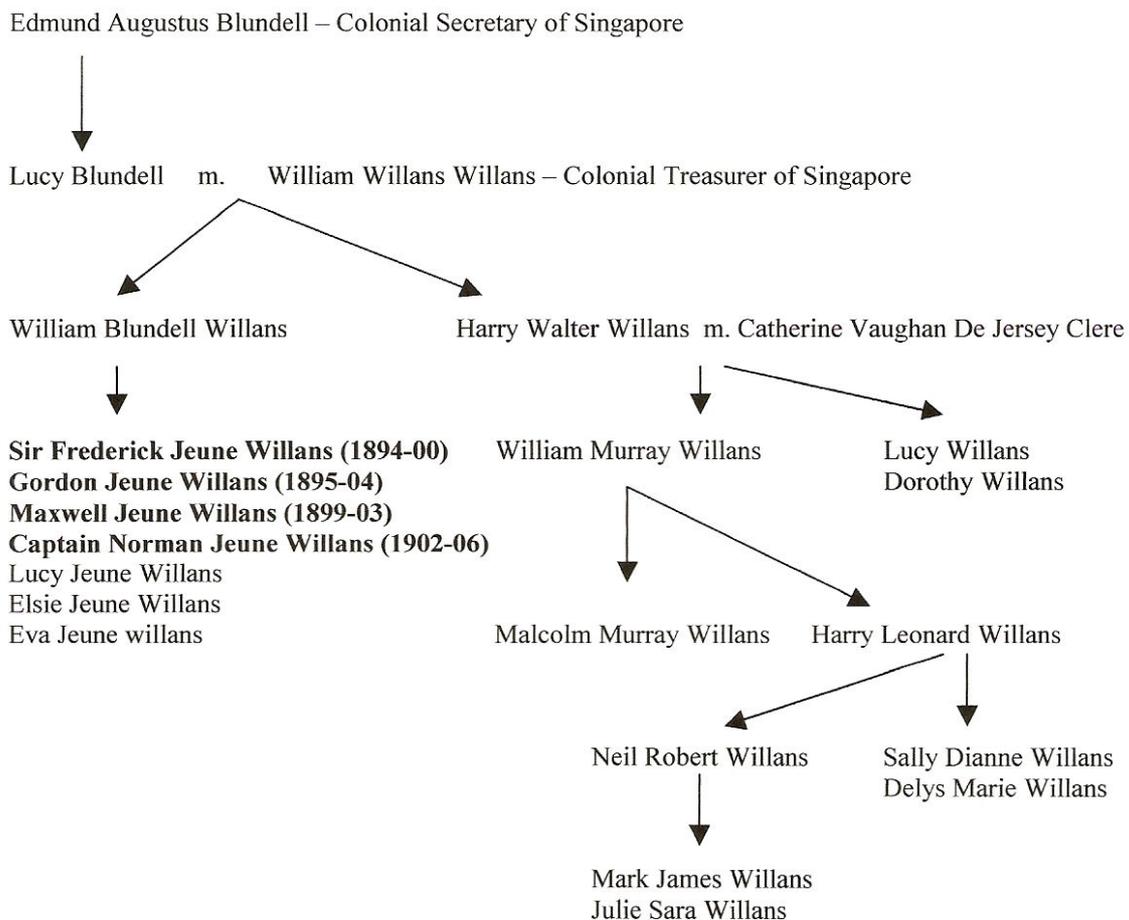
During WW1 he served in France in 1917.

From 1924 until 1945 he was Surgeon-Apothecary to HM Household at Sandringham and was knighted in 1933. During this time he was the first signatory to the bulletins announcing the illness of King George V and his death on 21 January 1936. He was also Surgeon-Apothecary to Queen Alexandra and was in attendance at the time of her death on 20 November 1925. He was a member of the British Medical Association.

In the Royal Victorian Order he was awarded MVO in 1923, CVO on 24 November 1925 and KCVO in 1933. It was also awarded the Silver Jubilee Medal in 1935.

He died in 1949.

We have subsequently been contacted by the family for information on Sir Frederick and his brothers and they have sent the following additional information on the family :-



William Willans Willans (that really was his name, not a spelling error!) spent 35 years working for the British colonial office in India and then Singapore. In his time in Singapore he worked in every position in the colonial office from office junior to Colonial Treasurer. I undertook research whilst visiting Singapore where he was likened to Thackerays' Colonel Newsome. When William Willans Willans retired he moved to the Brighton area and drew his pension for 35 further years dying at a very ripe old age, this was noted as a record at the time. I believe that Lucy and William Willans Willans had several children but have not been able to get these records as Harry Walter Willans was born in Highgate in England but records shows his return to Singapore, yet William Blundell Willans was born in Singapore.

Harry Walter Willans ended up in New Zealand and was a "remittance man" having declared his occupation on his sons wedding certificate as "gentleman", he lived well into his 90s and died in the early 1950's in Wellington, New Zealand. His two daughters were sent to finishing school in Britain and we have seen photo's of family houses / relatives etc. Unfortunately, we are unable to locate these within the family....still trying. My grandfather William Murray Willans was a dairy farmer in the Taranaki region of New Zealand and my grandparent retired and lived with us in New Plymouth, New Zealand for many years before they died at the grand ages of 94 & 95.

As a young child my grandfather told me many stories of his family and he said his cousin was the doctor to King George V and announced his death, he had a cousin who was in South Africa, his uncle was Peter Willans the inventor of the Willans Steam Engine and his grandfather was the governor of Singapore. Over the years I have done research off and on and tried to come up with the exact connections between the stories and the records in the UK, Singapore and New Zealand.

At last we have the connection between Frederick Jeune Willans and my grandfather and the Singapore connection of the family. We thank you for your research and passing this information to my niece. If we are able to locate any photos we would be happy to forward these to you.

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In terms of our records we have the following on the other 3 brothers :-

His slightly older brother was Gordon Jeune Willans and he is also include in the distinguished list for being awarded the MBE in 1920 - see piece on him at <http://www.oldframlinghamian.com/images/articles/GORDONJEUNEWILLANSMBE1895-04.pdf> As the article says, he had a very illustrious time at the College.

The 3rd brother was Maxwell Jeune Willans, who attended the College from 1899 to 1903. He was born on 2 July 1886, but sadly died at St John's, New Brunswick, Canada on 9 November 1906 at the age of just 20. We don't have any more details surrounding his death at such a young age.

The youngest brother was Captain Norman Jeune Willans, who attended the College from 1902 to 1906. He was born on 10 December 1892. During WW1 he served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and later the Indian Army, from where he retired in 1924. He then went to the Middlesex Hospital where he gained his MRCS and LRCP in 1927 before working for the Colonial Medical Service in Uganda. He died in Pietermaritzberg, South Africa on 11 June 1948.