

HENRY STRAHAN 1899-1901

3/3/1850 Born in London, the son of a wealthy property owner. Baptised in Hanover Square 5 July

1863-1868 attended Winchester College

1868-1871 attended King's College Cambridge & Graduated MA

1879 married Eleanor Mary Browning, a clergyman's daughter

1880 son Kenneth Cyorian born

1881 teaching at a school in Witney

1887 son Geoffrey Cateret born. Moved to Hythe where he set up Seabrook Lodge, a preparatory school. In 1901 he had 26 boarders.

1889 Elected mayor and presiding magistrate and also Captain of Hythe Golf Club.

1900 strongly supported building a new Town Hall on Council-owned land near Ladies' Walk bridge, which would have comprised committee rooms, offices for the accountant and the surveyor, a strongroom for the town's archives, a police station and a museum. The Town Hall in the High Street suffered from traffic noise; council officers occupied various buildings; and the town clerk was invariably a local solicitor, with offices elsewhere. The plan proved too expensive.

1918-1920 Hon. Secretary of the Hythe Heroes Fund set up by the mayor, William Cobay. It raised £2,000 for bereaved families and disabled ex-servicemen.

1918 hit in the face by a firework thrown during armistice celebrations and one eye badly damaged.

1921 living in Earlsfield Road

1929 he and Eleanor celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, a rarity at the time.

13/2/1933 Henry died 5 weeks after Eleanor's death. They are buried in Spring Lane cemetery

Their sons both attended Kings School Canterbury. Kenneth became a Mechanical Engineer and held senior positions on the Ceylon and Tanganyika railways. Geoffrey obtained a commission in the 6th Gurkha Rifles