

## Robert Sydney Challands

The youngest of eight children, Robert Sydney Challands was born in 1879 to father Richard, a lace manufacturer and mother Sarah Challands nee Goodwin, who had been born in Gamston. The family appear to have lived at various properties in the Park, Nottingham including a 17 room dwelling on Clumber Crescent in 1911.

He was educated at Malvern College and played cricket for them.

In 1899 he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, enlisted with the University Officer Training Corps, gained a B.A. in 1902 and a M.A. in 1906.

By 1911, then aged 31 years, Robert had qualified as a chartered accountant and was living in a 2 room house in Hampstead, London. The following year on the 17th September 1912 at St Edmunds Church he married Frances

Irene Cursham, sister of Frances and Curzon Cursham.

Their only daughter Margaret Elizabeth was born on 4th June 1914 in Hampstead.

Robert Challands served with the Worcs Yeomanry as a 2nd Lieut and Lieut in the Grenadier Guards attached to the Guards Machine Gun Regiment and is registered on the 1918 Absentee Voters list for Holme Pierrepont as Lieut No 6 Co 5th Bn Grenadier Guards along with those named on Holme Pierrepont Lychgate War Memorial.

War Office records show that Robert Sydney Challands served with the Durham Home Guard 20th Battalion between 14th May 1940 and 31st December 1945.

Robert Sydney Challands died on 5th February 1962 aged 62 years in Hurworth-on-Tees in Darlington.

**HOLME PIERREPONT WEDDING.**

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**MISS CURSHAM AND MR. CHALLANDS.**

The ancient church of Holme Pierrepont was this afternoon the scene of a wedding which attracted considerable interest. Miss Irene Cursham, only daughter of Mr. H. A. Cursham, of the Firs, Holme Pierrepont, was the bride, and she was married to Mr. Sidney Challands, only son of the late Mr. Richard Challands, of The Park, Nottingham.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by four bridesmaids—Miss Marjory Raynor, cousin of the bride; Miss Norah Challands, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Winifred Orr, cousin of the bride and Miss Marjory Ellis. The Rev. F. Clifton Cursham, vicar of Flintham, uncle of the bride, officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Newark, Canon Hacking. Mr. A. R. Petrie, of St. Albans, acted as best-man.

After the ceremony a reception took place at the Firs, and Mr. and Mrs. Challands subsequently left for Arran, where the honeymoon will be spent.