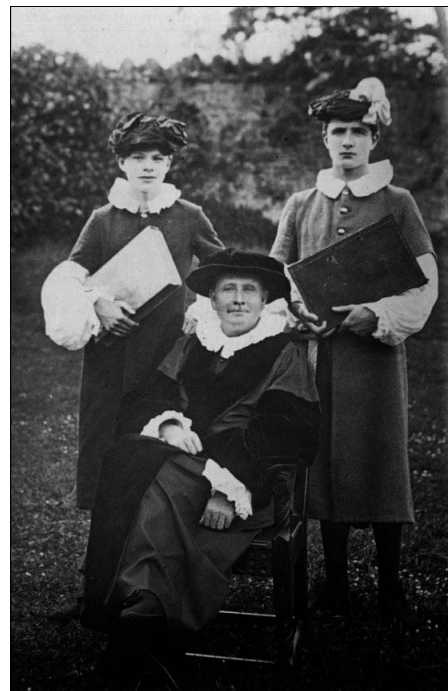


**William Beauchamp Wildman (1852-1922)
and his sons:
Thomas Beauchamp Wildman (1888-1965
Arthur Henry Wildman (1890-1915)**

Characters in the Sherborne Pageant:

Episode 10 – W.B. Wildman played the Doctor of Divinity and his sons carried in the Globe.

William Beauchamp Wildman was born on 11 January 1852 at Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire, the son of Thomas Wildman and Sarah Ann Bates. He was educated at Glenalmond School and studied at Lincoln College, Oxford and Christ Church, Oxford. From c.1875 to 1877 he was assistant master at Westminster School, and from 1877 to 1919 was assistant master (Senior Classical Master) at Sherborne School. He appeared as 'Macdonald' in Alec Waugh's novel *The Loom of Youth* (1917).



A keen musician, Louis Napoleon Parker wrote of him: 'Wildman played the cello as one who knows no fear.'

During his time at Sherborne, Wildman ran three boarding houses for Sherborne School boys: in 1883 he opened a small boarding house in Newland, from which in 1885 he transferred his boarders to a new house called 'Mapperty' which he had built in Westbury [now known as St Antony's School House]. He gave the house up in 1891, but in 1893 was appointed housemaster of Abbey House, a post he held until 1908.

In 1886, Wildman married Winifred Mabel Spens Black (1867-1948), the daughter of Arthur Henry Spens Black, a music master at Glenalmond School where William had been a pupil. They had two sons:

- Thomas Beauchamp Wildman (1888-1965), attended Sherborne School (Abbey House) 1902-1907. Studied at the Ecole de Commerce, Neuchatel, 1908-1910. WW1, Paymaster-Lieutenant, RNR, and Naval Interpreter in French 1914-1918. Consular Service, Chile, Argentina, and Romania. Consul (with local rank of Consul-General) at Amsterdam and Galatz. Deputy Commissioner on European Commission of the Danube; transferred to Bremen 1934. HM Charge d'Affaires, Bogata. Retired 1949. Re-employed as HM Consul, Santander, Spain until 1957. Died in Spain on 18 April 1965.
- Arthur Henry Wildman (1890-1915), attended Sherborne School (Abbey House) 1903-1907. Royal Military Academy, Infantry Co., 1908. He passed out with honours and was appointed to the Indian Army in December 1910 as double company officer in the 130th Baluchis, and in 1911 reached the rank of Lieutenant. He was killed at Maktou, Kenya on 14 September 1915, aged 25, and was buried at Voi Cemetery. He is commemorated on Sherborne Town War Memorial and in Sherborne School Chapel.

W.B. Wildman wrote a number of books on the history of Sherborne, including *A Short History of Sherborne from 705 A.D.* (1896), *King Alfred's boyhood* (1898), *Life of St. Ealdhelm* (1905), and *Sherborne School: some account of its buildings* (1908). His earlier books were used as source material for the 1905 Sherborne Pageant.

William Beauchamp Wildman retired in 1919 and he moved with his wife to La Palmas, 30 Hawkwood Road, Boscombe. He died in Bournemouth on 15 August 1922.