

Gerald Durani Martineau

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Gerald Durani Martineau (1897 – 1976) was a prolific writer on English cricket. He was born in Lahore and educated at Charterhouse School and Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was a captain in the Royal Sussex Regiment in World War I and authored the History of the Royal Sussex Regiment (1953). He also wrote pieces on aspects of local Lyme history such as [this piece on past clerics of the parish church](#).

He worked for many years as a schoolmaster.

Martineau died at Lyme Regis in 1976 at the age of 79 after a long illness.

Gerald Martineau and his wife Marjorie came to Lyme in about 1950, first living at No.18 Broad Street, later moving to the Lower Flat, Temple House, Broad Street. He is not buried in Lyme Regis cemetery.

Wisden Obituary 1976 - *MARTINEAU, GERARD DURANI, who died in hospital at Lyme Regis on May 28, aged 79, was not in the XI at Charterhouse and was never more than a moderate club cricketer, though he was for a short period a Holiday Coach at the Faulkner School of Cricket, but he was a great lover of the game and a copious writer on it. He was a considerable contributor to E. W. Swanton's World of Cricket, wrote for years for The Cricketer and was author of a number of books, of which the most important to the cricket historian are Bat, Ball, Wicket and All, a history of cricket implements, and The Valiant Stumper, a history of wicket-keeping. But in general his books were not works of much original research. Pleasantly written, they were ideally calculated to arouse the interest of the novice and spur him on to try for himself the masterpieces of Nyren and Pycroft. His other books included a History of the Royal Sussex Regiment, in which he had served in the First World War.*