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Marshall, Edward Shearburn (1858 – 1919)

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Caroline Shearburn married Edward Marshall at Kensington, London in 1856. Their children were [Edward Shearburn Marshall](#) and Eadon Cecil Marshall (1859 -1919).

Edward S Marshall was educated at Marlborough and Brasenose, Oxford. Classics Mods, BA in History. This was followed by Wells Theological College. He worked in Tottenham for some time and then was appointed Curate at Witley, followed by Milford in Surrey. Dunn's *Flora of North West Surrey* acknowledges the contribution / help that Marshall gave.

He married and his wife Fanny (Isabella) took an interest in his botanical work, especially on their summer holidays in Scotland (sometimes with F J Hanbury & W Shoolbred). He named *Hieracium isabellae* after his wife, in recognition of her long standing support. In 1904, they moved to West Monkton where they stayed until 1918 / 1919. The grounds of the rectory included a wood, pond, stream and a rock garden. He used parts of this garden as experimental plots for growing on cuttings / root stock. He had a particular interest in Saxifrages and the genus *Betula*. He was a keen member of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society. In 1911, he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh.



He and his wife (who was musical, for example, helping with the choir) offered hospitality to many fellow botanists, and many other notable botanists joined with their various botanical excursions – such as Bickham, Beeby, the Linton brothers, Moyle Rogers and Salmon. James Britten acknowledges their considerable hospitality and warmth in his obituary to Marshall in the *Journal of Botany*, Vol 58, 1920.

Marshall bought a place at Tidenham (Chepstow), which was intended for his retirement. He hoped to work on the Flora of Gloucestershire with the Rev Riddelsdell, but this was not to be. In 1918, his health was compromised and he was greatly affected by the death of his brother and then his wife. He died shortly thereafter on 25th November.

Source : [Obituary by James Britten, J of Botany, Vol 58 1920](#)

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