



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure LVI – The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier

Abbey School	Holmes could not leave immediately for Tuxbury Old Place with James Dodd, for he was clearing up the “Abbey School” case as Holmes called it; this was the case in which the Duke of Greyminster was so deeply involved
Africa	James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth had served together on the continent
Anderson	Companion of Baldy Simpson Godfrey Emsworth who was killed on the Eastern Railway Line at Diamond Hill near Buffelsspruit in Boer War
B Squadron	Squadron of Middlesex Corps, Imperial Yeomanry, in which James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth served
Bedford	County-town of Bedfordshire; mostly agricultural; Tuxbury Old park was near the town
Bedfordshire	Tuxbury Old hall in Tuxbury Old Park was near Bedford
Boer War	Had just concluded in January 1903, when James Dodd consulted Holmes
Boers	Name given to the South African colonists of Dutch descent
<i>British Medical Journal</i>	Journal of the British Medical Association; Holmes wished to determine if Godfrey Emsworth “keeper” was reading it to keep current on exotic conditions
Buffelsspruit	Dry creek-bed near Pretoria, where Godfrey Emsworth was wounded during the South African War
Cape Town	Seaport and capital city of the cape of Good Hope colony and the chief city of the British possessions in South Africa; Godfrey Emsworth was hospitalized there during the Boer War

Diamond Hill	One of a series of plateaus in the Transvaal, some twenty miles east of Pretoria; Godfrey Emsworth was wounded in the battle of Diamond Hill
Dodd, James M.	London stockbroker whose efforts to locate his war-time friend Godfrey Emsworth brought him to Holmes for assistance; Dodd had served with Emsworth in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry, Middlesex Corps,
Eastern Railway Line	In the Transvaal, the line of the Delagoa Bay and the East Africa railway, opened in 1895, and running from Pretoria eastward to Delagoa Bay in East Africa; Godfrey Emsworth was wounded near the line in the battle of Diamond Hill
Emsworth, Colonel	Retired Army officer, living with his wife at Tuxbury Old Park in Bedfordshire; father of Godfrey Emsworth, who was believed to have contracted leprosy in South Africa
Emsworth, Godfrey	Son of Colonel Emsworth, shot by an elephant gun during the Boer War; believed to have contracted leprosy in South Africa was kept in seclusion by his parents; his friend, James Dodd, sought Holmes' assistance in finding Godfrey
Euston Station	Railway station St. Pancras, London terminus of the London and North Western railway; Holmes party entrained for Tuxbury Old Park at Euston
Greyminster, Duke of	Client of Holmes' mentioned in the account of the Blanched Soldier; Holmes wrote of the duke of Greyminster's involvement in the case of the Abbey School
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
Imperial Yeomanry	Name given in 1901 to the volunteer mounted troops, formerly called the Yeomanry Cavalry, organized in 1794; Among these troops was James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth
Kent, Dr.	Surgeon who was retained to look after Godfrey Emsworth, believing Godfrey had contracted leprosy; he was appreciative of the consultation by Sir James Saunders
<i>Lancet</i>	Independently published medical journal, begun in 1823; Holmes wished to determine if Godfrey Emsworth's keeper was perhaps reading it

London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Colonel Emsworth told James Dodd there is a train to London at eight-thirty in the morning
Middlesex Corps	(Middlesex Hussars) Regiment of Imperial Yeomanry in which James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth served
Pretoria	City of the Transvaal, formerly the capital of the South African Republic; Godfrey Emsworth was wounded at Diamond Hill near Pretoria during the Boer War
Priory School	Most select preparatory school in England, located near Mackleton in Hallamshire, from which Lord Saltire was abducted; Holmes referred to it as the <i>Abbey School</i>
Ralph, Old	Butler of Tuxbury Old Hall, who Holmes noticed was wearing leather gloves when they arrived; his wife had been Godfrey Emsworth's nurse; Godfrey considered her to be "second to his mother in his affections"
Roberts, Frederick Sleigh, Earl Roberts	Celebrated British general, distinguished in the Afghan War of 1878; Holmes declared the prospect of an interview with Lord Robert would not have excited greater wonder and pleasure in a raw subaltern than was reflected upon the face of Mr. Kent at the mention of Sir James Saunders
Saunders, Sir James	Specialist in dermatology whom Holmes asked to examine Godfrey Emsworth, and correctly diagnosed Godfrey's ailment; Holmes stated he had rendered Saunders a professional service
Simpson	(Baldy Simpson) Companion of Godfrey Emsworth who was killed at Diamond Hill near Buffelsspruit in the Boer War, and Emsworth was wounded with an elephant gun
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth served together in the Boer War in South Africa
South African War	(Boer War) Struggle which took place in South Africa between Great Britain on one side and the South African Republic and the Orange Free State on the other; the war resulted in a hard-won victory for the British; the events concerning James Dodd and Godfrey Emsworth occurred just after the conclusion of the Boer War
Southampton	Major seaport city of Hampshire; Godfrey Emsworth wrote to James Dodd from Southampton

<i>Spectator</i>	London weekly newspaper, one of the most influential and respected of the English press; James Dodd said the paper Dr. Kent was reading might have been the <i>Spectator</i>
Sultan of Turkey	Holmes had to finish a commission for this potentate before he could begin an investigation at Tuxbury Old Place
Throgmorton Street	Busy financial street in the City, lying north of the Stock Exchange; James Dodd, friend of Godfrey Emsworth, had his office there
Tuxbury Old Park	Bedfordshire estate of Colonel Emsworth, and site of Tuxbury Old Hall
V.C.	Abbreviation for Victoria Cross, a military decoration founded by Queen Victoria in 1856 and awarded for acts of conspicuous bravery in the face of the enemy; James Dodd called Old Colonel Emsworth “the Crimean V.C.”
Victorian Architecture	Architectural style most prominent after the mid-19 th century; Tuxbury Old Hall possessed what James Dodd called a Victorian portico
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension