

## GRAVE No: E18B

### FOTHERGILL TUCKETT, Roland



***Inscription:***

In Affectionate Remembrance of ROLAND FOTHERGILL TUCKETT  
Who died 20<sup>th</sup> October 1867 aged 18 years.

#### **1849 Birth Record St Elli [Llanelly Parish Records.]**

20<sup>th</sup> February Roland Fothergill Tuckett baptised, father William Fothergill Tuckett, a surgeon and general practitioner and mother Eliza.

#### **1851 Wales Census living in Cheltenham, Clydach, Llanelly.**

Roland F Tuckett aged 1 year with parents William F Tuckett 33 a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and general practitioner of Bath, Somerset and Eliza [Williams] 23 of Charlton Horethorne, Somerset and sibling William 5 of Chelsea Middlesex. Also present is Frederick Harper a medical student and John Parker a grocer.

#### **1861 England Census at Devonshire Place School, Lyncombe and Widcombe, Bath, Somerset.**

Roland F Tuckett aged 11 years of Clydach a student.

#### **1861 Wales Census living at Abergavenny Road, Maesygartha, Llanelly.**

Roland's father William Fothergill Tuckett aged 43, physician, with wife Eliza 32 and children Henry 5, Ellen 4, Frederick 3 and **Walter Reginald** aged 1 year. Also present John Bessingfield a surgeon's assistant.

#### **1867 DEATH RECORD St Elli [Llanelly Church Records]**

20<sup>th</sup> October Roland Fothergill Tuckett of Clydach dies aged 18 years and is buried on the 26<sup>th</sup> [Arthur Griffiths]

William Fothergill Tucket continued to practice in Clydach up to 1881 when he appears in Bath but not practising. He died there in 1904. His son **Walter Reginald Tuckett** went on to study medicine and became a member of the royal college of surgeons in 1884. In 1886, whilst working as a house surgeon at the London Hospital, alerted Sir Frederick Treves, his superior, of the existence of Joseph Merrick, the **Elephant Man** according to the book 'The Elephant Man' by Michael Howell and Peter Ford.



Walter Reginald Tuckett was born in Clydach on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1859. By 1881 he was studying medicine and Lodging with his brother Frederick a civil engineer in Hackney, where he trained at the London Hospital and attained his Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries. By 1884, at the age of 25 he became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and was house surgeon at the London Hospital under Sir Frederick Treves who treated and befriended Joseph Merrick, The Elephant Man. In 1891 Walter is found working as a house surgeon at the West Kent General Hospital Maidstone. After his marriage to Annie Jane Philpot Soper in 1892 he moved to Loughborough where he became the Medical Officer of Charnwood Auxiliary Hospital. In 1920 he was awarded the OBE for his services.

He continued to work and live at Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough until his death in 1950 at the age of 90.

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