

Kathleen May Jenner Davies

Kathleen May Jenner Davies was born in Stonehouse on 24th April 1886, the third of 4 daughters of local cloth manufacturer Edward Jenner Davies and his wife Helen. The Davies family were very active in community life and Kathleen was no exception. She organised political gatherings on behalf of the Unionist Party as well as fetes and flower shows held at the family home, Haywardsend House, Stonehouse. Newspaper reports describe her as a popular and efficient organiser and the life and soul of the party. She also took part in plays, concerts and sporting activities.



Kathleen with her two dogs

By 1915 she owned and drove a car which took part in a recruitment rally to try to enlist more soldiers.

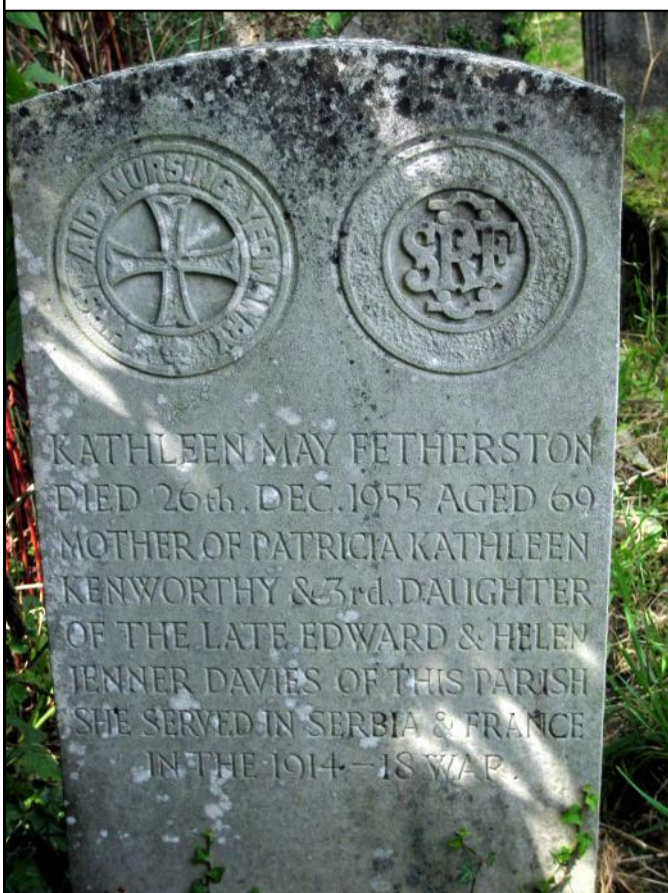
Kathleen volunteered to join the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. She served in France and was a nursing orderly with the Serbian Relief Fund for which she received the Victory and British medals after the war.

In October 1916, she was authorised by the War Office to go to Salonika to drive an ambulance car. She was a “chauffeur” on the Balkan front until 1918.

In February 1918 the Stroud News reported that Miss Jenner Davies, of Haywardsend, Stonehouse, received the decoration of the Samaritan Cross from the Crown Prince of Serbia in recognition of the services she had rendered to the Serbians.



The Samaritan Cross



In 1919 she married Major Francis Godley, later Brigadier Sir Francis William Crewe Fetherston-Godley. She died in 1955 and is buried in St Cyr's Church cemetery.

After the War, she compiled a Book of Remembrance, listing Stonehouse soldiers with their photos, which is now in Gloucestershire Archives.

Her gravestone at St Cyr's Church, Stonehouse, which includes the badges of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry and the Serbian Relief Fund.