

Reginald Frank Spiller (1862-1941)

Character in the Sherborne Pageant:

Servant to Sir Walter Raleigh, episode 11.

Episode 11:

Immediately behind Sir Walter comes his buffoon servant, with an absurd air of self-complacency, acknowledging in his ridiculous conceit the salutations intended for his master! A born low-comedian this!... Left to himself, Sir Walter returns to his seat and broods awhile over his pipe, declaiming some favourite lines by his friend Edmund Spenser. He has not heard the approach of his clownish servant, who has for some time been watching the blue smoke arise, with growing anxiety. The well-intentioned knave suddenly springs forward with a great black-jack of ale, which he empties over his mater with horrified cries of "Master's burning." Sir Walter leaps up with an oath, and drives the varlet off the stage; the latter, as he reaches the ruins is brought to the ground by a well-aimed shot with a drinking vessel from Sir Walter's hand.



Born 1862 in Sherborne.

Son of George Spiller, tailor, and Mary Spiller of Sherborne.

22 May 1886, married Florence Elizabeth Croad (1863-1938) in Sherborne Abbey.

Children:

Reginald Edwin Spiller (1888-1892)

Florence Evelyn Spiller (1889-)

Edward Frank Spiller (1891-1931)

George Charles Spiller (1892-1952)

Claude Spiller (1895-1895)

Dorothy Spiller (1895-)

Ethel Spiller (1896-1898)

Mary Adeline Spiller (1902-1978)

Laura Kathleen Spiller (1904-1978)

1891 census, Reginald Frank Spiller, tailor and woollen draper, living in Cheap Street, Sherborne, with his wife Florence E. Spiller, and their children Reginald E. Spiller, Florence E. Spiller, Edward F. Spiller, and their servant Minnie Neale.

1901 census, Reginald Frank Spiller, tailor/master, living Cheap Street, Sherborne, with his wife Florence E. Spiller, and their children Florence E. Spiller, Edward F. Spiller, George C. Spiller and Dorothy Spiller.



In a still from the film of the pageant he can be seen crouching behind a table while Sir Walter Ralaigh smokes a pipe—he then leaps out and throws a bucket of water over his master.

19 February 1941, died at Cranleigh, South Petherton, Somerset. Buried in Sherborne on 22 February 1941. Probate to George Charles Spiller, ironmonger, and Walter Henry Sharam, bank manager.