

Henry Shucksmith's Obituary

Death of old Ludensian

The death occurred recently in St. James's Hospital, Leeds, of Henry Samuel Shucksmith F.R.C.S, aged 83. He was the third son of Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Shucksmith Snr. of White Barn Farm, Alvingham. He was educated at Louth Grammar school and in 1927, he entered the University of Leeds Medical School after a distinguished academic career; appointments followed at Leeds General Infirmary. Throughout the Second World War, he was a major in the R.A.M.C., serving in France, Malta, Sicily, Italy and N.W. Europe. On his release, he returned to his duties as surgical tutor and in 1946 was appointed honorary consultant surgeon at L.G.I. and the Public Dispensary, where he helped to set up what became the forerunner of breast cancer clinics. In 1955, he was one of the first surgeons to develop major peripheral vascular surgery in this country, following a visit to the United States. He spent his whole career working in Leeds and West Yorkshire hospitals. He moved to Wetherby, retiring in 1975 and is survived by his wife and 2 sons.