



The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXI – The Adventure of the Reigate Squire

Acton	County magnate living near Reigate in Surrey, whose house was burgled by the Cunningham's, searching for a specific paper
Acton, Old	Neighbor of the Cunningham's; burglary of his residence provides Cunningham's idea for their own fake burglary
Cunningham	Surrey country squire; he and his son Alec Cunningham murdered their coachman, Kirwan, and attempted to kill Holmes when he discovered evidence against them
Cunningham, Alec	The Cunningham son, who with his father, killed Kirwan, their coachman, and tried to retrieve a letter which would have severely financially hurt them
Fates	In Greek and Roman mythology, the three sisters (Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos), who spun the thread of human life
Forrester, Inspector	Officer of the Surrey police, who engaged Holmes to join the search for William Kirwan's murderers
Hayter, Colonel	British military officer who had come under Watson's professional care in Afghanistan and some years later invited Holmes and Watson for a rest at his house near Reigate, which they accepted only after being assured the establishment was a bachelor one, and Holmes would be given complete freedom
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.

Homer	Greek author, whose <i>Pope's</i> was one of the odd volumes stolen from Acton's library in Surrey near Reigate
Hotel Dulong	Hotel in Lyons where Watson found Holmes lying ill
Kirwan, Mrs.	Mother of William Kirwan, who was always feeble-minded, was made half-witted by the shock of her son's death
Kirwan, William	Cunningham's coachman, who was murdered during an apparent burglary
Lyons	Third largest city of France; Watson received a telegram informing him that Holmes was lying ill there and immediately hurried to his side within 24 hours
Malplaquet	Village of France, near the Belgian frontier, famous as the scene of an allied victory over the French in September 1709; the Cunningham house bore the date of Malplaquet upon the lintel of the door
Maupertuis, Baron	Most accomplished swindler in Europe, whose colossal schemes baffled the police of three countries until he was finally out-witted by Holmes in 1887
Morrison, Annie	Woman mentioned in the note from the Cunninghams to William Kirwan, though her role in the case was uncertain
Netherland-Sumatra Company	Company involved in the colossal schemes of Baron Maupertuis; Watson did not record the case as the whole question of the Company is too recent in the minds of the public, and too intimately concerned with politics and finances
Pope, Alexander	Celebrated poet, he was engaged on a poetical translation of Homer's works, the <i>Illiad</i> and the <i>Odyssey</i> ; a copy of Pope's Homer was stolen from Old Acton
Queen Anne	In architecture, an unpretending and simple style, characteristic of the reign of Queen Anne, who occupied the throne from 1702-14; Watson described the Cunningham residence as a fine old Queen Anne house
Reigate	Town in Surrey; Holmes and Watson were invited to Colonel Hayter's home near there, where Holmes was introduced to the case of William Kirwan's murder
Squire	In England, courtesy title of the chief landed proprietor, usually the lord of the manor, in a parish; Old Cunningham was considered the leading squire of the area
Sumatra	Large island of the Dutch East Indies; Holmes investigated the case of the Netherland-Sumatra Company
Surrey	South-eastern County of England; Guilford is the county-town; Colonel Hayter had taken up residence near Reigate, in Surrey

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