

OWEN, WILLIAM HUGH (1886 - 1957), civil servant

Name: William Hugh Owen
Date of birth: 1886
Date of death: 1957
Spouse: Enid Strathearn Owen (née Hendrie)
Parent: Thomas Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: civil servant
Area of activity: Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
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Born 16 February 1886 at Holyhead, Anglesey, son of Thomas Owen. He entered the Marine Department of the London and North Western Railway in 1906, and later joined the personal staff of **David Lloyd George**, for whom he undertook several important missions. At the outbreak of World War I he joined the Royal Engineers and went to Canada in 1917 where he represented the War Office as director of inland waterways and docks. The work involved placing contracts for and the supervision of the building of auxiliary vessels for ocean, coastal and canal work, and also the purchase and charter of craft for similar work. He became lieut.-colonel in 1918 and was made a C.B.E. in 1919. Later he acted as special representative of the Comptroller of the Admiralty and subsequently represented the Ministry of Shipping. He played hockey for Wales against Ireland in 1910. He married 8 October 1919, Enid Strathearn, daughter of Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario, and they had three daughters. He made his home at Montreal and died 21 February 1957.

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