

SEAGER, GEORGE LEIGHTON (1896 - 1963; BARON LEIGHTON of St. Mellons, 1962); merchant and shipowner

Name: George Leighton Seager
Date of birth: 1896
Date of death: 1963
Spouse: Marjorie Seager (née Gimson)
Parent: Margaret Annie Seager (née Elliot)
Parent: William Henry Seager
Gender: Male
Occupation: merchant and shipowner
Area of activity: Business and Industry
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Born 11 January 1896 the youngest son of Sir William Henry Seager (founder of the shipping company W. H. Seager and Co.), and Margaret Annie (née Elliot), his wife, of Lynwood, Cardiff, brother of [John Elliot Seager](#). After leaving Queen's College, Taunton, at the age of 16 he travelled on the Continent and South America. At the beginning of World War I he was commissioned with the Artists' Rifles (London Regiment) and subsequently gave voluntary service with the secretariat of the Ministry of Food. He returned to Wales to join his father and eldest brother in the numerous family businesses. He paid particular attention to shipping and was soon looked on as an expert in this field. In 1929 he was economic adviser to the Government on a mission to Canada. He became director of numerous companies and was chairman of the Cardiff and Bristol Channel Shipowners' Association, the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, as well as of several committees concerned with the unemployed in Cardiff. He was also president of Cardiff Chamber of Trade. He gave valuable service and generous support to charitable societies particularly those associated with the education and well-being of seamen. He served as J.P. for Monmouthshire and was Deputy Lieutenant of the county from 1957 till his death. He received a knighthood in 1938, became a baronet in 1957 and a baron in 1962. In 1921 he married Marjorie, daughter of William Henry Gimson, Breck., and they had two sons and two daughters. He lived at Marley Lodge, St. Mellons and died 17 October 1963.

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