

THOMAS, JAMES PURDON LEWES (1903 - 1960), VISCOUNT CILCENNIN, M.P.

Name: James Purdon Lewes Thomas

Date of birth: 1903

Date of death: 1960

Parent: Anne Louisa Thomas (née Purdon)

Parent: John Lewes Thomas

Gender: Male

Occupation: M.P.

Area of activity: Politics, Government and Political Movements

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Born 13 October 1903, the son of J. Lewes Thomas, Cae-glas, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, and his wife Anne Louisa (née Purdon). He was educated at Rugby School and Oriel College, Oxford. He was a candidate (C) for the Llanelli division in the general election 1929, but received little support; he was elected M.P. for the Hereford division in 1931 and kept his seat until 1955. He was parliamentary private secretary in a number of ministries, 1930-40, and was Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, 1940-43; Financial Secretary to the Admiralty 1943-45; and First Lord of the Admiralty, 1951-56. He was vice-chairman of the Conservative and Unionist Party, 1945-51, and chairman of the Governing Body of Rugby School, 1958. He was elevated Viscount Cilcennin in 1955 and knighted (K.St.J.) in 1958. His book *Admiralty House, Whitehall* was published three months after his death on 13 July 1960 when his title lapsed.

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