

WYNDHAM-QUIN, WINDHAM HENRY, 5th EARL DUNRAVEN and MOUNT-EARL (1857 - 1952), soldier and politician

Name: Windham Henry Wyndham-quin Date of birth: 1857 Spouse: Eva Constance Aline Wyndham-Quin (née Bourke) Child: Richard Southwell Windham Robert Wyndham-Quin Parent: Caroline Wyndham-Quin (née Tyler) Parent: Windham Henry Wyndham-Quin Gender: Male Occupation: soldier and politician Area of activity: Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements Author: John Graham Jones

Born 7 February 1857 in London, the elder son of Captain the Hon. W.H. Wyndham-Quin (the second son of the Earl of Dunraven) and Caroline, daughter of Admiral Sir George Tyler, Cottrell, Glamorganshire. He was educated at Eton and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He joined the 16th Lancers in 1878 and, attached to the Inniskillin Dragoons, fought in the war against the Boers in 1881. In 1886 he attained the rank of captain, and served until 1889 as A.D.C. to the Hon. Robert Bourke, his wife's uncle, at Madras. From 1890 until 1894 he served as an adjutant with the Royal Gloucester Hussars, and was promoted major in the 16th Lancers in 1893. During the South African War in 1900, he was mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the Queen's Medal with three clasps and the D.S.O. He became a Companion of the Bath in 1903 and served as lieutenant colonel in the Glamorganshire Imperial Yeomanry.

Wyndham-Quin was elected M.P. (Con.) for South Glamorgan in 1895 when he defeated A.J. Williams, and he continued to represent this division in parliament until 1906 when he lost his seat to William Brace. As a politician, he was extremely well-mannered and courteous. He served as High Sheriff for county Kilkenny in 1914 and commandant of the Lines of Communication in 1915. He was also one of the directors of the Great Western Railway Co. In June 1926 he succeeded his cousin Windham Thomas Wyndham-Quin (see Supplement below) as Earl of Dunraven. He also became a well-liked and popular character in south Wales. He was a member of the Court of Governors of the National Museum, and was president of the 1940 Bridgend national eisteddfod.

Wyndham-Quin published a number of works including The Yeomanry Cavalry of Gloucester and Monmouth (1898), Sir Charles Tyler, G.C.B., Admiral of the White (1912), The Foxhound in county Limerick (1919) and A history of Dunraven Castle (1926).

He married 7 July 1885 Lady Eva Constance Aline Bourke, daughter of the 6th Earl of Mayo. She died 19 January 1940. They had two sons and a daughter. He spent his last years at his home Adare Manor, Limerick. He died 23 October 1952 at his home in Limerick aged 95. His heir was his elder son Richard Southwell Windham Robert, Viscount Adare (1887 - 1965).

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