AWBERY, STANLEY STEPHEN (1888 - 1969), politician, local historian and author

Name: Stanley Stephen Awbery
Date of birth: 1888
Date of death: 1969
Spouse: Elizabeth Jane Awbery
Gender: Male
Occupation: politician, local historian and author
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Scholarship and Languages
Author: John Graham Jones

Born 19 July 1888 at Swansea. He received most of his education at evening classes which he attended while he was employed at the port of Swansea. He spent 6 years as secretary of the Swansea branch of the Dockers' Union before obtaining a full time post as trade union official in 1920 when he was appointed secretary of the Barry branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He became chairman of Swansea Labour Association in 1921 and chairman of Swansea General and Eye Hospital the following year. In 1928 he was elected president of the Welsh branch of the Independent Labour Party and served as president of Barry Trades Council.

He stood unsuccessfully as Labour candidate for the Clitheroe constituency in the general elections of 1931 and 1935. He was elected a member of Barry Borough Council in 1931, and became an alderman in 1939; he held his seat until he resigned in November 1945, having served as mayor of Barry in 1941-42. He also served as Port Labour Inspector, South Wales Ports, during 1941-42. In March 1937 he was made a J.P. for Glamorganshire. He also became Deputy Sheriff for the county and in 1951 was elevated chairman of Glamorgan magistrates. In the 1945 general election he was elected M.P. (L.) for the Bristol Central constituency. He was re-elected with a large majority in 1950, 1951, 1955 and 1959, but decided to resign in 1964. He was a member of a parliamentary deputation to Malaya in 1948 and a member of the Select Committee on Estimates in 1950-51.

He was an enthusiastic prolific local historian and author of several important works including *Labour's early struggles in Swansea* (1949), *Let us talk of Barry* (1954), *Llancarfan: the village of a thousand saints* (1957), *The story of St. Athan and Aberthaw* (1959), *I searched for Llantwit Major* (1965), *St. Donat's Castle and the Stradlings* (1966), *The Baptists in Barry for 150 years* (1967), and *Fourteen talks about Barry* (1968). He also published many articles on aspects of local history.

He married in 1911, and he and his wife Elizabeth Jane had two sons and three daughters. His wife died in April 1969 and he died 7 May 1969.

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