

LLEWELYN, WILLIAM CRAVEN (1892 - 1966), colliery owner, companies director, agriculturalist and specialist in forestry

Name: William Craven Llewelyn

Date of birth: 1892

Date of death: 1966

Spouse: Doris Mary Llewelyn (née Bell)

Parent: T. David Llewelyn

Gender: Male

Occupation: colliery owner, companies director, agriculturalist and specialist in forestry

Area of activity: Business and Industry; Nature and Agriculture

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Born 4 June 1892 in Clydach, Swansea Valley, Glamorganshire, son of T. David Llewelyn. He married Doris Mary Bell in 1932. There were no children of the marriage. He was educated at Arnold College, Swansea, and the Technical College, Swansea, and subsequently graduated at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. Initially he was particularly interested in a mining career and to this end studied mining privately under J. Henry Davies, but he then incorporated forestry and timber into his specialist studies and entered government service. In 1918-19 he was the Forest Statistical Officer in the Home-Grown Timber Department of the Board of Trade. In this capacity he travelled extensively around the world, investigating timber regions in Central America, Central Europe and also Russia. In the immediate post World War I period he reverted to his coal interests and engaged in colliery and timber undertakings. He widened his business activities to take in brick manufacturing, and also agricultural pursuits, and on the political side took a more active part in local Liberal Party affairs. He fought in two Parliamentary elections as Liberal candidate, in Chester in 1923 and Crewe in 1929. He was president of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce in 1944-45 and was appointed High Sheriff for Brecknockshire in the same year. Among his other public activities he was president of the Swansea Town Association Football Club and a member of the Farmers' Union of Wales. He compiled two important works in connection with forestry in Wales, *Afforestation of Wales* (1915) and *Forest soils of Wales* (1917). He died 4 January 1966.

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