

LYNE, HORACE SAMPSON (1860 - 1949), president of the Welsh Rugby Union, 1906-1947

Name: Horace Sampson Lyne
Date of birth: 1860
Date of death: 1949
Parent: Charles Lyne
Gender: Male
Occupation: president of the Welsh Rugby Union, 1906-1947
Area of activity: Sports and Leisure Pursuits
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Born at Newport, Monmouthshire, 31 December 1860, son to Charles Lyne, mayor of the town in 1856 and 1884. He was educated in Plymouth and the Royal Naval College. By profession, he was a solicitor. At eighteen, he played as a back for Newport rugby club, but it was as a skilful forward that he found success, as the captain of the club in 1883-84, and being capped six times for Wales, 1883-85. In 1886-87, he was one of the founders of the International Rugby Board, as a representative of the game in Wales, and he served the Board without a break from 1887 to 1938. He served as the respected President of the Welsh Rugby Union longer than anyone else. He and [Walter E. Rees](#) between them steered the rugby affairs of Wales throughout the first half of the 20th century. He was prominent in the public affairs of Newport and was granted the Freedom of the town in 1934. In 1938, he was appointed Chancellor of the See of Monmouth, and he was a member of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales. He died in May 1949 in Newport.

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