

## MERRETT, Sir HERBERT HENRY (1886 - 1959), industrialist

**Name:** Herbert Henry Merrett  
**Date of birth:** 1886  
**Date of death:** 1959  
**Spouse:** Marion Linda Merrett (née Higgins)  
**Child:** Joan Marion Gridley (née Merrett)  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Merrett  
**Parent:** Lewis Merrett  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** industrialist  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry  
**Author:** David Glanville Rosser

Born 18 December 1886 in the parish of Canton, Cardiff, son of Lewis and Elizabeth Merrett. He married, 1911, Marion Linda Higgins and they had two daughters and one son. He was educated at Cardiff; was Justice of the Peace for the county of Glamorgan and was High Sheriff of Glamorgan 1934-35. He was acknowledged a leading Welsh coal exporter of international repute whose career began in the Cardiff Docks with [Cory Brothers](#); he became chairman of Powell Duffryn, Ltd. In 1935-36 he was president of Cardiff Incorporated Chamber of Commerce, and president of the British Coal Exporters' Federation 1946-49. His business and commercial associations within Europe were recognised by France with the award of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, and he was knighted in 1950. *I fight for coal*, which he published in 1932, described his early skirmishes within the Welsh coal industry and his part in its troubled history.

In his 'teens he won a reputation as a footballer and played for the Cardiff Corinthians, a prestigious amateur soccer team, and he subsequently qualified as a referee. He was appointed chairman of the Cardiff City Association Football Club in 1939 and with one short break, and despite his business involvement, he remained chairman until 1957. He was president of the Glamorgan County Cricket Club, chairman of the Post Office Advisory Committee for South Wales 1936, and a member of the Court of Governors of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire. He died 3 October 1959.

### Author

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