

YORKE, SIMON (1903 - 1966) nobleman and soldier

Name: Simon Yorke
Date of birth: 1903
Date of death: 1966
Parent: Louisa Matilda Yorke (née Scott)
Parent: Philip Yorke
Gender: Male
Occupation: nobleman and soldier
Area of activity: Land Ownership; Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society
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The fifth descendant of that name from Simon Yorke (1606 - 1682), wholesale grocer of Dover, grandfather of Earl Hardwicke; born 24 June 1903, eldest son of Philip Yorke (1849 - 1922), Erddig, Denbighshire, and his second wife Louisa Matilda (née Scott). He was educated at Moorland House, Heswall; Cheltenham College; and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He graduated B.A. in forestry in 1927. In 1922 he inherited Erddig near Wrexham. He was High Sheriff for Denbighshire in 1937. Although he was a lieutenant in the Denbighshire Yeomanry, when World War II came he enlisted as a private soldier in the North Staffordshire Regiment. In accordance with his wishes he remained a sapper, without seeking or gaining promotion.

His relationship with his tenants was not a happy one. He refused them permission to have electricity nor a telephone on their farms. Although he was not a huntsman, he followed the hounds on his bicycle and he always knew where to find the fox. He was found dead of heart failure in Erddig Park, 7 May 1966, and was buried in Marchwiell churchyard. He was a bachelor and died intestate. Erddig was inherited by his brother [Philip Scott Yorke](#) (1905 - 1976).

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