

# HERBERT, WILLIAM REGINALD (WILLIAM REGINALD HERBERT HUDDLESTON from 1920; 1841 - 1929), sportsman, huntsman and rider of racehorses

**Name:** William Reginald Herbert  
**Date of birth:** 1841  
**Date of death:** 1929  
**Parent:** Frances Herbert (née Huddleston)  
**Parent:** William Herbert  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** sportsman, huntsman and rider of racehorses  
**Area of activity:** Sports and Leisure Pursuits  
**Author:** Herbert Johnes Lloyd-Johnes

Born 14 February 1841, eldest son of William Herbert, D.L., Clytha, and Frances, daughter of Edward Huddleston, Sawston Hall, Cambs. He received private tuition in France before enlisting with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. He took the additional name of Huddleston when he inherited Sawston Hall estate, 1920-21. Having taken an early interest in racehorses he was highly regarded as one of the best riders of his day. From 1854 onwards he won several races held in the west of England, including the Cheltenham Grand Annual. In the history of sport he is famous as one of the first to introduce the game of polo into Britain. He was a founding member of the Hurlingham Club, and it was he, to a great degree, who was responsible for founding Ranelagh, an institution with which he maintained a connection for sixteen years. He was Master of the Monmouthshire Fox Hounds for 17 years; he was also a notable competitor at pigeon shoots, winning many prizes in both Britain and abroad. Among his other interests were coach driving and sculling. In 1908 he published *When Diamonds were Trumps*, a book which relates much of the history of his life as a sportsman and which is ranked with the classic literature relating to his style of life. He served as Deputy Lieutenant of Monmouthshire, and died 16 October 1929.

## Author

Major Herbert Johnes Lloyd-Johnes, (1900 - 1983)

## Sources

Personal knowledge

## Further reading

*Genealogical memoranda relating to the families of Herbert & Hall* (1896)

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