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PART I. GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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THE record of the names of Members of Parliament who have represented any Gloucestershire constituency from the earliest times till the General Election of 1895, is given by W. R. Williams in his *Parliamentary History of the County of Gloucester*, (Hereford, 1898), with interesting notes relating to many of them. In this paper an attempt has been made to bring this excellent work up to date, and to amplify a few of the biographical notes.

The earliest members mentioned by Williams are Walterus de Helion and Dominus Rogerus le Rous, who were returned for the county of Gloucester in 1283. Probably Gloucestershire men sat in earlier parliaments but no evidence of this is forthcoming.

The names of two members who sat for the city of Gloucester, and of two who sat for the city of Bristol in the parliament of 1295, are recorded. Hence the three constituencies that have been mentioned were jointly entitled to send six members to Parliament at the end of the 13th century—a privilege which remained unchanged for more than 300 years. During the Protectorate, however, the county was awarded three members in 1653 and five in 1654 and 1655, but these increases were discontinued in 1659.

In the first parliament of James I Tewkesbury was enfranchised and the borough sent two burgesses to

sit in parliament in 1610, but it was deprived of one of its members in 1868.

Further alterations in the representation of the county were made by the Reform Act of 1832. One of these affected the area of a constituency, but left the number of members unchanged. This was the division of the county into two districts, to each of which was allotted one member. These divisions were known as East Gloucestershire and West Gloucestershire. Their constitution was defined by giving the names of the hundreds which they respectively contained. The Western Division comprised all of the county which lies on the western side of the Severn, and (very roughly speaking) that part of the county which lies south of an imaginary line drawn from Saul to Westonbirt. All of the rest of the county was in the Eastern Division.

Other changes effected by the Reform Act of 1832 were the enfranchisement of Cheltenham and Stroud. Cheltenham was allotted one member, and it has returned one member ever since. Stroud, or the 'Borough of Stroud' as it was always designated, was awarded two members. The constitution of this so-called borough was peculiar and deserves notice. Boroughs, as the word implies, were almost entirely urban in character, but the Borough of Stroud was mainly rural. The population of the little town of Stroud was insufficient to entitle it to return even one member, but it happened to be the centre of one of the most flourishing cloth-making districts in England. Not only in Stroud but in the parishes surrounding it were many mills at which a broadcloth that had a national reputation was made. Hence two members were allocated to this little trading community, and it was sometimes opprobriously called 'Scatteration Borough'. Its area comprised the town of Stroud, and the parishes of Avening, Bisley, Horsley, King Stanley, Leonard Stanley, Minchinhampton, Painswick, Pitchcombe, Randwick and Stonehouse.

By the Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885 (48 & 49 Vict. c. 23), the county was divided in five divisions instead of two, and Bristol into four, each of which division returned one member; the boroughs of Cirencester, Stroud and Tewkesbury were disfranchised, and became merged in the divisions of the county in which they were respectively situated. Gloucester was deprived of one of its members, and the boundaries of Cheltenham were altered. By the Representation of the People Act, 1918 (7 & 8 Geo. v, cap. 64) the county was divided into four divisions instead of five.

#### CIRENCESTER DIVISION

From 1885 until 1918 the division comprised the petty sessional divisions of Campden, Cirencester, Fairford, Moreton in Marsh, Northleach, Stow and Tetbury.

1900 Hon. Allen Benjamin Bathurst, *C.*, *unopp.*  
Electors 9487

The Hon. A. B. Bathurst had sat for this division since 1895 (*see Williams*, p. 80). In 1902 he married Augusta Ruby, daughter of Lord and Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill. As captain in the 4th battalion Gloucestershire Regiment he held Cronje and others at St. Helena. Commander of the 5th Gloucesters of the Territorial Force, 1908.

1906 Jan. 18 Richard Walter Essex, *L.* 4517  
*Hon. A. B. Bathurst, C.* 4011  
Electors 9673

Richard Walter Essex was born in 1857. He married (1) Marie Chinchon, of Swanage; and (2) Lizzie Benson, of Newcastle on Tyne. He was engaged in the business of printing wall-papers, and took an interest in municipal affairs at Wandsworth. M.P. for Stafford 1910-18. He was knighted in 1913 and is a J.P. for Gloucestershire.

1910 Jan. 25 Lt.-Col. Hon. A. B. Bathurst, *C.* 5091  
*R. W. Essex, L.* 4108  
Electors 9934

1910	Dec. 8	Lt.-Col. Hon. A. B. Bathurst, C.	4788
		<i>Gilbert Hugh Beyfus, L.</i>	4007
		Electors	9934

## CIRENCESTER AND TEWKESBURY DIVISION

Since 6 February 1918, this division comprised the rural districts of Campden, Cirencester, Marston Sicca, Northleach, and Pebworth, the part of each of the rural districts of Faringdon, Stow on the Wold, Tetbury, Tewkesbury, and Winchcombe which is within the administrative county of Gloucester, the part of the rural district of Cheltenham which consists of the civil parishes of Prestbury, Swindon, and Uckington, the borough of Tewkesbury, and the urban districts of Cirencester, Stow on the Wold, and Tetbury.

1918	Dec. 14	Thomas Davies, Co. U.	11,171
		<i>Joseph Herbert Alpass, Ind.</i>	8546
		Electors	35,049 (M. 20,665 ; W. 14,384)

Thomas Davies was born 15 August 1858, in Glamorgan shire, and married Kate Vokes of Cardiff in 1881. From 1877 to 1885 he was a certificated teacher and during the end of that period he was master of a non-provided school at Eastcombe—a hamlet of Bisley. The average attendance at that school was then about 60 and though he had only a monitress to assist him and had children in seven standards to teach, his school was said by H.M. Inspector to be one of the best in the county. He gave up the teaching profession because his school-managers, of whom Sir John Dorington was then chairman, refused to raise his salary. He told the writer of this notice that, as things turned out, Sir John had done him a good turn. Sir John certainly, in his refusal to reward merit, unwittingly conferred a benefit on the county in addition to the many services he rendered it.

In 1885 Mr Davies was appointed secretary for the Conservative party in the Cirencester division. He was

as successful in his new walk of life as he had been when a teacher. He was an effective speaker to any class of hearers, but perhaps especially so to working men, and there were but few voters in his constituency whose acquaintance he had not made. In 1890 he founded the Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society, of which he has been secretary ever since. From 1899 to 1921 he devoted much of his time to county government. He was elected the representative of Chipping Campden in 1899 and county alderman 1910. He was successively vice-chairman and chairman of the County Education Committee 1910-21, during which period an understanding, gained by experience, of the difficulties with which teachers have to contend, coupled with tact and powers of persuasion, made his services to the county of inestimable value. He had the ear of the House of Commons in debates on education and he delivered an important speech on the Rural School Problem on 22 July 1926. He was knighted in 1924. He was unanimously elected chairman of the Unionist Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons in January 1929. He did not offer himself for re-election in 1929 on account of failing eye-sight.

1922	Nov. 15	Thomas Davies, C.	16,463
		<i>William Robins, Lab.</i>	9195
		Electors 36,008 (M. 20,494 ; W. 15,514)	
1923	Dec. 6	Thomas Davies, C.	15,406
		<i>William R. Robins, Lab.</i>	7849
		Electors 36,572 (M. 20,741 ; W. 15,831)	
1924	Oct. 29	Sir Thomas Davies, C.	18,201
		<i>Joseph Herbert Alpass, Lab.</i>	7078
		Electors 36,934 (M. 20,898 ; W. 16,036)	
1929	May 30	William Shepherd Morrison, C.	19,584
		<i>Christopher Becket Williams, L.</i>	8629
		<i>Ernest Walter Fredman, Lab.</i>	6897
		Electors 46,109 (M. 22,009 ; W. 24,100)	

Mr W. S. Morrison is a son of the late Mr John Morrison, who farmed land at Torinturk in Argyllshire. His grandfather was a crofter in the Hebrides. He was born in 1893 and commenced his education at George Watson's College, Edinburgh. He was at Edinburgh University when the War broke out, and (1914) obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery. He was wounded and gained the Military Cross at the battle of Neuve Chapelle, and was subsequently mentioned three times in despatches. He was invalided home in 1917 but returned to France in 1918. At the conclusion of the War he completed his university course at Edinburgh, and before leaving he was president of the University Union and of the University Conservative Association. In 1921 he became secretary to Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., who was successively solicitor general and attorney general in Mr Stanley Baldwin's Government of 1924-29.

He was called to the Bar in 1923, in which year he unsuccessfully contested in the Conservative interest a division of Inverness. He married a daughter of the Rev. William Swan, D.D., of South Leith. His wife graduated with honours at Edinburgh University, and was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1926.

#### FOREST OF DEAN DIVISION

From 1885 till 1918 this division comprised the petty sessional divisions of Coleford, Lydney, Newent, and Newnham.

1900	Oct. 10	Rt. Hon. Sir C. W. Dilke, L.	4972
		<i>Henry Terrell, K.C., C.</i>	2520
		Electors 9993	

Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke was first returned for the Forest division in 1892 when he defeated Maynard Willoughby Colchester-Wemyss, then of Westbury Court. In 1895 he was returned unopposed, (see *Williams*, pp. 81-82) ; to the notice there given it may be added that

he stroked the Trinity Hall boat when it was head of the river, and that he was twice president of the Cambridge Union. He was the author of a satirical brochure entitled *The Fall of Prince Florestan of Monaco*, which was published anonymously in 1874, and of *Problems of Greater Britain*, 1890. He represented the division till his death on 26 January 1911.

Mr M. W. Colchester-Wemyss (see *Williams*, p. 81) held many important posts and earned a reputation as an administrator of county affairs. He was chairman of the Highways Committee of the County Council, 1890-1910, of the County Education Committee, 1902-8, and of the County Council and Standing Joint Committee, 1908-18. In recognition of his services, and more especially in gratitude for his having performed the duties of chief constable without payment while Colonel Chester Master was on active service with his regiment, an address, signed by 240 subscribers, and an honorarium, were presented to him in 1916. In 1918 his portrait, which now hangs in the Shire Hall, was presented to the county.

For Henry Terrell, see Gloucester City, 1906.

1906		Sir C. W. Dilke, <i>L.</i> , <i>unopp.</i> Electors 10,536	
1910	Jan. 28	Sir C. W. Dilke, <i>L.</i> <i>James Henry Renton, C.</i> Electors 10,881	6141 3279
1910	Dec. 13	Sir C. W. Dilke, <i>L.</i> <i>David H. Kyd, C.</i>	5544 2820
1911	Feb. 24	Henry Webb, <i>L.</i> <i>David H. Kyd, C.</i> Electors 10,881	6174 3106

Lt. Col. Sir Henry Webb is a son of Henry Webb of Kington, Hereford, and was born in 1866. He married

(1) Ellen Williams, in 1894, and (2) Helena Kate de Paula in 1919. He is a mining engineer and director of the Ocean Coal Co. and other colliery companies. He twice unsuccessfully contested South Hereford and once Cardiff (1922) in the Liberal interest. He raised and commanded the 13th (S) battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, and the 14th battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. He also commanded successively the 23rd (Works) battalion of the King's Liverpool Regiment, till mobilized, and the Western Command Labour Centre. He was made a baronet in 1916.

1912 April 30 Bye-election  
Henry Webb, *L.*, *unopp.*

The Forest of Dean division has, since 6 February 1918, comprised the rural district of East Dean and united parishes, Lydney, Newent, and West Dean, the part of the rural district of Gloucester which consists of the civil parishes of Ashleworth, Highnam, Over and Linton, Lassington and Maisemore, and the urban districts of Awre, Coleford, Newnham, and Westbury on Severn.

1918 Dec. 14 James Wignall, *Lab.* 9731  
*Lt. Col. Sir H. Webb, C.L.* 5765  
Electors 10,923

Mr James Wignall, the second son of Mr George Wignall, a soldier, was born at Swansea in 1856. The little education he received he forgot, and it was not till after his marriage that he taught himself to read and write. When a boy he earned a small wage as a 'barrow banger' and his evenings were spent selling newspapers. For a short time he was employed in the docks, but for nearly the whole of his wage-earning life he was a copper worker. Eventually he became head roller in a rolling mill but owing to a strike he lost his employment. In 1890 he was appointed district secretary of the Dockers Union at Swansea, of which he became district organizer in 1900,

and national organizer in 1914. For many years he was a justice of the peace for Swansea, and for four years was vice-chairman of the Swansea School Board. He entered Parliament in 1918. In 1922 he was placed on a commission to report on the prospects of emigrants to Australia, and was out of England at the election of December 1923. His campaign was conducted, by his son, Mr Trevor Wignall, and notwithstanding his absence, he was returned by a majority of more than 4000. When attending a committee meeting in the House of Commons, on 10 June 1925, he had an attack of heart-failure, and died the same day. For forty years he was associated with religious activities and he was a Baptist lay preacher, a Sunday School Teacher, and a promoter of the Christian Endeavour and Band of Hope movements.

1922	Nov. 15	James Wignall, <i>Lab.</i>	10,820
		<i>A. G. C. Dinnick, Ind. C.</i>	5996
		<i>Mrs Coombe Tennant, Nat. L.</i>	3861
		Electors 28,686 (M. 17,044 ; W. 11,642)	
1923	Dec. 6	James Wignall, <i>Lab.</i>	11,486
		<i>A. G. C. Dinnick, C.</i>	7383
		Electors 29,174 (M. 17,309 ; W. 11,865)	
1924	Oct. 29	James Wignall, <i>Lab.</i>	11,048
		<i>Michael Wentworth Beaumont, C.</i>	9739
		Electors 29,696 (M. 17,633 ; W. 12,063)	
1925	July 14	Bye-election.	
		Albert Arthur Purcell, <i>Lab.</i>	11,629
		<i>Michael Wentworth Beaumont, C.</i>	8607
		<i>Harry West, L.</i>	3774
		Electors 30,309	

Mr A. A. Purcell was born in 1872, and married Miss S. E. Fidler in 1895. He represented Coventry in 1923-24. He has been president of the International Federation of Trade Unions since 1924.

1929	May 30	David John Vaughan, <i>Lab.</i>	13,976
		<i>William Campbell Mitchell Cotts, C.</i>	7092
		<i>Joseph William Westwood, L.</i>	5738
		Electors 36,563 (M. 18,816 ; W. 17,747)	

Mr D. J. Vaughan is a member of the Monmouthshire County Council and chairman of the Main Roads and Bridges Committee. He is a builder and contractor. He has contested Bristol South on three occasions. (*The Times*).

#### STROUD DIVISION

From 1885 till 1918 this division comprised the petty sessional divisions of Stroud, Horsley, Wotton under Edge, Dursley (except Slimbridge), and part of Whitminster: the parishes of Eastington, Frocester, King Stanley, Leonard Stanley, Randwick and Stonehouse. A part of this division was the old borough of Stroud, the members for which are given by Williams, pp. 221-231. An addition to the biographical note on one of these may be of interest. Henry John Moreton, 3rd Earl of Ducie, represented the borough of Stroud, when Lord Moreton, in 1852-53 (*Williams*, p. 227). He was lord-lieutenant of Gloucestershire 1857-1911, when he resigned on account of ill-health. A portrait of him by Sir Hubert Herkomer hangs in Judges' Lodgings, Gloucester, and a copy of it (executed under Sir Hubert's supervision) is in the Shire Hall. In 1912 an address, signed by 193 magistrates, expressive of their appreciation of the ability and impartiality with which he had performed the duties of a lord-lieutenant, was presented to Lord Ducie, when the portrait of him in the Shire Hall was presented to the county.

1900	Oct. 18	Charles Peter Allen, <i>L.</i>	4692
		<i>Charles Alfred Cripps, C.</i>	4379
		Electors 10,474	

Charles Peter Allen was born 2 December 1861, and he married, in 1890, Evelina, daughter of Alfred Barker.

He was one of the proprietors of the *Manchester Guardian* and a barrister-at-law. He represented the Stroud division 1900-18. In 1912 he was appointed a privy councillor. During the war he served as captain and major in the Gloucestershire Regiment (1914-16), and held a special military appointment in France (1917-18).

Charles Alfred Cripps, q.c., was member for Stroud 1895-1900 (*Williams*, p. 83). He sat for a division of Lancashire, 1901-6, and for a division of Buckinghamshire, 1910-14. In the latter year he was created Lord Parmoor. After his second marriage, in 1919, to Marian Emily Ellis, he joined the Labour Party. He was President of Council in Mr MacDonal'd's ministries of 1924 and 1929.

1906	Jan. 19	Charles Peter Allen, <i>L.</i>	5401
		<i>William Burton Stewart, C.</i>	4221
		Electors 10,620	
1910	Jan. 26	Charles Peter Allen, <i>L.</i>	5285
		<i>Arthur William Clifford, C.</i>	4962
		Electors 10,992	
1910	Dec. 14	Charles Peter Allen, <i>L.</i>	5051
		<i>Cecil Edwin Fitch, C.</i>	4849
		Electors 10,992	

Since 6 February 1918 the Stroud division has comprised the rural districts of Dursley, Stroud, and Wheatenhurst, the part of the rural district of Cheltenham which is not included in the Cirencester and Tewkesbury division, the part of the rural district of Gloucester which is not included in the Forest of Dean, and the urban districts of Nailsworth and Stroud.

1918	Dec. 14	Sir Ashton Lister, <i>Co. L.</i>	12,734
		<i>Capt. Charles Wye Kendell, Lab.</i>	8522
		Electors 34,685 (M. 19,908 ; W. 14,777)	

Robert Ashton Lister was the son of George Lister of Dursley, where he was born in 1835. When quite a young man he started a small business, which under his guidance expanded into 'R. A. Lister of Dursley', makers of all kinds of agricultural implements—a firm which now employs about 1000 hands.

In 1866 he married Frances Ann, daughter of Mr John Box. During the greater part of his life he was a prominent member of the Gloucestershire County Council, representing Dursley from 1889 until 1928. In 1911 he was knighted for services to the Liberal Party. During the Great War, while the chairman of the Highways Committee and the county surveyor were on active service, he acted for them, doing the work of the latter (it need hardly be stated) as an honorary officer of the county. He was chairman of the Gloucestershire War Savings Committee, and War Savings commissioner for the counties of Gloucester, Wilts, and Somerset, and he organized campaigns for the sale of war loans with most successful results.

He unsuccessfully contested the Tewkesbury division on three occasions. He died 6 December 1929.

1922	Nov. 15	Stanley William Tubbs, C.	14,723
		<i>Rt. Hon. C. P. Allen, L.</i>	9041
		<i>Samuel Edward Walters, Lab.</i>	5081
		Electors 36,094 (M. 20,228 ; W. 15,866)	

Sir Stanley W. Tubbs, son of Henry Thomas Tubbs, of Finchley, was born in 1871. He married, first Ellen Emma Prescott, and secondly Evelyn Sherbrook Crane, of the Reddings, Cheltenham. He is managing director of Tubbs, Lewis & Co. Ltd., elastic goods manufacturers, of Kingswood, Gloucestershire, and of Perry, Dawson & Co. Ltd. He was a member of the Gloucestershire County Council 1905-9. A baronetcy was conferred upon him in 1929.

1923	Dec. 6	The Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest, <i>L.</i>	15,179
		<i>Stanley W. Tubbs, C.</i>	13,355
		Electors 36,504 (M. 20,378 ; W. 16,126)	

Captain the Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest, the third son of Lord Wimborne, was born in 1875. He married Amy, daughter of Henry Phipps, in 1905. He is a Captain in the 1st Life Guards, and he served in Egypt in 1900, and in South Africa in 1901-2. He unsuccessfully contested the Kingsford division of Staffordshire and the Cocker mouth division of Cumberland in 1906, and the Bugg division of Lincolnshire in 1907. He represented East Dorset, 1911-22, and Bristol North, 1924-9 (*see p. 353*).

He was aide-de-camp to Lord French in the early stage of the European War, and afterwards served in the East African campaign. He was mentioned in despatches three times and awarded a D.S.O. He was patronage secretary to the Treasury, 1917-21 and Secretary of State for Air, 1921-22. He is a privy councillor, a C.B.E., and a chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

1924	Oct. 29	Sir Frank Nelson, <i>C.</i>	15,973
		<i>Edith Picton-Turbervill, Lab.</i>	7418
		<i>Arthur William Stanton, L.</i>	6057
		Electors 37,336 (M. 20,770 ; W. 16,566)	

Sir Frank Nelson, of the Culls, Stroud, was born at the Greenway, Shurdington. He has spent most of his life in India. In 1914-18 he was in the Bombay Light Horse ; a member of the Bombay Legislative Council 1922, and chairman of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce 1922-3. In 1924 he entered Parliament and he was knighted in the same year. He was appointed a member of the parliamentary delegation to Australia in 1927.

1929	May 30	Sir Frank Nelson, <i>C.</i>	17,700
		<i>Arthur William Stanton, L.</i>	11,728
		<i>Frank Ernest White, Lab.</i>	10,364
		Electors 48,776 (M. 22,287 ; W. 26,489)	

## TEWKESBURY DIVISION

From 1885 till 1918 this division comprised the petty sessional divisions of Berkeley, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Whitminster (except so much as is comprised in Stroud division).

1900 Sir John Edward Dorington, C., *unoppd*  
Electors 12,301

Sir J. E. Dorington, who as stated by Williams (p. 84), had been returned unopposed for this division in 1895, represented it until the dissolution in 1900. In April 1908 he was compelled by ill-health to resign the chairmanship of the first Gloucestershire County Council, to which he had been unanimously elected in February 1889. While chairman of the County Council he was also chairman of the Standing Joint Committee—a body the constitution of which is peculiar to Gloucestershire. All county councillors are *ex officio* members of this committee, and an equal number of magistrates are added by the Court of Quarter Sessions. By this arrangement, which was devised by Sir John, jealousy between the Magistracy and the Council, which impeded the working of the Local Government Act of 1888 in many places, never made its appearance in this county.

In recognition of his services while chairman of Quarter Sessions his portrait by Hubert Herkomer, R.A., was presented by his fellow-workers and others to the Magistrates Club, and now hangs in Judges' Lodgings. When his connexion with county government ceased another portrait of him was, at the instance of many of his friends and admirers, painted by Mr Hugh Rivière and presented to the county and placed in the Shire Hall. A bust of him by Goscombe John was presented to Lady Dorington. In a letter written by direction of the subscribers Lady Dorington was asked to regard the bust 'as a very inadequate token of their admiration and

gratitude' for her husband's 'invaluable services to Gloucestershire during the thirty years that he was both nominally and virtually leader of county affairs'. When, some few years after Sir John's death, the contents of Lypiatt Park were dispersed, this bust was presented by the then owner to the county and is now in the library of the Shire Hall.

1906	Jan. 23	Hon. M. H. Hicks-Beach, C.	5321
		<i>Robert Ashton Lister, L.</i>	5194
		Electors 13,226	

The Hon. Michael Hugh Hicks-Beach, born in 1877, was the only son of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, later 1st Earl St. Aldwyn. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, and he soon commenced training for a parliamentary life. His father, while he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, appointed him his private secretary, and he subsequently held the same office under Sir A. Acland Hood when he was Conservative Whip. In 1906 he entered Parliament, and represented this division, a constituency which had been represented by his father and grandfather, until his death in 1916.

He was in the 4th Gloucester Militia from 1898 till its disbandment in 1908, when he joined the Gloucestershire Yeomanry. He was at different times president of the Gloucestershire and of the Cirencester Chambers of Agriculture. He was initiated a freemason in the Apollo Lodge when at Oxford, in 1901, and subsequently joined the Cotteswold Lodge of which his father was senior past master. In 1909 he married Marjorie, only daughter of Mr Dent Brocklehurst, of Sudeley castle. In 1915, Lord Quenington (as Mr Hicks-Beach had become when his father was created Earl St. Aldwyn) went with his regiment, viâ Gallipoli, to Egypt. On Easter Sunday 23 April 1916, he was killed in action at Qatia, Sinai Peninsula, where his squadron was suddenly surrounded by the enemy and almost wiped out.

1910	Jan. 19	Hon. M. H. Hicks-Beach, C.	6050
		<i>R. A. Lister, L.</i>	5088
		<i>Charles Herbert Fox, Lab.</i>	238
		Electors 13,155	
1910	Dec. 15	Hon. M. H. Hicks-Beach, C.	5699
		<i>R. A. Lister, L.</i>	5267
		Electors 13,155	
1916	May 16	Bye-Election	
		William Frederick Hicks-Beach, <i>Co. U.</i>	7127
		<i>Jocelyn William John Boosey, Ind.</i>	1438
		Electors 13,818	

William Frederick Hicks-Beach was the second son of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who represented East Gloucestershire in 1854 (Williams, p. 73) and the younger brother of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach who became Earl St. Aldwyn. He was born in 1841, and educated at Eton and Christ Church. While at Oxford he was master of the Christ Church harriers. He was twice married, (1) to a daughter of Mr Tyrwhitt Drake, of Shardeloes, and (2) to Susan, the daughter of Admiral Christian, who was for 45 years chief constable of Gloucestershire. He played for many years a leading part in county affairs. He was a member of the Gloucestershire County Council, on which he represented Andoversford from 1889 to 1898, and he was a county alderman from 1895 till his death. As chairman of the Public Health and Housing committee he did valuable work. He was appointed a magistrate in 1869 and was chairman of the Cheltenham bench for many years. He was elected for 32 years in succession chairman of the Cheltenham Board of Guardians, and in 1922 he was made a Freeman of Cheltenham. On any work which he undertook he made his mark. He was an exceptionally able chairman, and those who sat under him felt that he had a personal charm which was

irresistible. He had a genius for averting a controversy which threatened to be acrimonious by intervening with a playful remark.

He was master of the Cotswold Hounds from 1885 to 1893, and few masters have been more popular with both the farmers and the members of the hunt. It was said of him in the obituary notice which appeared in *The Times* of 8 September 1923, by one who had seen him conducting a service as a lay-reader in a mission church not far from his house, that 'even when he was in a surplice he still looked a typical Master of Hounds'. The same notice spoke of him as 'an example of the best type of country gentleman', to the truth of which the writer of this notice can testify.

He lived at one time in a house near Birdlip which has been pulled down, but most of his life was spent at Witcombe Park, which had been left to him by Lady Cromie.

This division was merged in the Cirencester and Tewkesbury division in 1918 by 7 & 8 Geo. v, cap. 64. See page 324.

#### THORNBURY DIVISION

From 1885 to 1918 this division comprised the petty sessional divisions of Lawford's Gate (except so much as is included in the parliamentary borough of Bristol), Sodbury, and Thornbury.

1900 Charles Edward H. A. Colston, C., *unopp.*  
Electors 12,646

Charles E. H. A. Colston was returned for this division in 1892 and 1895 (see *Williams*, p. 85).

1906	Jan. 26	Athelstan Rendall, L.	7370
		C. E. H. Athol Colston, C.	5240
		Electors 14,096	

Athelstan Rendall, the son of John Rendall, of Bridport, was born in 1871. He married Amy Young in 1897. Since 1895 he has been a practising solicitor at Bournemouth.

1910	Jan. 21	A. Rendall, L.	7270
		<i>Hon. Cyril Ward, C.</i>	6251
		Electors 14,742	

1910	Dec. 16	A. Rendall, L.	6820
		<i>Major Cockerill, C.</i>	5837
		Electors 14,742	

Since 6 February 1918 the Thornbury division has comprised the rural districts of Chipping Sodbury, Thornbury, and Warmley, and the urban district of Kingswood.

1918	Dec. 14	A. Rendall, Co. L.	9999
		<i>Maj. Gen. T. D. Pilcher, C.B., N.P.</i>	6132
		Electors 33,862 (M. 20,131 ; W. 13,731)	

1922	Nov. 15	Col. Herbert Charles Woodcock, C.	10,682
		<i>A. Rendall, L.</i>	10,578
		<i>Joseph Herbert Alpass, Lab.</i>	5749
		Electors 34,655 (M. 20,131 ; W. 14,524)	

Colonel Woodcock, the son of Alderman Woodcock of Smethwick, was born 1876. He has been a member of the Bristol Stock Exchange since 1898, and is a director of several public companies. He commanded the 6th battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment throughout the European War, and during a part of the time he commanded a brigade. He is still a Colonel on Reserve. He has published papers on various financial subjects.

1923	Dec. 6	Athelstan Rendall, L.	16,722
		<i>Col. Herbert Charles Woodcock, C.</i>	10,252
		Electors 35,635 (M. 20,608 ; W. 15,087)	

1924	Oct. 29	Derrick Wellesley Gunston, C.	12,500
		<i>Athelstan Rendall, L.</i>	10,283
		<i>Godfrey Elton, Lab.</i>	6376
		Electors 36,672 (M. 21,210 ; W. 15,462)	

Captain Gunston is the son of Major Bernard Hamilton Gunston, late of the 5th Dragoon Guards. He was born in 1891, and educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He served throughout the War, and became acting-major in the Irish Guards. In 1917 he married Evelyn, daughter of Howard St. George, of Coombe House, Kingston Hill, Surrey. Parliamentary private secretary to Sir Kingsley Wood, 1926.

1929	May 30	Derrick Wellesley Gunston, C.	13,914
		<i>John Adam Day, L.</i>	13,614
		<i>Godfrey Elton, Lab.</i>	13,445
		Electors 49,645 (M. 24,346 ; W. 25,299)	

## CHELTENHAM

1900 Sept. 29 James Tynte Agg-Gardner, C., *unopp.*

The brief notice in *Williams* may be supplemented. Mr James (later Sir James) Agg-Gardner was the grandson of Major James Agg, who on inheriting from his uncle, John Gardner, an estate (which included the Cheltenham Original Brewery Company), had assumed the name of Gardner in addition to that of Agg. Sir James also succeeded to some interest in the manor of Cheltenham which had been purchased by his father and John Gardner's widow in 1842 from Lord Sherborne, and in 1872 he acquired the manor in its entirety.

He was still an undergraduate when, in 1868, he stood as a Conservative candidate for Cheltenham. He successfully contested the same seat in 1874, and from that date, with two intervals (1880-85 and 1906-11), he represented Cheltenham in Parliament till his death.

The freedom of the Borough of Cheltenham was conferred on him in 1896, not only on account of his lordship of the manor and his parliamentary services, but in recognition of his munificent gifts and benefactions to his native town. He was mayor of Cheltenham in 1908 and in 1912. He was one of the most regular attendants at the sittings of the House of Commons, but he rarely took part in the debates. In 1912, however, he moved the second reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill. Though a confirmed bachelor he had always consistently championed the claims of women to enfranchisement, long before the Great War had revealed their capacity for public work. The other cause which he had most at heart was that of international peace, and he was consequently a warm supporter of the League of Nations, the ground for which had been prepared by two important committees on which he had served—the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Commercial Committee, which held conferences in various European capitals and in America. He was chairman of the House of Commons Kitchen Committee for some years. He was knighted in 1916 and in 1924 was made a privy councillor—an honour which he greatly appreciated.

Beneath a demure, at times a shy, demeanour he possessed much shrewd common sense and a keen sense of humour. His kindly disposition, boundless hospitality, and unfailing courtesy alike to his supporters and his opponents, won for him very general popularity, and his sudden death from heart-failure in 1928 was universally regretted.

1906	Jan. 16	John Edward Sears, L.	3910
		<i>J. T. Agg-Gardner, C.</i>	3509
		Electors 8114	

Mr J. E. Sears, son of the Rev. James Sears, who was a Baptist minister, was born 28 November 1857. Educated at University College, and a student at the Royal

Academy. He married Selina Marianne, daughter of Hugh Hansford Read of Streatham. He was for a time a member of the London County Council.

1910	Jan. 17	Viscount Duncannon, C.	3988
		<i>Richard Mathias, L.</i>	3850
		Electors 8353	

Lord Duncannon (now 9th Earl of Bessborough) is the eldest son of the 8th Earl of Bessborough, and grandson of Lady Charlotte Guest, who married as her second husband Mr Charles Schreiber, M.P. for Cheltenham 1865-8; born 27 October 1880; educated at Harrow and at Trinity College, Cambridge (B.A. 1901); barrister of Inner Temple, 1903; unsuccessfully contested Carmarthen boroughs as a Liberal Unionist in January 1906. A member of the London County Council, chairman of its Building Act Committee, and one of the Whips of the Conservative party on the Council; a member of the Executive Committee of the Tariff Reform League.

1910	Dec. 5	Richard Mathias, L.	3846
		<i>Viscount Duncannon, C.</i>	3753

Richard Mathias (now Sir Richard), shipowner, of Cardiff, was born 1 June 1863. He married, in 1899, Annie Evan Hughes of Cardiff. Called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 1896. He was created a baronet in 1917 and was high sheriff of Monmouthshire in 1923. He is a governor of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

1911	April 28	Bye-Election	
		J. T. Agg-Gardner, C.	4043
		<i>Major Lewis J. Mathias, L.</i>	4039
		Electors 8353	
1918	Dec. 14	Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, Co. U.	9602
		<i>Dr Richard Davies, Ind.</i>	6317
		Electors 23,217 (M. 12,661; W. 10,556)	

1922	Nov. 15	Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, C. <i>Cuthbert Plaistowe, L.</i>	11,383 8237
		Electors 23,977 (M. 11,925 ; W. 12,052)	
1923	Dec. 6	Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, C. <i>Cuthbert Plaistowe, L.</i>	10,514 9170
		Electors 24,768 (M. 12,362 ; W. 12,406)	
1924	Oct. 29	Rt. Hon. Sir James T. Agg-Gardner <i>Joseph Stanley Holmes, L.</i>	11,909 9146
		Electors 25,454 (M. 12,719 ; W. 12,735)	
1928	Sept. 26	Bye-election	
		Sir Walter Preston, C.	10,438
		<i>Sir John Brunner, L.</i>	6678
		<i>Miss F. W. Widdowson, Lab.</i>	3962
		Electors 25,454 (M. 12,719 ; W. 12,735)	
		<p>Sir Walter Preston is a son of the late R. T. Preston of Hayes Court, Kent. He was born in 1875, and educated at Bedford grammar school. In 1919 he married Ella Margaret Morris. He adopted engineering as a profession and is now chairman of Henry Bessemer and Co., Ltd., and a director of J. Stone and Co., Ltd. Master of the Avon Vale fox-hounds from 1914-18 ; he unsuccessfully contested East St. Pancras and Stepney 1910, and was M.P. for Mile End 1918-23. He was knighted in 1921.</p>	
1929	May 30	Sir Walter Preston, C. <i>Frank Walter Raffety, L.</i> <i>William Ramsey Pigott, Lab.</i>	15,279 8533 4920
		Electors 35,712 (M. 14,290 ; W. 21,422)	

## GLOUCESTER

Mr C. J. Monk, who was elected in 1895 (*Williams*, p. 220), died 10 November 1900. He was author of *Reminiscences of Parliamentary Life*, which was printed for private circulation in 1901.

1900	Oct. 2	Russell Rea, <i>L.</i>	3267
		<i>Pandeli Ralli, C.</i>	3044
		Electors 7496	

The Rt. Hon. Russell Rea, son of David Key Rea, a calico printer, was born in Manchester in 1846. He was educated at Liverpool collegiate school, and at the age of 20 he set up on his own account as a colliery agent. After years of hard work, broken by periods of ill-health, he succeeded in building up the great business of R. & J. H. Rea, shipowners and lightermen. He became deputy chairman of the Taff Vale Railway Company, and a member of the council of the Railway Association.

In 1897 he unsuccessfully contested the Exchange division of Liverpool. After his return for Gloucester, in 1900, he did much work on Parliamentary committees, and he became a recognized protagonist in defence of Free Trade. In 1909 he was appointed a privy councillor. On losing his seat for Gloucester in 1910, he was immediately elected for South Shields, for which he sat till his death in 1916. His *Triumph of Free Trade*, with an introduction by C. F. G. Masterman, was published in 1920.

1906	Jan. 15	Russell Rea, <i>L.</i>	3921
		<i>Henry Terrell, C.</i>	3619
		Electors 8043	

1910	Jan. 15	Henry Terrell, <i>C.</i>	4109
		<i>Russell Rea, L.</i>	3983
		Electors 8475	

Henry Terrell, K.C., son of the late Judge Terrell, was born in 1856. He was called to the Bar in 1882, and elected a Bencher in 1904. Unsuccessfully contested the Forest of Dean division in 1900 and Gloucester in 1907. He joined up when the War broke out and was second in command of a battalion of the 11th Gloucestershire Regiment in 1915. Appointed a County Court

judge in 1920, and is now retired. In his youth he was a keen football player, and a fine rider. He rode the winner of one of the Bar point to point steeplechases.

1910	Dec. 3	Henry Terrell, C.	3903
		<i>Henry Finnis Blossie Lynch, L.</i>	3899
		Electors 8475	
1918	Dec. 14	Sir James Bruton, C.	8470
		<i>Thomas Henry Mordey, L.</i>	5246
		<i>William Levason Edwards, Lab.</i>	2860
		Electors 25,006 (M. 14,582 ; W. 10,424)	

Sir James Bruton, born at Newent in 1848, was the son of Mr Henry Bruton, the founder of the well known firm of auctioneers, Messrs. Bruton, Knowles and Co., and the younger brother of Mr Henry William Bruton, a partner in that firm who was widely known as a collector of books and mezzotints.

Sir James was educated at the Crypt grammar school, Gloucester. He married, in 1880, Rosa Gertrude Butt, the daughter of John Michael Butt of Kingsholm, Gloucester. After leaving school he entered his father's office, and was for three years in the Gloucestershire Bank. In 1869 he joined his brother-in-law, James Reynolds, of the Albert Flour Mills, known subsequently as J. Reynolds and Co. Ltd. Of this company Sir James was the first vice-chairman, and in 1916 he became chairman. He was sheriff of Gloucester in 1900, in which year the City boundaries were extended. He was elected a member of the City Council in 1907 and on 9 November 1908, mayor of Gloucester. During a memorable year he received King Edward VII, when he visited Gloucester for the Royal Agricultural Show on 23 June 1909. He was re-elected mayor in 1910, and on 12 January 1911 received Captain Cowan and officers of H.M.S. *Gloucester*, when a piece of plate was presented to the cruiser. He was again elected in 1912, and his term was extended

for seven successive years (which included the Great War). That one individual should have this honour conferred on him on nine occasions is without precedent in the municipal history of Gloucester, and it indicates a mark of confidence which few men can have experienced. During the Great War he was chairman of the Military Tribunal of the city and also chairman of the Food Control Committee. In 1916 he was knighted, and the innumerable congratulations which he received from the city, and Gloucestershire generally, are strong testimony to the appreciation of his public services. He was admitted to the freedom of the city on 2 January 1918.

He was initiated a freemason of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge in 1871, and was provincial grand treasurer from 1895 until 2 October 1922, when he was appointed by grand master the Duke of Connaught provincial grand master for Gloucestershire.

He has taken an active interest in politics since the election of 1865. He was president of the Gloucester Incorporated Chamber of Commerce in 1901 and 1902 ; chairman of the Sharpness New Docks and Gloucester and Birmingham Navigation Company for many years until 1929 ; and has been chairman of the Gloucester Coffee House Company ever since its establishment in 1876.

Sir James was invited by the Coalition Unionists to stand as their candidate for Gloucester at the election in 1918 and held the seat until the General Election of 1923, when he intimated that on account of increasing years he would be unable to offer himself for re-election.

1922	Nov. 15	Sir James Bruton, C.	7922
		<i>Morgan Philips Price, Lab.</i>	7871
		<i>Arthur William Stanton, L.</i>	6050

Electors 25,814 (M. 14,757 ; W. 11,057)

Mr M. P. Price was elected in the Labour interest for Whitehaven in 1929.

1923	Dec. 6	Lt. Col. James Nockells-Horlick,	
		O.B.E., M.C., C.	8630
		<i>M. P. Price, Lab.</i>	8127
		<i>A. W. Stanton, L.</i>	6011
		Electors 26,324 (M. 14,966 ; W. 11,358)	

Lt. Col. James Nockells-Horlick, son of the late Sir James Horlick, of Cowley Manor, Gloucestershire, was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He married Flora M. Martin of Cheltenham in 1911. He was in the Gloucestershire Yeomanry and subsequently in the Coldstream Guards. He retired from the army in 1920 and is now engaged in his business at Slough.

1924	Nov. 29	Lt. Col. James Nockells-Horlick,	
		O.B.E., M.C., C.	10,525
		<i>M. P. Price, Lab.</i>	8005
		<i>Theobald Mathew, L.</i>	3566
		Electors 26,600 (M. 15,112 ; W. 11,488)	

1929	May 30	Harold Leslie Boyce, C.	11,041
		<i>Henry Nixon, Lab.</i>	10,548
		<i>Thomas Worrall Casey, L.</i>	6589
		Electors 33,716 (M. 15,710 ; W. 18,006)	

Mr Harold Leslie Boyce, son of Charles Macleay Boyce, of Sydney, was born at Taree, New South Wales, 9 July 1895; educated at Sydney grammar school and Balliol college, Oxford; called to Bar, Inner Temple 1922; served throughout the Great War, being dangerously wounded at Pozières, 1916; Huth scholar, 1919, and Rhodes Scholar 1920; technical adviser to Australian representative before Permanent Mandates Commission at Geneva, 1922; legal adviser to Australian delegation to League of Nations, 1922; married in 1926 Maybery Browse, daughter of Edward Philip Bevan, of Melbourne.

## PART II. CITY OF BRISTOL.

by CHARLES WELLS

By the Representation of the People Act, 1918, Bristol was awarded another member, making five instead of four divisions. The new division was called 'Bristol Central', the others retaining the old names. The 23 municipal wards of the city were allocated thus :—

NORTH DIVISION	SOUTH DIVISION	EAST DIVISION	WEST DIVISION	CENTRAL DIVISION
Stapleton	Somerset (part of)	St. George West	Clifton South	St. Augustine
St. Philip and Jacob North	Southville	Easton (part of)	Redland	Central East
District	Bedminster East	Somerset (part of)	Horfield	Central West
Easton (part of)	Bedminster West	St. George East	Clifton North	St. James
			St. Michael's	St. Paul
			Westbury-on- Trym	St. Philip and Jacob South
				Redcliff

## BRISTOL CENTRAL

1918 Dec. 14 Thomas Walker Hobart Inskip,  
K.C., *Co. U.* 12,232  
*Ernest Bevin, Lab.* 7137  
Electors (M. 21,303 ; W. 14,735)

Thomas Walker Hobart Inskip, born 5 March 1876, second son of James Inskip, well known Bristol solicitor ; educated Clifton College and King's College, Cambridge ; married Lady Augusta Orr Ewing, widow of Charles Orr Ewing, M.P., and eldest daughter of 7th Earl of Glasgow ; called to Bar, Inner Temple 1899 ; unionist candidate Berwick on Tweed division 1906 and January 1910 ; K.C. 1914 ; knighted 1922 ; solicitor-general November 1922–January 1924 ; and November 1924–March 1928 when he became attorney-general ; naval intelligence

division, Admiralty 1915-18 ; head of naval law branch, Admiralty 1918 ; Admiralty representative on war crimes committee 1918-19 ; J.P. Wigtonshire ; chancellor diocese of Truro 1920-22 ; C.B.E., 1920. Represented Bristol Central till 1929.

1922	Nov. 15	Sir Thomas W. H. Inskip, K.C., <i>Co. U.</i>	15,568
		<i>Brigadier-General Christopher</i>	
		<i>Birdwood Thomson, Lab.</i>	12,303
		Electors (M. 21,193 ; W. 17,516)	
1923	Dec. 6	Sir Thomas W. H. Inskip, K.C., <i>Co. U.</i>	14,336
		<i>Samuel Edward Walters, Lab.</i>	11,932
		Electors (M. 21,781 ; W. 17,955)	
1924	Oct. 29	Sir Thomas W. H. Inskip, K.C., <i>Co. U.</i>	17,177
		<i>John Alexander Lovat-Fraser, Lab.</i>	14,018
		Electors (M. 22,083 ; W. 18,169)	

On 1 May 1929 the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act, giving the Parliamentary and Local Government vote to women on equal terms with men, thus creating what was popularly called 'the flapper vote', came into operation. This extension added about 5 million women to the electorate of the country and gave the women electors a large preponderance in every division of Bristol.

1929	May 30	Joseph Herbert Alpass, <i>Lab.</i>	20,749
		<i>Sir Thomas W. H. Inskip, K.C.,</i>	
		<i>Co. U.</i>	16,524
		Electors (M. 22,541 ; W. 25,541)	

Joseph Herbert Alpass, born at Bristol, 2 February 1873, son of Thomas Alpass ; educated at Berkeley and

Merchant Venturers' technical college, Bristol ; auctioneer and estate agent at Bristol ; contested Cirencester 1918, Thornbury 1923, and Cirencester 1924 ; county councillor for Gloucestershire.

## BRISTOL EAST

1900	Oct. 4	Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse, <i>L.</i>	4979
		<i>Robert Arthur Sanders, C.</i>	3848
		Electors 13,181	

Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse, born 30 June 1862, eldest son of Sir C. P. Hobhouse, 3rd bt., married Georgina Fleetwood, eldest daughter of late G. P. Fuller, Neston Park, Wilts. ; succeeded father 1916 ; educated Eton, and Christ Church, Oxford ; lieut. 60th Rifles 1884-90 ; M.P. East Wilts 1892-95 ; private secretary Colonial Office 1892-95 ; county alderman, Wilts. 1893-1924 ; church estates commissioner 1906-7 ; parliamentary under secretary for India 1907-8 ; financial secretary to treasury 1908-11 ; chancellor of duchy of Lancaster, 1911-14 ; postmaster-general 1914-15 ; represented Bristol East 1900-18.

1906	Jan. 15	C. E. H. Hobhouse, <i>L.</i>	7935
		<i>Thomas Bertram Johnston, C.</i>	3129
		Electors 14,543	

1910	Jan. 17	Rt. Hon. C. E. H. Hobhouse, <i>L.</i>	6804
		<i>Thomas Henry Batten, C.</i>	4033
		<i>Frank Sheppard, Lab.</i>	2255
		Electors 15,060	

1910	Dec. 3	Rt. Hon. C. E. H. Hobhouse, <i>L.</i>	7229
		<i>Patrick Joseph Henry Hannon, C.</i>	4263
		Electors 15,060	

Bye-election on Mr Hobhouse taking office as chancellor of duchy of Lancaster :—

1911	Nov. 3	Rt. Hon. C. E. H. Hobhouse, <i>L.</i>	4913
		<i>Walter Moore, Ind.</i>	2913
1918	Dec. 14	George Bryant Britton, <i>Co. L.</i>	9434
		<i>Luke Henry Bateman, Lab.</i>	8135
		<i>Sir Charles E. H. Hobhouse, L.</i>	1447
		Electors (M. 20,317 ; W. 13,362)	

George Bryant Britton born 1863, boot and shoe manufacturer of Kingswood, Bristol ; member Bristol city council 1897-1929 ; lord mayor 1920-21 ; justice of peace for Bristol ; married Annie, second daughter of John Henshaw. Died 11 July 1929.

1922	Nov. 15	Harold Morris, K.C., <i>Nat. L.</i>	13,910
		<i>L. H. Bateman, Lab.</i>	13,759
		Electors (M. 20,356 ; W. 15,348)	

Harold Morris, K.C., M.B.E., born Dec. 1876 ; son of late Malcolm Morris, K.C.V.O., called to the Bar, Inner Temple, 1899 ; southeast circuit ; recorder of Folkestone 1921-23 ; chairman National Wages Board for railways since 1925 ; president Industrial Court since 1926 ; represented Bristol East 1922-23 ; knighted 1927.

1923	Dec. 6	Walter John Baker, <i>Lab.</i>	14,824
		<i>Harold Morris, Nat. L.</i>	12,788
		Electors (M. 20,478 ; W. 15,470)	

Walter John Baker, born 1876 ; assistant general secretary and head of research department Union of Post Office Workers ; unsuccessfully contested Harborough division of Leicestershire, Dec. 1918 and Nov. 1922.

1924	Oct. 29	W. J. Baker, <i>Lab.</i>	16,920
		<i>Herbert John Maggs, L.</i>	12,143
		Electors (M. 20,807 ; W. 15,634)	
1929	May 30	W. J. Baker, <i>Lab.</i>	24,197
		<i>Charles Gordon Spencer, L.</i>	12,576
		Electors (M. 22,485 ; W. 24,555)	

## BRISTOL NORTH

1900	Oct. 4	Sir Frederick Wills, <i>bt., L.U.</i>	4936
		<i>Sir Clarence Smith, L.</i>	4182
		Electors 12,157	

*Vice* Lewis Fry (*Williams*, p. 141) who did not seek re-election. He had represented the division since its creation in 1885 except in the parliament of 1892-95, and sat for the city when it was a two-member constituency from 1878 to 1885. He was made a Privy Councillor (1900) in recognition of his public services. Died 10 September 1921, aged 89.

Sir Frederick Wills, born 21 November 1838, seventh son of Henry Overton Wills, of the Bristol firm of tobacco manufacturers ; entered the business, becoming later a director of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Gt. Britain & Ireland) ltd. Educated Clifton College ; married 1867, Anne, eldest daughter of late Rev. James Hamilton, D.D. ; member Bristol city council, 1885-88 ; governor of Guy's hospital ; created bart. 1897 ; unsuccessfully contested Launceston division of Cornwall 1895 and 1898 ; sat for Bristol North till 1906. Died 18 February 1909.

1906	Jan. 15	Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell, <i>K.C., L.</i>	6953
		<i>John Alderson Foote, K.C., L.U.</i>	4011
		Electors 13,061	

*Vice* Sir Frederick Wills retired. Augustine Birrell, born 19 January 1850, youngest son of Rev. Charles Birrell, Nonconformist minister, and Harriet Jane, daughter of Rev. Henry Grey, Edinburgh; educated Amersham Hall school; Trinity Hall, Cambridge; married (1) 1878, Margaret (d. 1879) daughter of Archibald Merrielees, Petrograd; (2) 1888, Eleanor Mary Bertha (d. 1915) daughter of Frederick and Lady Charlotte Locker, and widow of hon. Lionel Tennyson; barrister 1875; bencher, Inner Temple 1903; Quain Professor of Law, University College, London, 1896-99; M.P. (L.) Fifeshire west 1889-1900; unsuccessfully contested N.E. Manchester 1900; president Board of Education 1905-7; chief secretary, lord lieut. Ireland 1907-16; lord rector, Glasgow University 1911; author of *Obiter Dicta* and many other books of literary essays. Represented Bristol North until 1918 when he retired.

1910	Jan. 17	Rt. Hon. A. Birrell, K.C., L.	6953
		Maurice Henry Woods, L.U.	5459
		Electors 13,989	

1910	Dec. 3	Rt. Hon. A. Birrell, K.C., L.	6410
		Laurie Magnus, L.U.	5084
		Electors 13,989	

1918	Dec. 14	Edwin Stanley Gange, Co. L.	11,400
		James Kaylor, Lab.	5007
		Ernest Willoughby Petter, Nat.	2520
		Electors (M. 20,226; W. 14,431)	

Edwin Stanley Gange, born 1871, son of Rev. E. Gange, Baptist minister, married 1895, Alice, daughter of Henry Denning; Bristol merchant and J.P.

1922	Nov. 15	Col. Hon. Christian Henry Charles	
		Guest, Nat. L.	17,495
		Walter Henry Ayles, Lab.	7567
		Electors (M. 20,611; W. 16,374)	

*Vice* Stanley Gange, who did not seek re-election.

Colonel Guest, born 15 February 1874, second son of 1st Baron Wimborne; educated Eton; obtained commission in 3rd batt. Lancs. Fusiliers 1892; 1st Royal Dragoons 1894; married 1911, hon. Frances Lyttelton (d. 1918), daughter of 8th Viscount Cobham; M.P. (*L.*) East Dorset 1910; Pembroke Burghs 1910-18. Parliamentary secretary to rt. hon. Charles Hobhouse when postmaster general; served in South Africa 1899-1902 and European War 1914-15; soldiering in India 1902-7. Represented Bristol North till 1923 when he was defeated.

1923	Dec. 6	Walter Henry Ayles, <i>Lab.</i>	10,433
		<i>Col. the Hon. C. H. C. Guest, Co. L.</i>	8770
		<i>Ernest Willoughby Petter, C.</i>	8643
		Electors (M. 20,820; W. 16,545)	

Walter Henry Ayles, born London, 24 March 1879, son of Percy Ayles; educated London elementary board school; organizing secretary of No More War Movement; contested the division unsuccessfully in 1922; has been a Bristol city councillor.

1924	Oct. 29	Captain the Hon. Frederick Edward Guest, <i>Co. L.</i>	17,799
		<i>Walter Henry Ayles, Lab.</i>	12,319

Captain the rt. hon. Frederick Guest, born 14 June 1875, third son of 1st Baron Wimborne; married 1905, Amy, daughter of Henry Phipps; late captain 1st Life Guards; served White Nile 1900, South Africa 1901-2, European War (A.D.C. to Sir John French) 1914-16, East Africa 1916-17; private secretary to Mr Winston Churchill; contested Kingswinford division, Staffordshire, 1906; Coker mouth division, Cumberland 1906; Brigg Division, Lincolnshire, 1907; M.P., East Dorset, 1910 (January-May) and 1911-22; M.P. Stroud division, Gloucestershire, 1923-24 (*see ante* p. 333); junior lord of Treasury (unpaid)

1912 ; treasurer H.M. household 1912-15 ; joint parliamentary secretary to Treasury 1917-21 ; Secretary of State for Air, 1921-22 ; represented Bristol North 1924-29.

1929 May 30

Walter Henry Ayles, <i>Lab.</i>	18,619
<i>Captain the Hon. F. E. Guest, Co. L.</i>	12,932
<i>John Osborne Marshall Skelton, L.</i>	6713
Electors (M. 22,837 ; W. 26,177)	

#### BRISTOL SOUTH

1900 Oct. 4	Rt. Hon. Walter Long, <i>C.</i>	5470
	<i>William Howell Davies, L.</i>	4859
	Electors 13,206	

Rt. Hon. Walter Long, born 13 July 1854 at Bath, eldest son of Richard Penruddocke Long, Rood Ashton, Wilts, and Charlotte, daughter of rt. hon. W. W. Fitz-William-Hume Dick ; educated Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford ; married Lady Dorothy Blanche, fourth daughter of 9th Earl of Cork and Orrery ; M.P. (C.) North Wilts. 1880-85 ; Devizes division of Wilts. (C.) 1885-92 ; parliamentary secretary Local Government Board 1886-92 ; M.P. (C.) West Derby division of Liverpool 1892-1900 ; president Local Government Board 1900-05 ; sat for Bristol South 1900-06 when he was defeated ; M.P. (C.) South Dublin 1906-10 ; chief secretary for Ireland 1905-6 ; colonel Royal Wilts Imperial Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own) 1898 ; M.P. (C.) Strand division 1910-19 ; created Viscount Long of Wraxall 1921. Died 26 September 1924, aged 70.

1906 Jan. 15	William Howell Davies, <i>L.</i>	7964
	<i>Rt. Hon. Walter Long, C.</i>	5272
	Electors 14,935	

William Howell Davies, born 13 December 1851, at Narberth ; son of Thomas Davies ; married 1882, Ada Mary, daughter of Obed Hosegood, J.P., Bristol ; educated privately ; leather factor and tanner, head of Davies & Co. Ltd., Bristol ; member Bristol city council since 1885 ; J.P. since 1894 ; mayor of Bristol 1895-96 ; chairman Bristol municipal docks committee 1889-1908, and knighted in latter year by King Edward VII on occasion of opening of large new dock.

1910	Jan. 17	Sir W. H. Davies, <i>L.</i>	7281
		<i>Horace Whitehead Chatterton, C.</i>	7010
		Electors 16,171	

1910	Dec. 3	Sir W. H. Davies, <i>L.</i>	6895
		<i>James Thomas Francombe, C.</i>	6757
		Electors 16,171	

1918	Dec. 14	Sir W. H. Davies, <i>Co. L.</i>	13,761
		<i>Thomas Charles Lewis, Lab.</i>	6409
		Electors (M. 21,251 ; W. 14,412)	

1922	Nov. 15	Sir William Beddoe Rees, <i>Co. L.</i>	16,199
		<i>David John Vaughan, Lab.</i>	12,650
		Electors (M. 21,519 ; W. 16,511)	

*Vice* Sir William Howell Davies retired. Sir William Beddoe Rees, born Maesteg, son of Isaac Rees ; educated privately and university of Wales ; married 1925, Elisabeth, daughter of Robert Jones-Griffith, Dolgelly ; largely interested in coal and shipping industries of South Wales ; ex-president National Free Church Council ; member select committee on betting ; knighted 1917 ; represented Bristol South till 1929.

1923	Dec. 6	Sir W. Beddoe Rees, <i>Co. L.</i>	15,235
		<i>D. J. Vaughan, Lab.</i>	13,701
		Electors (M. 21,819 ; W. 16,747)	

1924	Oct. 29	Sir W. Beddoe Rees, <i>Co. L.</i>	16,722
		<i>D. J. Vaughan, Lab.</i>	15,702
		Electors (M. 22,120 ; W. 16,936)	
1929	May 30	Alexander George Walkden, <i>Lab.</i>	23,591
		<i>Sir W. Beddoe Rees, Co. L.</i>	18,194
		Electors (M. 24,306 ; W. 27,322)	

Alexander George Walkden, born 11 May, 1873, London, son of Charles Henry Scrivener Walkden ; educated Merchant Taylors School, Ashwell ; general secretary Railway Clerks' Association ; unsuccessfully contested West Wolverhampton 1918 and 1922, Heywood and Radcliffe 1924.

#### BRISTOL WEST

1900	Oct. 4	Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach, <i>bt. C.,</i> <i>unopp.</i>	
1906	Jan. 15	Lt. Col. George Abraham Gibbs, <i>C.</i>	4267
		<i>Thomas Joseph Lennard, L.</i>	3902
		Electors 9423	

*Vice* Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach, who was created Viscount St. Aldwyn of Coln St. Aldwyn in 1906 and Earl in 1915. Died 30 April 1916, aged 78.

Lt.-Colonel George Abraham Gibbs, born 6 July 1873, eldest son of Antony Gibbs, of Tyntesfield, Somerset ; educated Eton and Christ Church, Oxford ; married (1) 1901, hon. Victoria Florence de Burgh, eldest daughter of 1st Viscount Long of Wraxall ; (2) 1927, hon. Ursula Mary, eldest daughter of hon. Sir Arthur Lawley ; lt.-col. commanding N. Somerset Yeomanry 1909-14 ; served in South Africa 1900 with N. Somerset Co. I.Y. ; present at capture of Pretoria ; lt.-col. commanding 2/1 N. Somerset Yeomanry 1914-17 ; J.P. and

D.L. Somerset ; P.C. 1923 ; Government Whip 1917-28 ; treasurer of Household 1921-24 and 1924-28 ; represented Bristol West until 1928 when he went to House of Lords as Baron Wraxall, of Wraxall, Somerset.

1910	Jan. 17	Lt.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, C.	5159
		<i>Walter Saise, L.</i>	3881
		Electors 10,127	

1910	Dec. 3	Lt.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, C.	4871
		<i>Joseph Weston-Stevens, L.</i>	3595
		Electors 10,127	

1918	Dec. 14	Lt.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, Co. U.	<i>unopp.</i>
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1922	Nov. 15	Lt.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, Co. U	18,124
		<i>Frank Walter Raffety, L.</i>	11,100
		Electors (M. 19,763 ; W. 18,250)	

1923	Dec. 6	Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. G. A. Gibbs,	
		<i>Co. U. unopp.</i>	

1924	Oct. 29	Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. G. A. Gibbs,	
		<i>Co. U.</i>	23,574
		<i>Matthias Giles, Lab.</i>	6276
		Electors (M. 20,512 ; W. 19,240)	

Bye-election through Lt.-Col. Gibbs being created Baron Wraxall :—

1928	Feb. 2	Cyril Tom Culverwell, C.	16,970
		<i>Lady Clare Annesley, Lab.</i>	7702
		<i>William Nichols Marcy, L.</i>	4996
		Electors (M. 22,515 ; W. 21,385)	

Cyril Tom Culverwell, born 26 October 1895, son of late T. J. H. Culverwell, of Bristol ; educated Clifton College and Queen's College, Cambridge ; married 1919,

Muriel Christabel, daughter of Dr Fitzwilliam Carter, Bristol; served in the army 1915-19; Bristol city councillor since 1924.

1929	May 30	Cyril T. Culverwell, C.	25,416
		<i>Lady Clare Annesley, Lab.</i>	11,916
		<i>W. N. Marcy, L.</i>	9909
		Electors (M. 25,033 ; W. 35,811)	

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