

of Broadlands, Romsey

ASHLEY, RT. HON. WILFRED WILLIAM (~~1867-19~~), of Lee,
Hants. Parl. Sec. Ministry of Transport 1922-3; Under Sec.
for War 1923-4; Minister of Transport Nov. 1924-June 1929.
created (Lord Mount Temple 1932) ^{Cons.} M.P. Blackpool 1906-10, 1910,
1910-18; Lanos. (Fylde) 1918-22; Hants (New Forest) 1922-3,
1923-4, 1924-9, 1929-32 (~~Conservative~~). →

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(~~d. 1896~~ - ^{d.} 1907) by Sybella, da. of Sir Wm. Farquhar, 3rd Bart.;
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Sir Ernest Cassel by whom 2 da. who m. respectively Lord Louis
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Sempill. *date*

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1889-98; J.P., D.L., ^{member of Romsey Town Council,} and Alderman, Hants C.C. His interest
in politics and his strong Protestantism came from his father,
having been Campbell-Bannerman's private
and he went into Parliament, "because politics are the most ^{sec.}
interesting of all things." Nevertheless he got his safe seat
as a Conservative being "friend of the son of the Chairman
of the Blackpool Conservative Asscn." Income then £10,000
a year; election cost £1,200; annual cost £500. He spoke on
Army matters, became a Conservative Whip 1911-13, and was one
of the handsomest men in the House. In the War he raised and
commanded in England the 20th King's Liverpool Regt.; and
organised the "Comrades of the Great War" - his best piece
of work. He took office from 1922 onwards, but without much
enthusiasm, being quite content to rule in Hants. Indeed he
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with a non-committal smile for everyone; perhaps too conscious
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Communist Union

For years he has

Ashley Wolford

(His wife's Will) Times

His wife Annetta Mary Maud } d. 5 Feb. 1911.
o. child of Sir Ernest Cassel of Lane? }

Gross estate value of £74,441.

n.p. £61,672.

left whole free property to her husband absolutely.

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