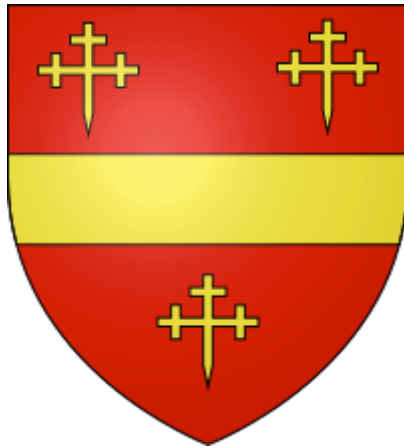


ARTHUR JOCELYN CHARLES GORE

6th EARL OF ARRAN KP, PC

A 'Sawbridgeworth' Peer of the Realm

This article is intended as a 'follow up' to my earlier article of November 2018 entitled Hyde Hall/Great Hyde Hall and deals with one of the recorded residents there.



Arms of the Gore Family

Arthur Gore was born on 14 September 1869 at Ayot St. Peter, just North of Welwyn. He was the only son of Arthur Saunders William Charles Fox Gore, 5th Earl of Arran, and Lady Edith Elizabeth Henrietta (nee Jocelyn). He was therefore, through his maternal line, the grandson of Robert Viscount Jocelyn, 3rd Earl of Roden of Hyde Hall, Sawbridgeworth.

The title of Earl of Arran was given to the Gore family through the peerage of Ireland and refers to the Aran islands situated off the coast of Galway. This title should not be confused with the Scottish title of the same name and spelling, which is entirely separate. Both titles are still extant.

Arthur Gore's early life was of a military nature. He was commissioned into the Royal Horse Guards as a Second Lieutenant on 20 November 1889 and became a First Lieutenant on 13 April 1892. Later, on 30 March 1895, he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

He served in the Boer War in South Africa and sailed there in February 1900 on the steamship SS Narrung with the Household Cavalry Composite Regiment. During the voyage he became the Officer Commanding of the Cavalry Contingent on ship. Whilst in South Africa, Arthur served as the Adjutant for the Royal Horse Guards and was duly promoted to the rank of Major in the November of that year. He was awarded both the Queen's and the King's South Africa medals.



The SS Narrung

He did not remain in South Africa for long. On 14 March 1901 his father died and he is to be found in the 1901 census return living in Knightsbridge, London. In September that year, the *Times* newspaper reported from a Royal Court Circular that he had formally inherited his father's titles and Arthur thus became the 6th Earl of Arran.

As an Anglo-Irish peer, Arthur Gore was entitled to attend and sit in House of Lords at Westminster. However, he does not seem to have exercised this right. Hansard reports that during his life Arthur Gore made no speeches nor any contributions to parliamentary activities. It is thus probable that he never in fact attended.

On 16 August 1902 at Hambledon in Surrey, Arthur Gore married Maud Jacqueline Marie Beauclerk van Kattendyke, the daughter of a Dutch nobleman. They were to have two sons together, both of whom were named Arthur.

Even after his marriage, Arthur Gore did not forget his military life. Between 1904 and 1908 he was a Lieutenant Colonel with the 15th Battalion County of London Regiment. This was followed by a short period with the Officer Training Corps in Ireland 1910 – 1911.

In 1914 Arthur became what was jocularly termed at the time a 'Dug Out'. A 'Dug Out' was a retired officer called back into service for the Great War. Arthur was attached to his old regiment, the Royal Horse Guards. He did not last long, though, and in late 1914 was officially invalided out of the Army. He did not see active service in the Great War.

In 1909 Arthur Gore became a Knight of St. Patrick.



Regalia of the Knighthood of St. Patrick

In the 1911 census return, Arthur Gore was recorded as living at Hyde Hall in Sawbridgeworth as the 'Head of the Household', where he lived with his wife, two sons and 15 servants. This is not quite what it seems though. Arthur was merely staying for a while at his mother's family home (the rest of the family were absent according to the census). He was not a long-term resident, nor was he the owner of the property. However, it should be noted that on 5 July 1910 his youngest son (who later became the 8th Earl) was born at Hyde Hall.

Arthur was a Justice of the Peace for Hertfordshire, County Louth and County Mayo. Furthermore, he was also Lord Lieutenant for County Donegal (1917-20) and Deputy Lord lieutenant for Essex and County Mayo. In 1917 he became an Irish Privy Councillor.

In 1927, Arthur's first wife died. However, on 17 December 1929 at Kensington he married again, this time to Lilian Constance Browne (nee Quick). They were to have no children. Arthur Gore died on 19 December 1958 at Truro in Cornwall. His second wife survived him and died in 1961, also at Truro in Cornwall.

As well as the title Earl of Arran, Arthur Gore was also from 1901 until his death on 19 December 1958 titled Viscount Sudley and Baron Saunders of Deeds. He was immediately succeeded by his eldest son, also named Arthur, as the 7th Earl, but only for nine days until 28 December 1958 when he too died, to be followed in turn by the younger son, another Arthur, as the 8th Earl.



Arthur Jocelyn Charles Gore (1869 – 1958) pictured in 1938

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