

= Ayscoghe Boucherett =

Lieutenant @-@ Colonel Ayscoghe Boucherett , JP DL (16 April 1755 ? 15 September 1815) was a British landowner , businessman and Member of Parliament for Great Grimsby from 1796 to 1803 .

Born into a family of the Lincolnshire landed gentry , Boucherett became involved in local politics in Lincolnshire , and (owing mainly to his marriage) with artistic and mercantile circles in London . He was the chairman of the Grimsby Haven Company , which oversaw the reopening and expansion of Grimsby 's first dock . He was a friend of the artist Sir Thomas Lawrence and the proprietor of Willingham , Lincolnshire , where he constructed his country seat , Willingham House , in 1790 . For his investment in the Haven Company , he received the support of Lord Yarborough , one of its main investors and a principal land @-@ owner in Grimsby ; owing largely to Lord Yarborough 's patronage , Boucherett was returned as the Member of Parliament for that borough at the 1796 election . He was not a frequent voter , but used his position to further the interests of his corporation . Nonetheless , the company met with financial difficulties after it opened the Harbour in 1800 . In 1803 , Boucherett resigned his seat in favour of Yarborough 's heir and pursued a quieter political life . He died in a carriage accident in 1815 .

= = Early life and family connections = =

Boucherett was born on 16 April 1755 , the son of Ayscoghe Boucherett of Willingham and Stallingborough , Lincolnshire , and his wife , Mary White . The elder Boucherett had been the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1754 , and was a landed gentleman in Lincolnshire , whose family was descended from Huguenot merchants ; they married into the Ayscoghe family and inherited the Willingham estate through this marriage . The elder Boucherett 's daughter , Mary , had married Michael Barne of Sotterley , Suffolk , an army officer and a member of parliament for Dunwich .

The younger Boucherett was admitted at Queen 's College , Cambridge , in 1773 , aged 18 , but did not take a degree . He married , on 17 March 1789 , Emelia Crockatt , daughter of Charles Crockatt , a merchant , of London and of Luxborough Hall , Essex , and his wife , Anna Muilman , who married , when widowed , the insurance broker and art connoisseur John Julius Angerstein . This union helped the younger Boucherett to garner connexions in London merchant circles . Emilia Boucherett died on 5 February 1837 , aged 75 . The Boucheretts had one son and three daughters :

Emilia Mary Boucherett (7 August 1790 ? 29 November 1870) . Died unmarried .

Ayscoghe Boucherett , J.P. , D.L. (24 September 1791 ? 1857) , he was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1820 . He married , on 11 May 1816 , Louisa Pigou , daughter of Frederick John Pigou of Dartford , Kent , and his wife Louisa , née Minchin . They had : Ayscoghe Boucherett (1817 ? 32) , Henry Robert Boucherett , J.P. (1818 ? 77) , who was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1866 , Hugo Boucherett (1819 ? c . 1839) , Louisa Boucherett (1821 ? 95) , and Emilia Jessie Boucherett (1825 ? 1905) , who was a noted women 's rights campaigner .

Maria Boucherett (born 30 October 1795) . She married , on 15 August 1815 , Charles Parker Newdigate Newdegate of Harefield , Middlesex ; their only child was the Conservative politician and Member of Parliament for North Warwickshire , Charles Newdigate Newdegate .

Juliana Boucherett (bapt . 27 April 1798) . Died unmarried .

Boucherett paid for the construction of a new family seat in 1790 ; Willingham House was a larger and grander mansion than the family 's previous seat closer to Willingham , and was constructed in the neoclassical style , most likely by Robert Mitchell , two miles west of the earlier house .

= = Friendship with Sir Thomas Lawrence = =

The family 's connection with the art connoisseur John Julius Angerstein led to them becoming acquainted with certain artistic circles in the late eighteenth century ; most notably , they established a close friendship with the portrait painter Sir Thomas Lawrence , who would go on to be President

of the Royal Academy . He visited Willingham House , the Boucherett family 's country home , composing a number of studies in pastel of Boucherett 's young children , beginning in 1793 . The Boucherett family were also painted several times by Lawrence ; he painted a group portrait of Emilia Boucherett , and her two eldest children , Ayscoghe and Emilia Maria , alongside Mrs Boucherett 's half @-@ sister , Juliana Angerstein ; another group portrait , The Children of Ayscoghe Boucherett , depicting the four children of Boucherett and his wife , (painted in 1808 and now held in the Louvre Museum) , has been described as " one of Lawrence 's most celebrated group portraits " . A separate study of the three daughters , Emilia Mary , Maria and Juliana , was sold by the auction house Christie 's in 2012 for £ 121 @, @ 000 .

= = Member of Parliament and public service = =

In the 1790s , Boucherett began to rise through Lincolnshire 's civic and mercantile circles , especially in the north of the County , where the family had their seat ; his connexions helped him to become involved with a group of businessmen planning to reopen and expand Grimsby 's harbour . His rise is charted in his appointments to several civic posts : to be High Steward of Grimsby from 1794 (he remained as such until his death) , succeeding Christopher Clayton , and to be High Sheriff of Lincolnshire for 1795 ? 6 . As these plans for the harbour came to fruition , he was appointed chairman of the company tasked with performing the required work ; it was the Grimsby Haven Company , which was created by an Act of Parliament in 1796 (36 Geo III , chap . 98) for the express purpose of building the dock and repairing the Haven . He secured the friendship and patronage of Charles Anderson Pelham , 1st Baron Yarborough , a prominent local land @-@ owner involved in the Haven Company , and was returned as the Member of Parliament for Great Grimsby in 1796 owing to this friendship .

Yarborough , Boucherett 's patron , was an opponent of the administration of William Pitt the Younger and supported the Duke of Portland during the 1790s . Boucherett was an infrequent voter , but he told the diarist Joseph Farington that , when he did vote , he tended to do so with Charles James Fox , rather than Pitt the Younger , although , he later became " disgusted " at Fox 's style of opposition ; he is also known to have voted against the Ferrol Expedition in 1801 . The seat did allow for him to further the interests of the Haven Company , with him proposing a bill to grant more funds in 1799 . He found , though , that his funds and the financial success of the company were both in decline by 1801 . Although re @-@ elected in 1802 , the following year he resigned in favour of Lord Yarborough 's eldest son and heir , the Hon. Charles Anderson Pelham , later 1st Earl and 2nd Baron Yarborough .

= = Later life = =

Although opened in 1800 at the cost of £ 100 @, @ 000 , the new harbour at Grimsby failed to attract the levels of trade the company had projected , caused largely by a lack of inland transport networks . The financial problems facing the Grimsby Haven Company led to factions and difficulty in its running and put strain on Boucherett 's relations with Yarborough ; having invested much money and time in the now failing company , Boucherett also found it draining of him financially .

Aside from Parliamentary and business commitments , he served as a Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire and a Justice of the Peace . Boucherett was also an officer in the Yeoman volunteers , being a Captain the Market Raisin Yeomanry in 1798 and then a Lieutenant @-@ Colonel in and Commandant of the North Lincolnshire Yeomanry from 1814 until his death . He died in a carriage accident on 15 September 1815 . At his death , his assets barely covered the debts he had accrued in his lifetime . He was succeeded as the High Steward of Grimsby by the Hon. George Anderson Pelham , the second son of the first Lord Yarborough .