

Henry Bruce, 2nd Baron Aberdare

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Career

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His military career, by virtue of his status in the nobility, was started early: he served in the Welch Regiment and became a major of the 3rd Battalion in 1899. A year later he was appointed its honorary lieutenant-colonel and in 1910 honorary colonel of the 5th Battalion. Later Bruce was promoted to lieutenant colonel of the 3rd Battalion. He was decorated with the Volunteer Decoration.

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Henry Campbell Bruce's memorial at Aberffwrdd cemetery in Mountain Ash, Wales

Family

- *Bruce died himself in 1929 and was succeeded in the barony by his second son Clarence.*

He married Constance Mary, daughter of Hamilton Beckett in 1880. The couple eventually had nine children together, five sons and four daughters. His oldest son and heir apparent Henry was commissioned a captain in the 3rd Battalion, Royal Scots, but was killed in action soon after the First World War broke out. Bruce died himself in 1929 and was succeeded in the barony by his second son Clarence.

His Granddaughter Hon. Pamela Digby became American Ambassador to France.

Notes

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