

Obituary.

Passing of Sir Charles B. Barrington

The death of Sir Charles Barton Barrington was announced on Saturday at the age of 95. His heir is his eldest son, Charles.

Sir Charles Barrington was a native of Limerick, where his family founded Barrington's Hospital in 1829. He offered his birthplace, Glenstal Castle, Murroe, to the nation many years ago, but it was refused, and he later disposed of it to the Right Rev Monsignor Innocent Ryan, Dean of Cashel, who in turn presented it to the Benedictine Order, who took up residence in 1922.

Sir Charles died at Botley, Southampton. He claimed to have introduced Rugby football into Ireland and used to relate that when he went to Trinity College, Dublin, only a kind of football was played without any rules. "I had played Rugby, so I formed my own team, drew up the rules, and designed the cap and costume," he said. Then we found we had no other team to play, but the game spread quickly, and it was not long before there were other Rugby football teams."

Sir Charles was Joint Hon. Sec of Barrington's Hospital, in which he took a deep interest, and he was a brother-in-law of the late Judge Wright, Cork. The only member of the family now resident in Ireland is Miss M E Barrington, Clonhavog, Lisnagry, Limerick.

The death of Sir Charles Barrington was learned with much regret in Limerick city and county, where he had many associations. As a senior Irish baronet he took part in many local activities before leaving Ireland, and throughout his long life kept in close contact with Limerick and all matters affecting its interest. From his home in Southampton he took a lively part in the agitation against the proposal to close down the Limerick voluntary hospitals, and his interest in the welfare of Barrington's Hospital, founded by his ancestors, never waned.