

Grave No: F261

SANDEMAN, Robert Preston & Jessy

ROBERT PRESTON SANDEMAN 1852 – 1932

JESSY SANDEMAN (nee CRAWSHAY) 1856 - 1938



Verse:

Sleep sweet within
this quiet room,
O thou, whoe'er thou
art,
And let no mournful
yesterdays
Disturb thy peaceful
heart.
Nor let tomorrow
mar thy rest
With dreams of
coming ill.
Thy maker is thy
changeless friend,
His love surrounds
thee still.
Forget thyself and all
the world,
Put out each garish
light.
The stars are
watching overhead
Sleep sweetly then
good night.

*Based on a poem by
Ellen M Huntingdon
Gates*



Inscription

*In Ever Loving
Memory of my darling
husband - Bob, Lt.
Colonel ROBERT
PRESTON SANDEMAN
of Dan-y-Parc,
Crickhowell, late
Captain Royal 10th
Hussars and Lt Colonel
Royal Gloucester
Hussars,*

25th April 1932

*'You have sleep and
rest my own darling
now'*

1861 Wales Census Robert is living with his parents Thomas (Captain 73rd and 42nd Highlanders) and Amelia Sandeman (nee Crawshay, fourth daughter of William Crawshay, born Merthyr Tydfil 1823) at Hilston Park, St Maugham's, Monmouth age 8 years

1881 Wales Census Jessie Crawshay aged 25 years unmarried living at Dan-y-Parc, Crickhowell

MARRIAGE: Capt. Robert Preston Sandeman to Jessie Crawshay (his cousin), August 7th 1884 at St Cattwgs Church, Llangattock, J Marsden Jones Curate

1891 Wales Census Robert, aged 38 years and Jessie aged 35 years are living at Dan-y-Parc with six servants

1901 Wales Census Capt. Robert aged 48, Jessie, Robert Childe Gwynne Crawshay age three living at Dan y Parc, Crickhowell

1911 Wales Census Four Servants only residing at Dan y Parc

1921 Wales Census Robert, Jessie, Robert G C, son age 23 living a Dan y Park, Crickhowell with six servants: William Challoner, age 36, Sarah Griffiths, age 50, Lily May Morgan, age 17, Edith May Kitt, age 17, Marcey Groves age 60.

1872 – 1883 Robert Preston Sandeman was a Captain with the 10th Hussars but resigned his position on his marriage to Jessie.

1892 - 1920 Robert Preston Sandeman served as a Lieutenant Colonel with the Gloucestershire Yeomanry and commanded the Crickhowell national reservists during WW1.

1910 - 1926 Robert Preston Sandeman was JP and Magistrate at Crickhowell Petty Session

BURIAL RECORD

Robert died 25th April 1932, buried at St Elli Church, 30th April 1932, age 80 years

Jessy died 7th Oct. 1938, buried at St Elli Church, 12th October 1938, age 82 years

Reverend RM Cole Hamilton, Rector St Cattwgs Church officiated at both burials

Additional information:

When Robert Sandeman died in April 1932, he left £15,234 (the equivalent of c. £5.7 million today). His coffin, said to contain his guns, was lead lined and so heavy that mourners and the police had to help to carry it across the graveyard and lower it into the vault. His memorial shows his continued love for animals with his pet dog at his feet. The story goes that the Colonel's dog followed the funeral procession and would not leave the graveside. He was seen there in all weathers and, after a night of frost and snow, he was found dead. In due course, a statue of this faithful friend was added to his master's memorial.

Their love for animals is further confirmed by the Dan-y-Parc Pet Cemetery (on private land) where the family pets were given funerals and headstones erected. This included dogs, cats, horses, a monkey and canary as well as a pet sheep.

Taken from and for further information see:

Great Houses of Crickhowell, Elizabeth Siberry, Ryland Wallace and Eliane Wigzell, available from Crickhowell District Archive Centre.