

OBITUARY

C. M. TRELAWNY IRVING. By the death of Charles Maxwell Trelawny Irving in April 1970, at the age of 91, the Society lost a keen and much-respected supporter. A member of Council for many years and a Vice-President, at his death, he had served the Society in many ways. In particular his generous and ready help enabled the Society to acquire Ceely House when it became available in 1944 thus making possible the subsequent development of the Museum. He took the chair with great skill and good humour at several Annual General Meetings in the absence of Sir Alan Barlow and continued his interest in the Society to the very end of his long life.

At the start of his career he was an artist, the exact contemporary of John and Sickert. He studied in London and Paris and had a studio in Fitzroy Street. Later he turned to the law (he was a qualified barrister) and to business where his natural shrewdness brought him great success. After being cured in 1925 of a serious illness by Stanley Lief, he founded Champneys, the nature cure resort near Tring, and remained its Chairman till his death. He was also interested in land and property development; quite early in career he had the foresight to realise the inevitable development of New Amersham, at a time when it was just a new railway station on top of the hill.

In 1936 he bought Wellwick Manor at the foot of the Chilterns near Wendover, one of the loveliest of Bucks. Manor Houses and although he kept his connections with Cornwall and latterly spent the winters abroad, he returned to Bucks. each summer, always, I suspect, with pleasure.

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The only other death recorded in 1970 was that of Mr. F. Gibbs.