COMMUNICATIONS.
RONALD STEWART-BROWN.

THE Council wish to express their deep regret at the death of Mr. Ronald Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A., F.Gen.S., who had been a member of our Society since 1905 and a Vice-President since 1920. He died at his home, Bryn-y-Grôg, near Wrexham, on 11 January, 1940, at the age of 67, and was buried at Childwall.

He was born in Liverpool in 1872, being the fifth son of the late Mr. Stewart Henry Brown, a magistrate and partner in Messrs. Brown Shipley & Co., Liverpool and London, and Brown Brothers & Co., New York, bankers and merchants. Educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, he took honours in the Solicitors' Final Examination, and for thirty-six years practised in Liverpool, retiring from the firm of Alsop Stevens & Co. in 1933.

Besides being the honorary local secretary for Cheshire of the Society of Antiquaries, he filled many other offices in historical and archaeological societies dealing with Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales. For many years he was honorary secretary and general editor of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, and at his death was Vice-President of that Society.

He was also a prominent member of the councils of the Chetham Society (1927-34) and the Chester Archaeological Society (1910-20), a fellow of the Society of Genealogists, and honorary treasurer of the University of Liverpool School of Local History and Records. As a co-opted member of the Liverpool Corporation Libraries, Museum and Arts Committee, he gave the benefit of his knowledge and experience from 1909 to 1921, and acted
as deputy-chairman of the Libraries Sub-Committee for almost the whole of that period. In 1921 he was president of the Liverpool Athenæum.

While his interest in history and archaeology was wide, he made a special study of legal and constitutional history. His book, *The Sergeants of the Peace in Medieval England and Wales*, is the standard work on the subject. Many of the articles which he contributed to the *English Historical Review* and to the transactions of this and other learned societies are of great value. Among his works of a more local character, these may be selected for special mention: *The Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts 1301–1360, Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls 1158–1301* (published quite recently), *Liverpool Ships in the 18th Century, The Wapentake of Wirral, and The History of the Manor and Township of Allerton*. He was a frequent contributor to the "Cheshire Sheaf" columns of the *Chester Courant* from 1906 until a few weeks before his death. By his will he bequeathed his transcript of the Childwall Parish Register (to 1753) to the Liverpool Public Library.

During the last war he served as Captain and Adjutant with the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry. In 1934–5 he was High Sheriff of Denbighshire.

The following is a list of the books and articles by Mr. Stewart-Brown:

**INDEPENDENT WORKS.**

1907 *The Wapentake of Wirral. A History of the Royal Franchise of the Hundred and Hundred Court of Wirral in Cheshire.* Liverpool, Young, 1907.

1910 *The Tower of Liverpool, with some Notes on the Clayton family of Crooke, Fulwood, Adlington and Liverpool.* Liverpool, 1910.

1911 *A History of the Manor and Township of Allerton, in the County of Lancaster.* Liverpool, G. Howell, 1911.

1914 *Notes on Childwall (Co. Lancs.)*. Liverpool, 1914.
1921 Isaac Greene, a Lancashire Lawyer of the 18th century, with the Diary of Ireland Greene (Mrs. Ireland Blackburne of Hale) 1748–9. Liverpool, 1921.


1930 The Inhabitants of Liverpool, from the 14th to the 18th Century. Liverpool, 1930.

1932 Liverpool Ships in the 18th Century and the King's Ships built there, with Notes on the Principal Shipwrights. Liverpool, 1932.

1936 The Sergeants of the Peace in Medieval England and Wales. Manchester Univ. Press, 1936. (Manchester Univ. Historical Series, No. lxxi.)

PAPERS, ETC., IN "THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE."


1909 "The Tower of Liverpool and the Clayton Family of Crooke, Fulwood, Adlington and Liverpool." Vol. 61, 41.

1909 "Selections from the Moore Papers." Vol. 61, 203.


1912 "The Royal Manor and Park of Shotwick in Cheshire." Vol. 64, 82.

1913 "Notes on Childwall (Co. Lancs.)." Vol. 65, 47.


1917 "The Forest of Wirral." Vol. 70, 139.


1919 "St. Mary of the Key (Liverpool)." Vol. 71, 89.


1923 "Fitton Obits." Vol. 74, 155.

1927 "The Hospital of St. John at Chester." Vol. 78, 66.
Communications.

1928 "Pedigree of Statham (Liverpool and New Zealand Branch) from 1716." Vol. 80, 203.
1933 "The Imprisonment of Eleanor Cobham, Duchess of Gloucester." Vol. 85, 89.
1935 "The Charter and Horn of the Master-Forester of Wirral." Vol. 87, 73.
1937 "Further notes on the deafforestation of Wirral." Vol. 89, 23.

For "The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire."

1916 Lancashire and Cheshire Cases in the Court of Star Chamber. Vol. 71.

For "The Chetham Society."

1925 Calendar of County Court, City Court and Eyre Rolls of Chester, 1259–1297. Vol. 84, N.S.

PAPERS, ETC., IN "THE ENGLISH HISTORICAL REVIEW."

Communications.

1922 "The 'Domesday' Roll of Chester." Vol. 37, 481.
1924 "The 'Rageman' and Bills in Eyre." Vol. 39, 83.
1933 "The 'Jury Book' of the County Court of Chester." Vol. 48.

In "The Genealogist."

1910 "The Pedigree of the Claytons of Crooke, Fulwood and Adlington in the County of Lancaster." Vol. 26, 129.
1920 "Abeyance of Title as illustrated by the Earldom of Chester Case." Vol. 36, 169.

In "The Journal of the Chester Archæological Society."

1912 "Notes on the Chester Hand or Glove." Vol. 20, N.S., 122.
1912 "Subject-Indexes to the Old and New Series of the Journal, 1849-1911." Vol. 19, N.S.
1933 "The Old Dee Bridge at Chester." Vol. 30, N.S., 63.

In "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica."


In "The Library."


In "The Cheshire Sheaf."

1906 Numerous historical, topographical and genealogical contributions from 1906 to date.
Communications.

In "Liverpool Daily Post."
1921 "The Norris Papers" (In the Liverpool Public Library).
6 September, 1921.

In "Genealogists' Magazine."

In "Notes and Queries."
1931 "Sir Thomas Johnson, Kt., of Liverpool." November, 1931.
1937 "Is the King the Duke of Lancaster?" January, 1937.