

## Croome Collection Coventry Family History

### Post 1930s

Owing to the huge cost of running the estate and the desire of George William, the 9th Earl of Coventry, not to split any part of the estate by selling part of it off to reduce the tax burden, the whole estate was placed in the hands of the Croome Estate Trust in 1921. This is the date up to which the archive collection held at Worcestershire Record Office covers.

The 9th Earl's son, George William, Viscount Deerhurst, died 8th August 1927, before he could inherit the title of Earl of Coventry. He was buried at Croome. Upon the death of the 9th Earl in 1930, it was his grandson, George William, who took the title of 10th Earl. The 10th Earl died in battle in Givenchy, France, in 1940 whilst fighting in the Second World War, he was buried there. The death of the 10th Earl effectively brought to a conclusion the association of the Coventry family with Croome Court as it was sold shortly afterwards in 1948.