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Vernon Hamersley

Principal Honours

Birth Date: 18 March 1871
Place: Guildford, Western Australia

Arrival in WA

Parents Son of **Samuel Richard Hamersley**, pastoralist and farmer, and Matilda Brown

Marriage and Family Married 6 August 1895, St Peters Church, Beverley to Clara Hicks (born circa July 1870), daughter of Joseph and Rosina Snow
Children: one son and two daughters
Widowed 27 June 1944

Death Date: 24 October 1946
Place: West Perth, Western Australia
Cemetery: Culham Cemetery, Toodyay, Western Australia
Cause of Death:

Religion Church of England

Education Educated Guildford Grammar School, Magdalen College School, Oxford and Downton Agricultural College, Salisbury

Occupation Farmer

Employment History Farmed with father in York until 1895

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Inherited 'Hasely', Toodyay from his grandfather which he developed as a farm and stud

House MLC

Local Government
Service

Party Liberal to 1920 then Country Party

Date Elected 5 August 1904

Inaugural Speech



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Year Retired/Resigned 1946

Electorate East

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- MLC East Province 5 August 1904 (by-election)–24 October 1946. Election May 1916 declared void but returned at by-election
- Contested Toodyay 24 April 1901 (Independent)

Historical Notes

- Father of the House 15 April 1921–24 October 1946
- Served longest term as member of Legislative Council (42 years, 2 months and 19 days)

Private Member's Bills

Background/Membership Returned to WA 1889
Spent short time on goldfields
Part-owner Mt Barnett cattle station, Kimberley
Justice of the Peace, 1900
1902–1908 Advisory Board of Agriculture
Chairman Producers' Union
Vice-president Pastoralists Association
President local Agricultural Society
Agricultural Producers' Markets Ltd

Member Royal Agricultural Society, Weld Club
President Newcastle Race Club
Toodyay Road Board 1899–1906, one time chairman

Qualifications

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