

expected that branch of the family to diminish as rapidly as it did. After the losses in the first world war, there were left living, in the male line, in addition to Eric Platt, only one other of his grandsons and one great-grandson: Ernest John Hodder Platt – the elder son of John Platt's fifth son, John Harold Platt and Charles John Frederick Platt – the grandson of John Platt's third son, Frederick Platt. Ernest John Hodder Platt was the last member of the Family to have connection with the affairs of Oldham when, in 1913, he was under consideration for the Conservative candidacy in the Borough's Parliamentary by-election which arose in that year. In later life, when he was known as Captain Ernest Platt (he had served with the Coldstream Guards), he retired to live in Jamaica but on his visits 'home' he unfailingly asked to make a tour of Hartford Works and, sometimes, stayed with his cousin, Eric Platt, at Gorddinoag.

When first married, Eric and Florence Platt resided at Bryn Mel, a house they had taken at Garth Ferry, Anglesey, just across the Menai Strait from Bangor. In Anglesey, Colonel Henry Platt had acquired and worked a farm, Plas Llechlyched, just south of the village of Bryngwran which lies on the main Holyhead road (the A5). This farm he transferred to Eric Platt as a part of his marriage settlement. Eric Platt entered Anglesey county life, he was appointed a county magistrate and in 1907 was High Sheriff of the county. He followed the hounds with enthusiasm and was, for several years, the secretary of the Anglesey Hunt. Horses played an important part in Eric Platt's life, in addition to the hunters of that era, he owned, over many years, a string of racehorses which ran under National Hunt Rules. His two most notable successes were when



Eric James Walter Platt
1871-1946

