

DEATH OF JUDGE FIONAN LYNCH

Judge Fionan Lynch died at his home at South Hill, Dartry, Dublin, yesterday, aged 77. A 1916 veteran, he was a prominent member of the first government of the Irish Free State.

A native Irish speaker from Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, he was educated at St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Rockwell College, Cashel, and Blackrock College, Dublin. He was drawn into the national movement at an early age and joined the Irish Volunteers. In 1916 he was captain of 'F' Coy., 1st Batt., Dublin Brigade. He was sentenced to death for his part in the Rising.

In 1918 he was elected unopposed as T.D. for South Kerry, and in May, 1921, for the constituency of Kerry and West Limerick. He was secretary with the late Mr. Erskine Childers to the Irish delegation of plenipotentiaries in the 1921 negotiations. He took the pro-Treaty side and was elected T.D. for Kerry and West Limerick in 1922 and again for Kerry County down to 1933 and thereafter for South Kerry until 1944 when he was appointed Circuit Court judge for Counties Donegal and Sligo.

At 30 years of age he was one of the eight members of the Provisional Government in 1921 and its Minister of Education. In 1922 he was appointed Minister for Fisheries and from 1928 until 1932 he was Minister for Lands and Fisheries. After six years as an Opposition deputy during which he became deputy leader of Fine Gael, he was elected Leas Ceann Comhairle of the Dail in 1938.

Judge Lynch, who retired from the Bench five years ago, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bridget Lynch, B.L.; Dr. Dermot Lynch and Mr. Gerard Lynch, F.R.C.S.I., and one daughter, Dr. Maura Liston.

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(suddenly), at his home, 44 South
Hill, Dartry, Fionan, dearly loved hus-
band of Bridget Lynch; very deeply
regretted. R.I.P. Remains arriving
Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar
at 5.45 o'clock this (Saturday) evening
Funeral on Monday after 10 o'clock. Mass
to Dean's Grange Cemetery. House
private.