**HIGH SHERIFFS OF BELFAST SINCE 1900**

1900 James Henderson

1901 Otto Jaffe

1902 Samuel Lawther

1903 Robert Anderson

1904 Henry Hutton

1905 Henry O'Neill

1906 William Frederick Coates

1907 Peter O'Connell

1908 John McCaughey

1909 Francis Curley

1910 George Doran

1911 Crawford McCullagh

1912 James Johnston

1913 Frank Workman

1914 John Tyrrell

1915 John Campbell White

1916 Robert Dunlop

1917 William Tougher

1918 Robert M Gaffikin

1919 Samuel Mercier

1920 William George Turner

1921 Joseph Davison

1922 Henry McKeag

1923 James Augustine Duff

1924 Hugh McLaurin

1925 William Macartney

1926 Oswald Jamison

1927 Samuel Cheyne

1928 Julia McMordie

1929 Samuel Hall-Thompson

1930 James McKinney

1931 David Cecil Lindsay

1932 Francis James Holland

1933 Richard Milligan Harcourt

1934 James Dunlop Williamson

1935 George Ruddell Black

1936 Thomas Edward McConnell

1937 Thomas Loftus Cole

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1939 Samuel Boyd Thompson

1940 William Dowling

1941 Percival Brown

1942 Tommy Henderson

1943 Frederick William Kennedy

1944 Alfred Hinds

1945 Robert Brown Alexander

1946 Cecil McKee

1947 William Ernest George Johnston

1948 James Henry Norritt

1949 Robert Harcourt

1950 Stuart Knox Henry

1951 William Harpur

1952 Andrew Scott

1953 Robert Pierce

1954 William Frederick Neill

1955 Robin Kinahan

1956 Walter H. Cooper

1957 Herbert Jefferson

1958 Florence Breakie

1959 Martin Kelso Wallace

1960 William Geddis

1961 William Jenkins

1962 William John McCracken

1963 Joseph Cairns

1964 William Christie

1965 John Abbott Lewis

1966 Matthew Thomas Orr

1967 Thomas Rea

1968 Hugh Robert Brown

June 1969-June 1970 Myles Humphreys

June 1970-June 1971 William Kennedy

June 1971-June 1972 Francis Wills Watson

June 1972-June 1973 Walter Shannon

June 1973–June 1974 Alfred Walker Shaw

1975 James Stewart

1976 William Cecil Corry

1977 John Allen

1978 John Carson

1979 Grace Bannister

1980 Michael Brown

1981 Muriel Pritchard

1982 Alfie Ferguson

1983 Donnell Deeny

1984 Pauline Whitley

1985 Andrew Cairns

1985-86 Herbert Ditty

1987-1989 post vacant

1990 Jim Kirkpatrick

1991 Joe Coggle

1992 Thomas Patton

1993 Jim Walker

1994 Margaret Crooks

1995 John Parkes

1995 Joe Coggle

1996 Steve McBride

1997 Nelson McCausland

1998 Jim Clarke

1999 Robin Newton

2000 Tom Campbell

2001 Alan Crowe

2002 Wallace Browne

2003 Margaret Clarke

2004 Ruth Patterson

2005 David Browne

2006 William Humphrey

2007 Jim Kirkpatrick

2008 Margaret McKenzie

2009 Frank McCoubrey

2010 Christopher Stalford

2011 Ian Adamson

2012 May Campbell

2013 Brian Kingston

2014 Lydia Patterson

2015 Gareth McKee

2016 Jim Rodgers

2017 Tom Haire

2018 Carole Howard

2019 Tommy Sandford

2020 M

The High Sheriff’s term of office is for the 12 months from 1 January, except in the five years of 1969 to 1974 when it ran from June.

Julia McMordie (1928) was the first woman High Sheriff and Florence Breakie (1958) the second.

Otto Jaffe (1901) was the only Jewish High Sheriff.

The first and only nationalist High Sheriff was Oswald Jamison in 1925 (nationalist parties do not offer candidates for the office.)

The first Alliance High Sheriff was Michael Brown in 1980.

Thomas Loftus Cole was the only person to have served for consecutive years (1937 and 1938).

Joe Coggle held the office in two non-consecutive years, 1991 and 1995.

From 1987 to 1989, the post was vacant, no councillor being nominated during the Anglo-Irish Agreement protests.

From 2018 the holder was selected under the D’Hondt system.

[Titles, prefixes and suffixes are not mentioned in the list.

Some middle or further names are retained where I do not know which was used.

Main sources: Wikipedia and the bronze plaques of High Sheriffs in City Hall]

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