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PAMELA HAMBRO (née COBBOLD) 1900 – 1932

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An article by Jane Dismore entitled “Pamela Hambro and the lost world of Milton Abbey” was published in December in Dorset Life. It is an excellent account of Pamela’s tragically short life and the Trust will send a photocopy to anyone who requests one.

The Trust has abridged the article to form a biography for Pamela which can be seen by clicking the blue *i* button on Pamela’s card (#452) in the family tree section of this website.

Briefly, she was the youngest daughter of John Dupuis Cobbold, the 7th generation Brewer, (1861-1929) and Lady Evelyn Murray (1867-1963) of ‘Pilgrimage to Mecca’ fame. Both families were delighted when she accepted a proposal of marriage from the tall, handsome, decorated war hero, Charles Hambro (1897-1963). Their fairy-tale life anticipated that they would one day inherit the spectacular 8000 acre Milton Abbey estate.



Only 10 years into the marriage the great depression struck and this with other factors convinced the family that the sale of the estate was inevitable. At about the same time, following an accidental kick from one of her hunters, Pamela's injury developed septicaemia which so lowered her resistance that a chill turned quickly to pneumonia and she died at the age of only 32. A tablet at Milton Abbey commemorates her (but, oddly misspells her father's name) and she chose to be buried on a hillside overlooking Loch Rannoch in Scotland, where she and her husband had spent their honeymoon and many happy summers.

