

Sex-change brother will become Sir Ewan

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A DOCTOR who changed his sex from a woman to a man 13 years ago is now expected to inherit a baronetcy.

He is 54-year-old Dr. Ewan Forbes - Sempill, born the sister, but now the officially registered brother of 72-year-old Lord Sempill, the aviation pioneer, who died yesterday in Edinburgh.

Lord Sempill was the 19th baron and the 10th baronet.

The barony is one which, under Scottish law, can pass to the eldest daughter. This means that 45-year-old Mrs. Ann Chant will become a baroness in her own right.

She is the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Stuart Whitemore Chant. They live in Berkshire.

But the baronetcy must pass to the nearest male heir. And this is Dr. Forbes-Sempill.

It was in 1952, when a five-line advertisement appeared in



DR. FORBES-SEMPILL
Formerly Elizabeth

the Aberdeen Press and Journal, that Dr. Forbes Sempill changed his name from Elizabeth and became the legal male heir to the baronetcy — displacing his uncle, Rear Admiral Arthur Forbes-Sempill.

It was that advertisement that made Lord Sempill's sister his kether. Later Dr. Forbes-Sempill married his house-keeper, Miss Isobel Mitchell, 40.

Last night Mr. P. W. Montague-Smith, the editor of Debretts, said: "Dr. Forbes-Sempill has been known as the heir to the baronetcy for some years.

"He has been recorded as the heir in Debretts. I can see no reason why when he makes his formal claim to the title that there should be any trouble."