

PULESTON, Sir JOHN HENRY (1829 - 1908), banker and Member of Parliament

Name: John Henry Puleston
Date of birth: 1829
Date of death: 1908
Parent: John Puleston
Gender: Male
Occupation: banker and Member of Parliament
Area of activity: Economics and Money; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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Born 2 June 1829 at Plas Newydd, Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, eldest son of John Puleston, a descendant of the [Puleston](#) family of Emral. He was educated at Ruthin grammar school and King's College, London. He spent some time in the U.S.A., where, between 1856 and 1860, he came into prominence as the editor of two newspapers, and later as a reputable banker and as an honorary colonel under president Wilson in the Civil War. After returning to England he became Member of Parliament for Devonport, 1874-92; in 1892 he unsuccessfully opposed [David Lloyd George](#) in the Caernarvonshire election. He was knighted in 1887, and was at one time lord-lieutenant of the city of London and constable of Caernarvon castle. Sir John was a leading Churchman, a conscientious Conservative, and, an ardent Welshman, who was interested in every Welsh national movement. He had acted as vice-president of the Hon. Society of Cymmrodorion, treasurer of the National Eisteddfod Association, 1880-1907, and first chairman of the committee of the London Welsh club. He died 19 October 1908. His sister, Mary Ann Puleston (Mair Clwyd) was the mother of [John Puleston Jones](#).

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Emyr Gwynne Jones, (1911 - 1972)

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