

TALBOT, CHARLES (1685 - 1737), 1st baron Talbot of Hensol (Glamorgan) and lord chancellor

Name: Charles Talbot
Date of birth: 1685
Date of death: 1737
Spouse: Cecil Talbot (née Mathew)
Child: William Talbot
Parent: Catharine Talbot (née King)
Parent: William Talbot
Gender: Male
Occupation: lord chancellor
Area of activity: Law; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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christened at Chippenham, 21 December 1685, eldest son of William Talbot (afterwards bishop of Durham) and his wife Catharine, daughter of Richard King, alderman of the City of London. He was educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford (B.A. 1704, Fellow of All Souls 1704, D.C.L. 1735; he was also awarded, in 1714, the Lambeth LL.B.). He intended to take holy orders but on the advice of lord Cooper chose the career of the law, becoming a barrister (Inner Temple) on 28 June 1707. He was appointed Solicitor-General to the Prince of Wales, 31 May 1717. He was Member of Parliament for Tregony, Cornwall, 1719-20, and for Durham, 1722-34. He became Solicitor-General, 23 April 1726 and, on 29 November 1733, was made lord chancellor.

As will be seen his career (which is sketched fairly fully in *D.N.B.*) had been hitherto associated mainly with England. It was when he married a Welsh heiress that his connection with Wales began. This was in the summer of 1708, his wife being [Cecil](#), daughter of [Charles Mathew](#), Castell Menich, Glamorgan, granddaughter and heiress of [judge David Jenkins of Hensol](#). Talbot built at Hensol a Tudor-style castle to which his son added afterwards. He was raised to the peerage on 5 December 1733. He died 14 February 1736/7.

The 1st baron Talbot was succeeded by his second son, WILLIAM TALBOT (1710 - 1782), 2nd baron Talbot, steward of the royal household; he became earl Talbot in 1761. When he died in 1782 the earldom became extinct, the barony passing to his nephew, JOHN CHETWYND TALBOT, who at the same time was created 1st earl Talbot of Hensol; he was the father of Sir CHARLES CHETWYND TALBOT, 2nd earl Talbot of Hensol, an account of whose career is given in *D.N.B.*

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Sources

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