

VAUGHAN, EDWARD (died 1661), Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple

Name: Edward Vaughan
Date of death: 1661
Parent: Catherine ferch Morrice ap Robert
Parent: Owen Vaughan
Gender: Male
Occupation: Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple
Area of activity: Law
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

A fairly exhaustive account of his career is given by Rees L. Lloyd; what follows here is only a summary. He was the fourth son of [Owen Vaughan](#), Llwydiarth, Montgomeryshire and Catherine, sole heiress of Maurice ap Robert, Llangedwyn. Like his three brothers, John Vaughan, Sir Robert Vaughan, and Roger Vaughan, he became a member of the Inner Temple, being admitted 12 November 1618 (but was not called to the Bar until seventeen years later). He was destined to be involved in lengthy lawsuits which lasted for about thirty years, these beginning with his claim to an estate in Montgomeryshire, Merionethshire, and Denbighshire, which had been conveyed to him by his brother, Sir Robert Vaughan, by a deed dated in February 1622; this claim was resisted by Sir Robert's widow, Catherine, daughter of [William Herbert, lord Powis](#). In February 1625/6 he was returned to Parliament for Merioneth. An adherent of the side of Parliament he was destined to meet with a host of troubles, being charged by the Royalists with a number of offences, one of them being his alleged opposition to the Commission of Array, sent to Denbighshire in the summer of 1642. In October 1646 he was returned to Parliament for Montgomeryshire; thereafter, also, he was destined to meet with more trouble. On 6 December 1648 he was arrested as a result of 'Pride's Purge' and imprisoned until the twelfth of that month. Further accusations against him followed. After the death of Oliver Cromwell his fortunes seem to have risen. In January 1658/9 he was once more elected as Member of Parliament for Montgomeryshire. In November of that year (1659) he became an 'Associate to the Board' at the Inner Temple. Even after the Restoration complaints were brought against him, but these did not prevent his re-election to Parliament in May 1661. He died in London at the end of that year, however, and was buried in the Temple Church on 8 October. He was unmarried.

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Sources

Rees L. Lloyd, 'Welsh Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple,' in *The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion* for session 1938 (published 1939), and the numerous references therein given

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