

BANKES, Sir JOHN ELDON (1854 - 1946), judge

Name: John Eldon Banks
Date of birth: 1854
Date of death: 1946
Spouse: Edith Banks (née Ethelston)
Child: Margaret Annie Lewis (née Banks)
Parent: John Scott Banks
Gender: Male
Occupation: judge
Area of activity: Law
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Born at Northop, Flint, 17 April 1854, son of John Scott Banks of Soughton Hall, a great-grandson of John Scott (Lord Chancellor Eldon); he was also a lineal descendant of [John Wynne](#), bishop of St. Asaph, whose daughter Margaret married Henry Banks, and whose Soughton estate thus became the seat of the Bankes family. J. E. Bankes went to Eton and Christ Church (he rowed for Oxford), was called to the Bar in 1878, and took silk in 1901. In 1910 he became a judge of the High Court, and in 1915 a Lord Justice of Appeal and a Privy Councillor; he retired in 1927.

Both before and after his retirement he devoted himself to public work; in Flintshire he was for 33 years chairman of Quarter Sessions and an active member of the County Council, of which he was chairman in 1933; outside it, he was placed on numerous commissions or committees of inquiry - he was, for instance, chairman of the Departmental Committee on Education in Rural Wales, 1928. Politically, he was a Conservative, and had unsuccessfully contested Flint Boroughs in 1906. In religious matters, he was a prominent Anglican, interested especially in the problem of religious instruction in the schools. With [Lord Sankey](#) he drafted the new constitution of the Church in Wales. He was honorary LL.D. (1921) of the University of Wales. He died 31 December 1946. He had married in 1882 Edith Ethelston (died 1931), and they had two sons and two daughters.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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