

Sir Edward Kerrison

Sir Edward Kerrison was born on 30th July 1776, son of Matthias Kerrison and Mary, daughter of Edward Barnes of Barsham, Suffolk.

Edward married Mary Martha Ellice of Pittencreeff, Fifeshire on 20th October 1813.

Edward entered the Army as a cornet in the 6th Dragoons on 23rd June 1796, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in October 1798 and transferred to the 7th Hussars.

He was knighted on his return to England in June 1815 and created a baronet on 27th July 1821.

A leg injury acquired at Waterloo compelled him to retire from the Army in 1819.

He was promoted to Major General and then made Colonel of the Light Dragoons in 1830. He was made a General in 1851.

As far as his political career was concerned, from 1812 to 1853 he represented successively Shaftesbury, Northampton and Eye as a conservative. He represented Eye from 1824 to 1852.

Edward's father had accumulated, through trade, property valued at almost one million pounds, including Hoxne Hall, the estate of Lord Maynard. This was inherited by Edward and renamed Oakley Park. He spent a lot of money improving the building itself through the architect Sidney Smirke.

Edward died at his town house in Great Stanhope Street, London, on 9th March 1853.