

## **Sir George Duckett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet**

The only son of Sir George Duckett and his wife Grace, he was born on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1777 at Old Palace Yard, Westminster

West Essex Militia, Lieutenant. 1797, Captain 1798, Major 1804, Lt. Colonel 1805.

29 Apr. 1807 Duckett's father wrote to Lord Sandwich: Colonel Duckett my son; I take the liberty to assure you that you cannot confer the honour on one more deserving it. His politics are with your lordship's and the present government. He is a young man of strict honour and great integrity, and has abilities that in all probability may render him a character of some distinction. George Rose also wrote to Lord Sandwich the same day, commending Duckett as 'a most respectable young man of good landed property, and considerable right of succession' and 'of a most unimpeachable character as well as possessing considerable talents..... he is just the sort of young man I wish to see in Parliament'.

Duckett was M P for Lyminster 1807-12 and Plympton Oct -Dec 1812.

"but vacated before the year was out. Had he remained in, he would doubtless have shown that he was 'very antagonistic to Romanists'. He was a friend of the Duke of Cumberland. It does not appear that he attempted to return to Parliament. He did not realize his father's great expectations. A renowned swordsman, he was nevertheless 'better read in books than in men' and 'never a man of business in any sense'.

1808 Fellow of the Royal Society

Married 1st 17 July 1810 Isabella, younger daughter of Stainbank Floyd of Shrewsbury and Barnard Castle

15<sup>th</sup> December 1822 he became 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet on the death of his father

On 17<sup>th</sup> November 1824, He mortgaged the Stort for £40,000 with Richard Hanbury Gurney and the next day with William Yatman for £5,000

In 1825 he sold Hartham, the Duckett estate. Having 'entered into speculations in various ways, in mortgaging his estate, in making a canal near Bethnal Green, and in associating himself with a bank, which rumour afterwards said was not solvent when he entered it',

March 1832. Gazetted bankrupt.

WHEREAS A Fiat in Bankruptcy is awarded and issued forth against Sir George Duckett, Bart., Sir Francis Bernard Morland, Bart- and Thomas Tyringham Bernard, of Pall-Mall, in the County of Middlesex, Bankers and Copartners (trading under the firm of Duckett, Morland, and Co.) and they declared Bankrupt...

Isabella died 10 October 1844 age 64.

(He lived in straitened circumstances, at least until his second marriage.)

Married (2<sup>nd</sup>) 30 April 1846 at St Pancras, Charlotte Seymour born 30<sup>th</sup> April 1846, of Crowood Park Whittonditch, Ramsbury, Wilts. Widow of Joseph Laxe.

1851 Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

He died 15 June 1856 age 78 at Gloucester Gardens Hyde Park and was buried at Kensal Green Cemetery.

His Letters of Administration were dated August 1857

Charlotte died 18 November 1862 age 76.