

Edward Baber (MP) facts

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Edward Baber (1532-1578) was an English politician, barrister and judge; he was also a wealthy Somerset landowner.

He was a [Member](#) (MP) of the [Parliament of England](#) for Bath in the Parliament of 1571 and in that of 1572-1576.



Chew Magna, home of Edward Baber's family for generations

He was the younger son of John Baber and Agnes Willet, of the prominent landowning family of Chew Magna, [Somerset](#). He was educated at [Lincoln's Inn](#) and was called to the Bar. He became Recorder of Bath in about 1571 and [Serjeant-at-law](#) in 1577. His position as Recorder effectively entitled him to represent [Bath](#) in the [House of Commons of England](#). During his relatively brief Parliamentary career, he seems to have been a diligent committee man, sitting mainly on those committees where legal expertise was desirable.

His legal practice was extremely lucrative and enabled him to become a substantial landowner in Somerset, buying the manors of Aldwick and Regilbury, Nempnett Thrubwell. He also bought a half-share of the family estate at Chew Magna from his elder brother. In addition, he owned houses in London and [Bristol](#).

He married Katherine Leigh, daughter of Sir [Thomas Leigh](#), [Lord Mayor of London](#) and Alice Barker. They had four sons, including Francis, the eldest son and heir, and three daughters, including Mary, who married firstly Sir [Roger Wilbraham](#), Solicitor General for Ireland, and secondly Sir Thomas Delves, 1st Baronet.



Edward Baber and his wife Katherine Leigh are entombed at Saint Andrew's Anglican Parish Church in Chew Magna in the Baber Chapel.