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## Parker, John

(1799–1881)

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**Parker, John** (1799–1881), politician, the eldest son of Hugh Parker (*d.* 1861) of Tickhill, near Doncaster, and Mary, the eldest daughter of Samuel Walker of Masborough, Yorkshire, was born at Woodthorpe, near Sheffield, on 21 October 1799, and was educated at Repton School. He matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford, on 6 March 1817, graduated BA 1820, and MA 1823. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn on 1 July 1824, and went on the northern circuit.

Parker was whig MP for Sheffield from December 1832 until July 1852, when he was defeated by J. A. Roebuck and George Hadfield. He served as a lord of the Treasury from 18 July 1837 to 23 June 1841, as first secretary of the Admiralty from 9 June 1841 to 10 September 1841, as joint secretary of the Treasury from 7 July 1846 to 22 May 1849, and again as secretary of the Admiralty from 21 May 1849 to 3 March 1852. He was sworn of the privy council in 1854.

Parker married, on 8 February 1853, Charlotte Eliza, the second daughter of George Vernon of Clontarf Castle, Dublin. No children have been traced. He died at his home, 71 Onslow Square, London, on 5 September 1881, and was buried at Healaugh, near Tadcaster. His wife survived him.

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## Wealth at Death

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£100,271 0s. 8d.: probate, 5 Nov 1881, *CGPLA Eng. & Wales*

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