

## POWELL, Sir JOHN (1633-1696), lawyer and judge

**Name:** John Powell  
**Date of birth:** 1633  
**Date of death:** 1696  
**Child:** Thomas Powell  
**Parent:** John Powell  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** lawyer and judge  
**Area of activity:** Law  
**Author:** Glyn Roberts

Born in 1633, son of John Powell of Pentre Meurig, Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire. He was educated, as a boy, by Jeremy Taylor; he was probably the John Powell who matriculated as of Jesus College, Oxford, in 1650; B.A. 1653; M.A. 1654. Admitted to Grays Inn in 1650; he was recorder of Brecon, 1683-90; Puisne Justice of Brecknock, 1685-6; knighted and appointed Judge of the Common Pleas, 1686; removed to King's Bench, 1687. In June 1688 he was one of the judges who acquitted the seven bishops, and was dismissed from the Bench; he was restored to the Bench in 1689. He died 7 September 1696, and was buried in Laugharne parish church. He has been confused with Sir John Powell of Gloucester (1645 - 1713; *D.N.B.*).

His son THOMAS (1664 - 1720), of Broadway, Carmarthenshire and Coldbrook, Monmouthshire, was attorney-general of the Carmarthen circuit, 1695-1715, Member of Parliament for Monmouth, 1705-8, and for Carmarthenshire, 1710-15. He was created a baronet in 1698, but the title became extinct on the death of his son HERBERT in 1721.

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