

PULESTON, JOHN (c. 1583 - 1659), judge

Name: John Puleston
Date of birth: c. 1583
Date of death: 1659
Spouse: Elizabeth Puleston (née Woolrych)
Child: John Puleston
Child: Roger Puleston
Parent: Richard Puleston
Gender: Male
Occupation: judge
Area of activity: Law
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was the eldest son of the Rev. Richard Puleston (born at Allington, Denbighshire, 1548), who was the fourth son of **Sir Roger Puleston** of Emral (died 1587). He was born at Kingsworthy, Hants, where his father (who also held the sinecure rectories of Llaneugrad, Anglesey, 1592-6, and Hope, Flintshire, from 1597) had been rector since 1596, on resigning the rectory of Astbury, Cheshire, which he had held since 1577. He followed his father to Oxford (entering Oriel College 22 May 1601), and to the Inner Temple, which he entered from Clifford's Inn on 24 May 1606, becoming reader and bencher to his Inn in 1634 and treasurer in 1646, and receiving his call to the Bar 8 July, 1614. His subsequent legal career is given in *D.N.B.* He succeeded to the Emral estate on the death, without children (1634), of his uncle George Puleston, brother and heir to Sir Roger (1566 - 1618). His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Woolrych, of Dudmaston, Salop, and an earnest Presbyterian, was installed there with her infant children by the beginning of the Civil War, when they were forced to leave owing to the occupation and garrisoning of the house for the king (c. September 1642) by **Sir John Hanmer**; it was later alleged on **Hanmer's** behalf that he occupied the house at Mrs. Puleston's request for the protection of the property, and did his utmost to prevent any depredations. The family, meanwhile, took refuge with neighbours, and although the house was retaken for Parliament temporarily c. March 1644, and finally towards the end of the year, the family does not appear to have lived there again until Puleston ceased to be judge in 1653, when he installed **Philip Henry** as minister of Worthenbury (of which he had bought the advowson) and tutor to his children, of whom the two elder, Roger (the heir) and John, had previously (1 May 1647) entered the Middle Temple. **Henry**, who lived at Emral till Puleston built him a house at Worthenbury, says of his patron that in renewing leases on the estate he substituted for the customary obligation of keeping a hound or hawk for the landlord that of keeping a *Bible* in the house. He was a member of the North Wales Composition Committee (1649), the Commission for the Propagation of the Gospel in Wales (1650), and of many parliamentary county committees for Flintshire and Denbighshire, 1647-57. He died at Emral, 5 September 1569.

His brother, Dr. RICHARD PULESTON, succeeded to the family rectories of Hope and Kingsworthy, and was the father of HAMLET PULESTON, successor to **Jonathan Edwards** as Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, who is separately noticed in *D.N.B.* His children, although tutored by **Philip Henry**, reacted against the religious and political views of their parents, and after the judge's death the family reverted to its traditional conformity.

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