

ESSEX, Sir RICHARD WALTER, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. &
North Drive - Stratton.
B. 13th Jan. 1857, eld. s. of John Essex.

M. (1) 1881 Marie (d. 1883) da. of Jas. Chinchin of Swanage.
(2) 1885 Lizzie, da. of John Benson of Newcastle-on-Tyne;
four children.

Entered upon a business career early in life; has been
principally concerned in the wallpaper printing industry.

He became active in municipal affairs in Wandsworth.
Being an admirer of Gladstone and John Bright, with freedom as
his lodestar he stood for Parliament in 1900.

M.P. (L) Cirencester (Div.) Gloucester, 1906-10.

M.P. (L) Stafford, 1910-18.

Kntd. 1913.

Contested Burslem Division of Stoke-on-Trent 1919;
Hon. Freeman and final M.P. of Borough of Stafford 1918.

Sir Walter Essex was a speaker of the confident, fluent
order, admirably adapted for the platform, and a good Liberal of
the old John Bright School.

He was a keen non-conformist.