

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

*Peace  
Counsellor*

EDEN, Rt. Hon. (Robert) Anthony, P.C., M.C., J.P., M.P.

Born 12th June, 1897. Second surviving son of the late Sir William Eden, 7th and 5th Baronet.

Educated at Eton.

Served in the First World War 1915-1919 with King's Royal Rifle Corps; with the regiment (Captain), as G.S.O.3., and as Brigade Major. Awarded Military Cross.

Education continued at Christ Church, Oxford. Bachelor of Arts. First Class Honours in Oriental Languages, 1922.

Married, 1923, Beatrice Helen, daughter of the Honourable Sir Gervase Beckett, 1st Baronet. Two sons; the elder, Simon, a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force, was killed in action in June, 1945.

Contested, as Conservative candidate, the Spennymoor Division of Durham in 1922. Contested, as Conservative candidate, the Warwick and Leamington Division in 1923, and has represented this constituency in the House of Commons ever since.

Attended Imperial Press Conference, Melbourne, 1925.

Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G.), 1926-1929.

Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Foreign Office, 1931-1933.

Lord Privy Seal, 1934-1935.

Minister without Portfolio for League of Nations Affairs, 1935.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1935-1938.

Secretary of State for Dominions Affairs, 1939-1940.

Secretary of State for War, 1940.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1940-1945.

Leader of the House of Commons, 1940-1945.

Appointed Privy Councillor, 1934.

Hon. D.C.L. Oxford University, 1936.

Hon. D.C.L. Durham University, 1937.

Hon. D.C.L. Cambridge University, 1938.

Hon. LL.D. Leeds University,

Hon. LL.D. Belfast University, 1947.

Chancellor Birmingham University, 1945.

Freeman of City of Durham, 1946.

Freeman of City of Warwick, 1947.

Publications: Places in the Sun; Foreign Affairs, 1939.

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