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Biography of Thomas Willoughby, 4th Baron Middleton (1728-1781)

The 4th Baron was the second son of the 2nd Baron Middleton. He attended Bury St Edmund's School, and entered Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1745. As the Hon. Thomas Willoughby, of West Leake, Nottinghamshire, he entered Parliament as M.P. for Nottinghamshire in 1762. He had wished to stand for Newark, but as the candidacy had already been filled by the Duke of Newcastle, he was returned unopposed for the county. He remained an M.P., although not a prominent Parliamentarian, until he succeeded his brother, the 3rd Baron, in 1774. He died on 2 November 1781, and was succeeded by a cousin, Henry Willoughby, as 5th Baron Middleton.

Family

He married Georgiana, daughter of Evelyn Chadwick of West Leake, Nottinghamshire (1746-1789), in 1770. There were no children.

Georgiana married 2ndly Edward Miller Mundy of Shipley Hall, Derbyshire, in 1788.

Archive Collections

Title deeds, settlements, estate and legal papers relating to the 4th Baron's ownership
of the Willoughby estates are part of the <u>Middleton Collection</u> held in Manuscripts and
Special Collections at the University of Nottingham.

Published Sources

• There are no notable published works concerning the 4th Baron.