

# Eric Hambro

**Sir Charles Eric Hambro** (30 September 1872 – 28 December 1947) was a British merchant banker and Conservative Party politician.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>

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## Early life

Charles Eric Hambro was born on 30 September 1872. He was the eldest son of Sir Everard Hambro, a merchant banker of Milton Abbey, Dorset and Hayes, Kent.<sup>[4]</sup> He was educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Career

He became a partner in C. J. Hambro & Son. He rose to become chairman of Hambros Bank.<sup>[1][3]</sup>

In July 1900 he was selected as the Conservative candidate to contest the constituency of Wimbledon.<sup>[4]</sup> He was elected unopposed to the House of Commons at the general election held in September 1900.<sup>[5]</sup> He held the seat at the next general election in 1906, with a majority of 2,114 votes over his Liberal opponent, St. George Lane Fox Pitt.<sup>[6]</sup> In April 1907 it was announced that he would be resigning from parliament "on account of additional responsibilities which have been cast upon him in connexion with his business".<sup>[6]</sup> He formally left parliament on appointment as Steward of the Manor of Northstead on 27 April 1907.<sup>[7]</sup> In February 1919 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his service at the Ministry of Information during the Great War.<sup>[1][3][8]</sup>

## Personal life

He was twice married: to Sybil Emily Smith in 1894, and following a divorce, to Estelle Elger in 1929.<sup>[1]</sup> He had two sons and two daughters from his first marriage, including Charles Jocelyn Hambro, who later became a senior intelligence officer and a merchant banker.<sup>[1]</sup>

**Sir Eric Hambro**



Sir Eric Hambro in 1910

<b>Born</b>	Charles Eric Hambro 30 September 1872 Wandsworth, London, England
<b>Died</b>	28 December 1947 (aged 75) Sunninghill, Berkshire
<b>Resting place</b>	St Mary the Virgin, Bromley
<b>Education</b>	Eton College Trinity College, Cambridge.
<b>Occupation</b>	Banker, politician
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Sybil Emily Smith Estelle Elger
<b>Children</b>	4, including Charles Jocelyn Hambro
<b>Parent(s)</b>	Everard Hambro Gertrude Mary Stuart

## Death

He died at his home in Sunninghill, Berkshire, aged 75 on 28 December 1947.<sup>[3][9]</sup> He is buried at St Mary the Virgin, Bromley in London.<sup>[10]</sup>

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<p>Preceded by <b><u>Cosmo Bonsor</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Member of Parliament for Wimbledon</u></b> 1900–1907</p>	<p>Succeeded by <b><u>Henry Chaplin</u></b></p>

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