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Chairman of the City of London Liberal Association, from Newry, Ireland

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Charles Henry Courtenay married secondly Mary Henry, eldest daughter of Rev. William Henry of Tassagh, co. Armagh, by Nicholina Nesbitt, his wife, daughter of Robert Nesbitt of Drumac Connor, co. Monaghan. **Mr Courtenay died at Newry, 9 Jan., 1809, aged 39, buried at St Patrick's**, having had by his second wife (who died at Ballybot, Newry, 6 Aug., 1852, aged 66; **buried in St Patrick's**) further issue two sons:-

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of Burlington Road, Dublin, succeeded his father in the partnership with Samuel Boyd, which firm was known by the name of "Courtenay and Boyd," Brewers, Newry, and which partnership was dissolved in June, 1828, owing to the death of Boyd. In 1829 he was one of the church wardens of Newry Parish, and in July, 1834, he was elected a town commissioner of the town of Newry. **He was born circa 1807; married at Cheltenham, 29 Oct., 1835, Charlotte Jane Harriet**, only daughter of John Irving (M.D.) of the Hon. E.I. Co.'s S., by Charlotte, his wife, daughter of John Story of Silksworth Hall, co. Durham, Esq. **Edward H. Courtenay died at his residence, 28 Burlington Road, Dublin, 3 June, 1872, aged 65, and was buried the 6th in St Patrick's, Newry**, having had by his wife (who died at the residence of her daughter, Lady Ball-Greene, 53 Raglan Road, Dublin, 9 Jan., 1898, aged 87) issue, one son and three daughters:-

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