

Abstract

My thesis examines the political career of Lord Randolph Churchill in the 1880s. I briefly analyse his life before 1880. The focus of my thesis is then the period between 1880 and 1887. I analyse Randolph's relations with other members of the House of Commons. I focus on his political views and what role he played in the formation of the so-called Fourth Party and Tory Democracy, in the Bradlaugh Affair or in the passage of the Land Law (Ireland Act), 1881. I also analyse Randolph's dual tenure in government and the reasons for his sudden political demise. I conclude with an assessment of Randolph's political legacy.