Second son of Edward Mainwaring of Whitmore Hall, Whitmore, Staffordshire, and Sarah eldest daughter and coheir of William Bunbury, Attorney-General for Chester, was born 7 September 1737. He married on 16 November 1771, Frances, daughter of Richard Stone of Ilford, Essex. They had five sons, six daughters. Mainwaring was a member of the Hudson's Bay Company Committee from 19 November 1794, until his death on 5 May 1812. He was Deputy Governor from 26 November, 1805 until the General Court of 25 November 1808. He was appointed Governor in succession to Sir James Winter Lake, who died on 24 April 1807. He continued to hold this position until his death on 5 May 1812. He was Deputy Governor from 26 November, 1805 until the General Court of 25 November 1807. He was appointed Governor in succession to Sir James Winter Lake, who died on 24 April 1807. He continued to hold this position until his death. At the time of his death he was described as ‘of the Crescent Minories in the City of London Esquire’.

He is not to be confused with a Contemporary of his by the same name who was a member of Parliament.

(Sources: HBCA A.1/47, fo.43d; A.1/49, fos.25d,76d; a.1/5, p.108.

A.P. Burke, Family Records, London 1897, p.415)