

ALLEN, JAMES (1802 - 1897), dean of S. Davids and antiquary

Name: James Allen
Date of birth: 1802
Date of death: 1897
Spouse: Isabella Dorothea Allen (née Hoare)
Parent: David Bord Allen
Gender: Male
Occupation: dean of S. Davids and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
Author: John Williams James

Born 15 July 1802, son of David Bord Allen, rector of Burton, Pembrokeshire; educated at Westminster and Charterhouse Schools and Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A. 1825, M.A. 1829. He was ordained deacon, 1834, and priest, 1835; he was curate of Miserden, Gloucestershire, 1834-9, vicar of Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire, 1839-72, rural dean of Castlemartin, 1840-75, prebend of S. Davids cathedral, 1847-70, chancellor and residentiary canon of S. Davids, 1870-8, rural dean of Dewisland, 1875, and dean of S. Davids cathedral, 1878-95.

He married Isabella Dorothea, daughter of Peter Rickard Hoare of Kilsey Hall, Kent.

He was a good antiquary and a keen member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association; he devoted much time and money to the restoration of S. Davids cathedral, especially the west front of the nave, the north transept, S. Thomas's Chapel library, and the treasury, and the roofs of bishop Vaughan's chapel and the ante-chapels. He died 25 June 1897.

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Chancellor John Williams James

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