

FOXWIST, WILLIAM (1610 - 1673), lawyer, judge and Member of Parliament

Name: William Foxwist
Date of birth: 1610
Date of death: 1673
Parent: Ellen Foxwist (née Thomas)
Parent: Richard Foxwist
Gender: Male
Occupation: lawyer, judge and Member of Parliament
Area of activity: Law; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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Born at Caernarvon 1610, heir of Richard Foxwist by Ellen, daughter of [William Thomas](#) of Aber. In 1628 he matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, 1636, entered Lincolns Inn 14 February and was called to the Bar 17 May 1645. He became recorder of S. Albans; was elected (1649) benchet of Lincoln's Inn 6 February. He was appointed in 1646 judge of the admiralty for North Wales; in 1655-9 he was puisne justice of Brecknock circuit; in 1660, judge advocate of Chester circuit; was M.P., Caernarvon 1647-8, Anglesey 1654-5, Swansea 1659, and S. Albans 1660; and acted as steward for manors of sequestered Royalists under the Committee for the Advance of Money. A moderate Parliamentarian and a supporter of the protectorate, he seems to have succeeded in making his peace at the Restoration. [See [Thomas](#) family of Coed Alun and Aber.] The will of William Foxwist, St. Albans, dated 1673, was proved that year.

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