

HALL, BENJAMIN (1778 - 1817), industrialist

Name: Benjamin Hall
Date of birth: 1778
Date of death: 1817
Spouse: Charlotte Hall (née Crawshay)
Child: Benjamin Hall
Parent: Benjamin Hall
Gender: Male
Occupation: industrialist
Area of activity: Business and Industry
Author: David Williams

Born 29 September 1778, elder son of Dr. Benjamin Hall, chancellor of Llandaff. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford (B.A. 1798, M.A. 1801), and called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn, 1801. He married Charlotte, younger daughter of [Richard Crawshay](#) of Cyfarthfa, 16 December 1801. His father-in-law made him a partner when he purchased the Rhymney iron works (1803), presented him with the Abercarn estate (1808), and made him residuary legatee and executor under his will. Hall owned Hensol castle in Glamorgan. He was M.P. for Totnes 1806-12, and Westbury 1812-14. He was elected member for Glamorgan on 28 November 1814, and remained member until his early death on 31 July 1817. His importance in the history of Wales lies in the fact that he was the first great industrialist to enter the political field in Wales in opposition to the landed interests.

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