

JENKINS, WALTER (died 1661), early Welsh Quaker

Name: Walter Jenkins
Date of death: 1661
Child: Elizabeth Beadles (née Jenkins)
Parent: Thomas Jenkins
Gender: Male
Occupation: early Welsh Quaker
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in the mansion of Pant, Llanfihangel Ystum ('Ystern') Llewern, Monmouthshire, son of Thomas Jenkins, squire and rector of that parish (died 1649). The son met George Fox, so Fox says, in a conference in Leicestershire in 1655. When in 1657 Fox visited South Wales, 'Justice Jenkins' was with him at a meeting in a church somewhere between Brecon and Pontypool. He suffered for his Quakerism; at the end of January 1660 he was haled from his bed and locked up 'in an old castle'; next day he was taken to Monmouth, and had an oath tendered to him - on his refusal, he was imprisoned at Monmouth. He died 30 May 1661, according to his tombstone in the burial ground at Pant which he had given to the Friends. Quaker services were held at Pant up to the end of the 18th century; the house came later on into the possession of Sir Joseph Bradney, the antiquary. Jenkins's book, *The Law given forth out of Zion*, published 1663, was translated into Welsh by his grandson Elisha Beadles.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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