

MALKIN, BENJAMIN HEATH (1769 - 1842), antiquary and author

Name: Benjamin Heath Malkin
Date of birth: 1769
Date of death: 1842
Spouse: Charlotte Malkin (née Williams)
Child: Benjamin Malkin
Gender: Male
Occupation: antiquary and author
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born (says his tombstone) 23 March 1769, in London. His career is described in *D.N.B.*; he graduated at both universities (becoming D.C.L., Oxon., 1810), was headmaster of Bury S. Edmund's grammar school, 1809-28, and professor of history in London University in 1830, was F.S.A., and published several books. To turn to his Welsh associations: his wife, Charlotte, was the daughter of Thomas Williams, B.D., of Llanblethian, Glamorganshire, master of Cowbridge grammar school and curate of Cowbridge. Malkin travelled in South Wales (1803) and in 1804 published a book which is far better known in its second, two-volume, ed., *The Scenery, Antiquities, and Biography of South Wales*. This is by far the best of the old travel-books on South Wales - acute and interesting in its observation, usually tolerant in its judgements, with a substantial knowledge of Welsh history and (up to a point) of Welsh literature. From c. 1830 Malkin resided at the Old Hall, Cowbridge. He interested himself in the life of Glamorgan, founded 'The Society for the improvement of the working population in ... Glamorgan' (of which he was president and secretary), and edited its twelve pamphlets (list in *Cardiff Catalogue*, 452-3); he also published separately a lecture delivered by him to the Society. He died at Cowbridge 26 May 1842, and he and his wife are commemorated in an inscription in the church. His son, Sir BENJAMIN MALKIN, who died before him (1837), was a judge at Calcutta and a friend of Macaulay's.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

Hopkin-James, *Old Cowbridge. Borough, Church, and School* (Cardiff 1922),
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