

## MANSEL, WILLIAM LORT (1753 - 1820), Master of Trinity, and bishop

**Name:** William Lort Mansel  
**Date of birth:** 1753  
**Date of death:** 1820  
**Parent:** Anne Mansel (née Lort)  
**Parent:** William Wogan Mansel  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Master of Trinity, and bishop  
**Area of activity:** Education; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 2 April 1753. His career is recounted in *D.N.B.* He went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in the beginning of 1770, graduated in 1774 (D.D. 1798), became Fellow in 1775, was classical tutor, and was appointed Master (by Pitt) in 1798. In 1808 he became bishop of Bristol, and held both his offices till his death, 27 June 1820. He was a good scholar, but perhaps more famous for his wit, his epigrams, and his satirical verse. He became Master at a difficult time, when the Fellows were at loggerheads over the political controversies of the Revolutionary period, but he showed remarkable skill in handling the situation - see G. M. Trevelyan, *Trinity College*, 81-3. But we are here more concerned with his Welsh associations. He was born in Pembroke town; his father was William Wogan Mansel. It is not clear just how the family was related on the one hand to the [Mansels](#) of Margam or [Muddlescombe](#) or on the other to the [Wogan s](#); but it is known that both branches of the Mansels had from time to time intermarried with the [Wogan](#) family of Wiston and of Boulston. W. L. Mansel's mother was Anne Lort, daughter of that [Roger Lort](#) of Prickaston who died after Fontenoy (1745), and sister of [Michael Lort](#) the professor of Greek.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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