

OWEN, EDWARD (1728/9 - 1807), cleric and schoolmaster

Name: Edward Owen
Date of birth: 1728/9
Date of death: 1807
Parent: Frances Owen (née Rogers)
Parent: David Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: John James Jones

Son of [David Owen](#), of Llangurig, Montgomeryshire. He matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, 22 March 1745/6, at the age of 17. He graduated B.A. 1749, and M.A. 1752. In 1752 he was appointed master of the free grammar school, Warrington. In 1763 he became incumbent of Sankey Chapel, Warrington, and, in 1767, rector of Warrington. He was a very good scholar, and obtained a good name for himself both as clergyman and schoolmaster. Many of his pupils subsequently became prominent men. He was of a particularly benevolent disposition and befriended [Goronwy Owen](#) when the latter was curate at Walton. He took prominent part in the social and literary life of Warrington, and was president of the Warrington library. His chief published work is his *Satires of Juvenal and Persius, translated into English Verse* (two vols., 1785; later editions, 1786 and 1810). He also published school Latin grammars. Gilbert Wakefield speaks of Owen as 'a man of most elegant learning, unimpeachable veracity and peculiar benevolence of heart.' But Thomas Seddons lampooned him in *Characteristic Strictures*, 1779. His portrait is preserved in Warrington Museum. He died 5 April 1807.

Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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