

OWEN, HUMPHREY (1702 - 1768), principal of Jesus College, Oxford, and Bodley's librarian

Name: Humphrey Owen
Date of birth: 1702
Date of death: 1768
Parent: Humphrey Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: principal of Jesus College, Oxford, and Bodley's librarian
Area of activity: Education; History and Culture; Literature and Writing
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Born in 1702, son of Humphrey Owen, Gwaelod, Nant-y-meichiaid, Meifod, Montgomeryshire. He matriculated from Jesus 17 November 1718, aged 16; graduated in 1722 (D.D. 1763); and was elected Fellow in 1725. He was given the rectory of Tredington, Worcestershire in 1744, and held it till 1763, despite his appointment as Bodley's librarian in November 1747. In May 1763 he was elected principal of his college, and was also given the college living of Rotherfield Peppard, but retained his librarianship. He appointed an unusual number of Welshmen (including, e.g. his successor [John Price](#), 1734 - 1813) to posts in Bodley. E. G. Hardy calls him 'a respectable, if not distinguished, librarian.' He died 26 March 1768, and was buried in the college chapel.

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