

OWEN, MARGARET ('Peggy '; 1742 - 1816),

Name: Margaret Owen
Pseudonym: Peggy
Date of birth: 1742
Date of death: 1816
Parent: Elizabeth Owen (née Lyster)
Parent: Lewys Owen
Gender: Female
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: Bertie George Charles

friend of [Hester Lynch Piozzi](#) and Dr. Samuel Johnson, was the daughter of Lewys Owen (1696 - 1746), younger son of [Sir Robert Owen](#) of Porkington (Brogyntyn), Salop, and Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Lyster of Penrhos, Montgomeryshire, and Moynes Court, Monmouthshire. Her father, a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, was rector of Barking, Essex (1735-46), and Wexham, Buckinghamshire (1742-6). She was born at Barking in 1742 and christened there on 28 November. After the death of her mother, c. 1756-8, at Penrhos, where the family lived after the father's death, she and her troublesome brother, John Owen (1741 - 1823), were brought up by their aunt, Susanna Lyster. She made her home at Shrewsbury but spent much of her time in the company of [Mrs. Thrale](#), a distant relation and childhood friend. It was through [Mrs. Thrale](#) that she came into contact with the prominent literary figures of the day. By 1777 she was on friendly terms with Dr. Johnson, Dr. Charles Burney, Samuel Boswell, Fanny Burney, William Seward, and others. Some of the letters written to her by Dr. Johnson, [Mrs. Thrale](#), and Fanny Burney are preserved in the Brogyntyn collection in the N.L.W. In 1777 Sir Joshua Reynolds painted a portrait of her. She died, unmarried, at Shrewsbury on 25 October 1816, and was buried at Penrhos on 6 November.

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