

## PENSON, RICHARD KYRKE (1815? - 1885), architect

**Name:** Richard Kyrke Penson  
**Date of birth:** 1815?  
**Date of death:** 1885  
**Spouse:** Clara Maria Penson  
**Parent:** Frances Penson (née Kirk)  
**Parent:** Thomas Penson  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** architect  
**Area of activity:** Art and Architecture  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

He was born 19 June 1815, in Overton, Flintshire, son of Thomas Penson, county surveyor of Denbighshire, and Montgomeryshire, and Frances (née Kirk).

Following in his father's footsteps, he became in 1857 county surveyor of Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire. He was also an antiquary (F.S.A., and a figure in the Cambrian Archaeological Association), and a painter in water-colours. He was a great 'restorer' - he restored the mansion's of Dynevor and Bronwydd, and some two dozen churches in the old S. Davids diocese, besides erecting parsonages and schools.

his wife was called Clara Maria. He lived at Cilyrychen, Llandybie, Carmarthenshire, in 1871. He died at Ludlow 22 May 1885 'in his 71st year.'

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

*Archaeologia Cambrensis*, 1886, 150-1

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