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POWEL, CHARLES (1712 - 1796), antiquarian

Name: Charles Powel
Date of birth: 1712
Date of death: 1796
Spouse: Catherine Powel (née Penry)
Gender: Male
Occupation: antiquarian
Area of activity: History and Culture; Scholarship and Languages
Author: John James Jones

the last in the male line of descent of the Powels of Castlemadoc, Brecknock, and ultimately descending from William Powel, a Welsh poet who flourished c. 1580-1620. He was an antiquarian of more than usual merit, and corresponded with many of the leading antiquarians of his day. His researches into the antiquities of South Wales attracted the notice of John Strange who referred to some of Powel's discoveries and theories in two papers read before the Society of Antiquaries in 1769 and 1775, and subsequently published in *Archaeologia*, vols. i and v. [Catherine Penry, heiress of Cefn Brith, was his wife.]

Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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