

## POWELL, THOMAS (1572? - 1635?), attorney and author

**Name:** Thomas Powell  
**Date of birth:** 1572?  
**Date of death:** 1635?  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** attorney and author  
**Area of activity:** Law; Literature and Writing  
**Author:** Walter Thomas Morgan

Born about 1572, a native of Diserth, Radnorshire. He became a student of Gray's Inn, 30 January 1592-3, but was more interested in literature than in law. He wrote a number of works in both verse and prose, but to-day he is best remembered for his pioneer work on the public records. On 13 November 1613 he was appointed attorney-general in the Marches of Wales, but resigned his post, 5 August 1622. In the same year he published his *Direction for Search of Records remaining in the Chaucerie, Tower, Exchequer, etc.*, and, in 1631, his *Repertorie of Records*, for which he made use of notes collected by Arthur Agarde, deputy chamberlain in the Exchequer. Other legal works by him are *The Attorney's Academy*, 1623, and *The Attorney's Almanacke*, 1627. He died about 1635.

### Author

Walter Thomas Morgan, (1912 - 1990)

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