

## SPARK, THOMAS (1655 - 1692), cleric and classical scholar

**Name:** Thomas Spark  
**Date of birth:** 1655  
**Date of death:** 1692  
**Parent:** Archibald Spark  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and classical scholar  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** John James Jones

son of Archibald Spark, minister of Northop, Flintshire. Educated at Westminster School, he was in 1672 elected to a scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1676, M.A. 1679, B.D. 1687/8, and D.D. 1691. In 1682 he was chosen to deliver the first Bodley oration. He became chaplain to [Sir George Jeffreys](#), and in 1686 he was given the prebend of Offley in the cathedral of Lichfield. He was made rector of Ewhurst, Surrey, 1687/8, and also of Hog's Norton, Leicestershire. In 1688 he was given a prebend in the cathedral of Rochester. In addition to Latin verses in the *Musae Anglicanae* and in the Oxford collection of commemorative verse in honour of Charles II, Spark published editions of the *Historia Nova* of Zosimus, 1679, and of the extant works of Lactantius, 1684. He died 7 September 1692.

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