

WILLIAMS, Sir HUGH (1718 - 1794), soldier and Member of Parliament

Name: Hugh Williams
Date of birth: 1718
Date of death: 1794
Spouse: Emma Bulkeley (née Rowlands)
Child: Robert Williams
Parent: Griffith Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: soldier and Member of Parliament
Area of activity: Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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Born in 1718, the son of Griffith Williams of Ariannws (Llangelynnin, Conway valley) and grandson of Edmund Williams, brother of [Sir Hugh Williams](#) of Marl; when his kinsman [Sir Robert Williams](#) of Marl died (1745), he succeeded as 8th baronet 'of Penrhyn' ([J. E. Griffith Pedigrees](#), 186 and 43). He married, in 1761, Emma, widow of [lord James Bulkeley](#) and heiress of Caerau and Castellior (see under [Lewis Roberts](#)). He was commissioned in the army in 1739, and was at Minorca when the garrison was attacked in 1756; in 1759 he was a major in a volunteer battalion, and in 1761 became colonel of the 53rd Foot. He then turned his attention to politics - the estates which had come into his possession by inheritance and marriage making him a person of great influence. He was Member of Parliament for Beaumaris, 1768-80 and 1785-94; he was constable of Beaumaris castle from 1761 to 1794 without a break, and was mayor of the town on a number of occasions. He became a member of the Society of Cymmrodorion in 1770 (*Add. Morris Letters*, p. 767), and was treasurer of the Society of Antient Britons in London in 1773. He died at Friars, Llanfaes, 19 August 1794, 'at the age of 76.'

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Sources

Old Wales a monthly magazine of antiquities for Wales and the Borders (Australia 1905-1907), i, 133
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