

FRANKLEN, Sir THOMAS MANSEL (1840 - 1928), public servant

Name: Thomas Mansel Franklen
Date of birth: 1840
Date of death: 1928
Spouse: Florence Franklen (née Allen)
Gender: Male
Occupation: public servant
Area of activity: Law; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1840 at Swansea, son of Richard Franklen, J.P., D.L., of Clemenstone, and his wife, Isabella (Talbot). From Harrow he went up to Oxford (Exeter and afterwards Merton), graduating in 1861; he was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn in 1865, and practised on the South Wales circuit. In 1878 he became clerk of the peace in Glamorgan, and in 1889 clerk of Glamorgan county council. He died, still in office, 29 September 1928. He had married, in 1872, Florence Allen; had received an honorary LL.D. from the University of Wales in 1921, and had been knighted in the same year. He was a member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association, and was a zealous photographer, as befitted a relation of [W. H. Fox Talbot](#); his photographs of early Celtic crosses were extensively used by [J. Romilly Allen](#), and a collection of his photographs of historic buildings is preserved in the National Museum of Wales.

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