

BOLD, HUGH (1731 - 1809), lawyer, of Brecon

Name: Hugh Bold
Date of birth: 1731
Date of death: 1809
Spouse: Dorothy Bold (née Philipps)
Spouse: Elizabeth Bold
Gender: Male
Occupation: lawyer
Area of activity: Law
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The Bold's appear to have been blacksmiths who lived and worked in a village outside Brecon, and the father of Hugh Bold was 'trumpeter to the Corporation of Brecon.' Hugh Bold became a lawyer's clerk at the Brecon office of John Philipps (of Tre-gaer near Llanfrynach - see [Theophilus Jones](#), IV, 37), married his employer's daughter, and eventually succeeded him in the business. In this way he rose from humble beginnings to become a very prominent man in the affairs of the borough (four times bailiff), and was attorney for the Cyfarthfa and other iron-works in the early days of the industrial revolution.

He was also a pillar of Wesleyan Methodism in Brecon; as steward of Wesley's Society he frustrated lady Huntingdon's attempt at monopolizing the first Methodist chapel there (c. 1771). John Wesley wrote of him: 'I know no attorney to be depended on like him'; and the Moravian Benjamin La Trobe speaks of him with great respect.

He married twice. His first wife, Elizabeth, died 31 October 1781; and from this marriage the later Bolds of the shire are descended - see the history of the family by David Verey in *Brycheiniog*, 1960. He married, c. 1782, Dorothy, daughter of his old master John Philipps (many years after her father's death in 1763); Dorothy died in 1806 ([Theophilus Jones](#), II, 95).

He died 10 February 1809; his descendants have occupied high positions in the borough and the shire.

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