

COBB, JOSEPH RICHARD (1821 - 1897), antiquary

Name: Joseph Richard Cobb
Date of birth: 1821
Date of death: 1897
Gender: Male
Occupation: antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Scholarship and Languages
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Born 25 April 1821, at Broughton castle, Oxfordshire. By profession he was a lawyer, and also a promoter of railways; it was he, e.g., who got the ' Brecon and Merthyr Railway ' constructed. His chief interest, however, was in antiquities, and he was a prominent member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association. He played a leading part in the restoration of the priory church (now the cathedral) at Brecon (see his *Short Account of S. John the Evangelist ... at Brecon*, 1874), and of Manorbier castle; and he bought and thoroughly restored the castle of Caldicot, near Chepstow. He died 6 December 1897, at Brecon, and is commemorated by a memorial in Brecon cathedral.

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