

## FOXWIST, WILLIAM (1610 - 1673), lawyer, judge and Member of Parliament

**Name:** William Foxwist  
**Date of birth:** 1610  
**Date of death:** 1673  
**Parent:** Ellen Foxwist (née Thomas)  
**Parent:** Richard Foxwist  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** lawyer, judge and Member of Parliament  
**Area of activity:** Law; Politics, Government and Political Movements  
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Born at Caernarvon 1610, heir of Richard Foxwist by Ellen, daughter of [William Thomas](#) of Aber. In 1628 he matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, 1636, entered Lincoln's Inn 14 February and was called to the Bar 17 May 1645. He became recorder of S. Albans; was elected (1649) bencher of Lincoln's Inn 6 February. He was appointed in 1646 judge of the admiralty for North Wales; in 1655-9 he was puisne justice of Brecknock circuit; in 1660, judge advocate of Chester circuit; was M.P., Caernarvon 1647-8, Anglesey 1654-5, Swansea 1659, and S. Albans 1660; and acted as steward for manors of sequestered Royalists under the Committee for the Advance of Money. A moderate Parliamentarian and a supporter of the protectorate, he seems to have succeeded in making his peace at the Restoration. [See [Thomas](#) family of Coed Alun and Aber.] The will of William Foxwist, St. Albans, dated 1673, was proved that year.

### Authors

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