

GODWIN, FRANCIS (1562 - 1633), bishop and antiquary

Name: Francis Godwin
Date of birth: 1562
Date of death: 1633
Parent: Thomas Godwin
Gender: Male
Occupation: bishop and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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Born at Hannington, Northamptonshire, 1562. He was appointed bishop of Llandaff, 1601, as a reward for his *Catalogue of Bishops of England* (1st ed. 1601, new ed. 1615, Latin ed. 1616). He had previously held a number of ecclesiastical appointments in the West country where his father, Thomas Godwin, was bishop of Bath and Wells (1584-90). Promoted bishop of Hereford in 1617, he was accused of simony in both dioceses. Little is recorded of his episcopate at Llandaff, where he appears to have occupied himself with the revision of his *Catalogue* and to have ignored almost completely the growing recusancy in his diocese. He died in April 1633.

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