

JONES, Sir THOMAS (died 1731), first treasurer and secretary of the 'Society of Antient Britons' in London, and author

Name: Thomas Jones
Date of death: 1731
Gender: Male
Occupation: treasurer and secretary of the 'Society of Antient Britons' in London, and author
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Author of the pamphlet *The Rise and Progress of the ... Society of Antient Britons*, 1717, frequently reprinted (in part) by that society. He was knighted in 1715 when the society presented a loyal address to George I, and is then described as 'Thomas Jones, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister at Law.' The only entry in that Inn's admission Register which seems to suit is that of 'Thomas Jones, of Chancery Lane, Gent.', admitted 17 February 1707-8. But in the Gray's Inn register, under 20 November 1713, we find 'Thomas Jones, of Newcastle, co. Glamorgan, gent (admitted to Lincoln's Inn, February 10, 1707, by certificate of John Hungerford, Treasurer.' Despite the week's discrepancy, this would seem to be our man; if so he came from Bridgend. In *Old Wales*, i, 38, **W. R. Williams** prints the following notice, without however indicating its source: '1731, on 11 January, died Sir Thomas Jones, at his house in Boswel Court, Treasurer and Secretary of the Most Honourable Society of Ancient Britons; a Justice of the Peace and Register of Memorials relating to Estates for the County of Middlesex.'

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

A History of the Cymmrodorion I: 'Antient Britons,' *Y Cymmrodor*, 1951, 12-14

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