

LLUELYN (or LLEWELLIN), MARTIN (1616 - 1682), poet and physician

Name: Martin Lluelyn Date of birth: 1616 Date of death: 1682 Child: George Lluelyn Parent: Martin Lluelyn

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet and physician Area of activity: Medicine; Poetry Author: John James Jones

son of Martin Lluelyn of London; born 12 December 1616. His Welsh origin seems to be attested by his name. There is, besides, the description of his son George by Burney (History of Music, 1789, 3, 495 n.) as 'a Jacobitical, musical, and Welsh parson.' He was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated (B.A. 1640 and M.A. 1643). In the Civil War he joined the Royalist forces and reached the rank of captain. Ejected from Oxford in 1648 by the Parliamentary visitors, he went to London to practice as a physician. He became M.D. (Oxon.) in 1653, and a Fellow of the College of Physicians in 1659. He wrote verses to celebrate the return of Charles II, and in 1660 successfully petitioned for the post of physician extraordinary to that monarch. The same year he was appointed principal of S. Mary Hall, Oxford. While at Christ Church he was prominent in the production of plays at Oxford, and actually wrote a play for production on the occasion of the king's visit to the university in 1661. But all his published works consist of poetry. In 1664 he left Oxford and settled at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, where he again practised as a physician, and was made a J.P. and mayor. He died 17 March 1681/2.

Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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