

LOWE, WALTER BEZANT (1854 - 1928), antiquary

Name: Walter Bezant Lowe
Date of birth: 1854
Date of death: 1928
Gender: Male
Occupation: antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Islington, 3 January 1854. He went to Rugby (becoming head boy) and S. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1877 with a First (1876) in science, chiefly chemistry. From 1877 till 1879 he was on the *Britannia* as one of the tutors of the future king George V and his elder brother; later, he had a private school at Fareham. In 1904 he retired to Cae'r Carw, Llanfairfechan, where he developed a keen interest in the antiquities of Gwynedd; he was one of the early members of the Llandudno Field Club and for many years edited its Proceedings; he was also a member of the Cambrian Archaeological Association, and contributed articles, e.g. 'The Price Families of Plas Iolyn and Gilar' (1912) to *Archaeologia Cambrensis*. Better known than these are his books, published at his own expense, and especially *The Heart of Northern Wales*, which originally (1911) was intended to be mainly a revised edition of the *History of Aberconwy* by **Robert Williams** (1810 - 1881), but was expanded into a two-volume book (1912 and 1927) of much wider compass. Besides this work, Lowe published (1906) a reprint of **John Wynn** of Gwydir's *Survey of Penmaenmawr, Abbeys and Convents of the Vale of Conway* (with Thomas Elias, 1912); *Llansannan* (1915); and several guidebooks and maps. His health broke down, and in 1926 he moved to Bangor, where he died 7 May 1928.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

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