

MEADOWS, JOSEPH KENNY (1790 - 1874); draughtsman

Name: Joseph Kenny Meadows
Date of birth: 1790
Date of death: 1874
Parent: James Meadows
Gender: Male
Occupation: draughtsman
Area of activity: Art and Architecture
Author: Cecil John Layton Price

christened at S. Mary's, Cardigan, 1 November 1790, second son of James Meadows. His career is not recorded until 1823 when he was responsible for some of the illustrations in *The Mirror of the Stage*, and the lithographs used in Planché's *Costume of Shakespere's Historical Tragedy of King John*. He achieved popularity with *The Heads of the People or Portraits of the English*, 1838-40, to which W. M. Thackeray contributed. Meadows put out an illustrated edition of Shakespeare's works, 1839-43; he also illustrated many of the Christmas numbers of the *Illustrated London News*. He married the daughter of John Hennings, the sculptor, and was friendly with the leading writers of his day. He died 19 August 1874.

Author

Cecil John Layton Price, (1915 - 1991)

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