

## MILLINGCHAMP, BENJAMIN (1756 - 1829), naval chaplain and collector of Oriental manuscripts

**Name:** Benjamin Millingchamp  
**Date of birth:** 1756  
**Date of death:** 1829  
**Spouse:** Sarah Millingchamp (née Rawlinson)  
**Parent:** Anne Millingchamp (née Gambold)  
**Parent:** Benjamin Millingchamp  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** naval chaplain and collector of Oriental manuscripts  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Military; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Born in 1756, the son of Benjamin Millingchamp and grandson of Joseph Millingchamp, Comptroller of the Customs at Cardigan, and his wife Anne (Gambold). He was educated at Ystrad Meurig School, Queen's College, Oxford (matriculated 12 February 1773), and Merton College, Oxford (B.A. 1777).

Ordained deacon 9 August 1778 by J. Yorke, bishop of S. Davids, he was appointed (4 September 1778) a chaplain on board the '*Superbe*,' the flagship of admiral Sir Edward Hughes, which sailed for India early in 1779. Then followed eighteen years in foreign service, Millingchamp leaving the fleet in July 1782 to become chaplain at Fort S. George, Madras. At Madras he started to learn Persian, becoming proficient in the language and collecting Persian and other oriental books and manuscripts (in N.L.W. since 1912).

He left India finally in 1796, returned to Britain, and married (1798) Sarah Rawlinson of Grantham, and settled at Plas Llangoedmor, near Cardigan. Afterwards he received certain preferments in England and Wales (details in chapter xi of [NLW MS 13737C](#) ), being, in 1825, appointed to the archdeaconry of Carmarthen. (He had proceeded D.D. at Oxford in 1821). *A Sermon preached at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on Thursday, July 4th, 1811, before the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and Church Union in the Diocese of St. Davids. ... By the Rev. Benjamin Millingchamp* was published at Carmarthen in 1812.

He died 6 January 1829, and was buried at Llangoedmor.

### Author

**Sir William Llewelyn Davies**, (1887 - 1952)

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