

MORGAN, WILLIAM (1623 - 1689), Jesuit

Name: William Morgan
Date of birth: 1623
Date of death: 1689
Parent: Winefrid Morgan (née Gwynne)
Parent: Henry Morgan
Gender: Male
Occupation: Jesuit
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Emyr Gwynne Jones

Born 1623 at Cilcain, Flintshire, son of Henry Morgan and Winefrid Gwynne. He was educated at Westminster School and in 1640 went to Trinity College, Cambridge, according to Foley, although his name does not appear in the registers either of that college or of any other Cambridge college. After two years there, he is said to have been expelled for espousing the cause of king Charles. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Naseby and, six months later, was exiled by the Parliamentarians. While on the Continent he became a Papist; in 1651 he became a member of the Society of Jesus and returned to Great Britain the same year. He was principal of S. Winefred's College, Holywell, 1672-8; fled to the Continent during the Titus Oates terror; but returned and was arrested by the authorities towards the end of 1679. He was confined in prison until 1683 when he went to Rome as principal of the English College, 1683-6. He was elected provincial of the Society of Jesus and died at the college of St. Omer, 28 September 1689.

Author

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