

NICHOLLS, JOHN (1555 - 1584?), controversial theologian

Name: John Nicholls
Date of birth: 1555
Date of death: 1584?
Parent: John Nicholls
Gender: Male
Occupation: controversial theologian
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Henry John Randall

His only connection with Wales is that he was a son of a John Nicholls and was born at Cowbridge. He entered White Hall (afterwards Jesus College), Oxford, and later transferred to Brasenose, but left without a degree. After leaving the University he returned home and acted as a tutor before obtaining a curacy at Withycombe in Somerset. The rest of his short life was spent partly on the continent of Europe and partly in England, in oscillations between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, and the publication of controversial works (titles in *D.N.B.*) to suit the variation of his opinions. He finally landed in Romanism, but seems to have entirely lacked convictions. He probably died in 1583 or 1584 'in great misery.'

Author

Henry John Randall, (1877 - 1964)

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