

OWEN, HUGH (1761 - 1827), cleric and local historian

Name: Hugh Owen
Date of birth: 1761
Date of death: 1827
Spouse: Bridget Owen (née Whitfield)
Child: Edward Pryce Owen
Parent: Pryce Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and local historian
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion
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son of Pryce Owen, physician, Shrewsbury ('Pryce Owen of Bettws,' Montgomeryshire, according to R. Williams, *Montgomeryshire worthies*), and his wife Bridget, daughter of John Whitfield. Although the connection of Hugh Owen with Wales is but slight he merits inclusion as the joint- author, with J. B. Blakeway, of *A History of Shrewsbury*, two vols., quarto, 1825, a work which is still of value to Welsh historians. He was educated at S. John's College, Cambridge (B.A. 1783, M.A. 1807). He became vicar of S. Julian's, Shrewsbury, 1791, prebendary of Gillingham Minor in the cathedral of Salisbury, 1803, in 1819 presented to a 'portion' of the vicarage of Bampton, Oxfordshire, became archdeacon of Salop, 27 December 1821, and prebendary of Bishopshill, in the cathedral of Lichfield, 30 March 1822, and, finally, he succeeded J. B. Blakeway as minister of the royal peculiar of S. Mary's, Shrewsbury, 1826. He died at Shrewsbury 23 December 1827. His son, **Edward Pryce Owen**, is separately noticed.

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Sources

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