

PARRY, HENRY (1766? - 1854), cleric and antiquary

Name: Henry Parry
Date of birth: 1766?
Date of death: 1854
Parent: Henry Parry
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion
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Born c. 1766, son of Henry Parry, Brynlech, Llanuwchllyn, Meirionnydd. He was educated at Jesus College, Oxford (matriculated 1 June 1786, aged 20; B.A. 1790). He was vicar of Llanasa, Flintshire, for a long period, namely from 1798 until 1854; he also served as rural dean and, on 3 May 1833, became a canon of St Asaph. He was prominent as an eisteddfodwr (see a reference in *Seren Gomer*, 1834, 212, to his being chairman at an eisteddfod of bards held at Holywell, 3 June 1834) and as an antiquary (there is a very brief obituary notice in *Archæologia Cambrensis*, 1855, 58). He edited the second edition (Oxford, 1809) of the *Grammatica Britannica* by Dr. John Davies (c. 1567 - 1644), of Mallwyd, first published in 1621; Parry's edition was on sale by Broster and Poole at Chester and by Carnes at Holywell. Letters written by him are preserved in the Edward Jones (Bardd y Brenin), Thomas and David Pennant, and Walter Davies (Gwallter Mechain) collections in N.L.W. - e.g. in NLW MS 165C , NLW MS 1807E , NLW MS 1893E , NLW MS 2590E , NLW MS 2591E , NLW MS 4877E and NLW MS 4878E . He died 17 December 1854.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

Sources

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