

PHILIPPS, JENKIN THOMAS (died 1755), tutor and author

Name: Jenkin Thomas Philipps
Date of death: 1755
Gender: Male
Occupation: tutor and author
Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing
Author: John James Jones

a native of Llansawel, Carmarthenshire. He studied at the University of Basle, Switzerland, where, in 1707, he delivered a Latin oration on the 'Uses of Travel,' which was published in London in 1715. He held a position in the English court as early as 1715, when he wrote in Latin and French a *Discours touchant l'origine et le progrès de la religion chrétienne parmi la nation britannique, présenté au Roi*. The Latin version (3rd ed.) was republished in the author's *Dissertationes quatuor* (London, 1735). An accomplished linguist, he was a private tutor of languages between 1717 and 1720, and wrote a book on his methods of teaching, under the title *A Compendious way of teaching ancient and modern languages* (London, 2nd ed., 1723). Some time before 1726 he became tutor to the children of George II, including William Augustus, duke of Cumberland, for whose use he wrote some Latin grammars and readers. In addition to many Latin dissertations on theological and ecclesiastical subjects, he published several English works on various topics, such as the laws and constitution of Denmark, and biographies of royal personages. He left in his will £60 a year towards the maintenance of a free school in his native parish, but died 22 February 1755 without signing the will.

Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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