

POWELL, GRIFFITH (1561 - 1620), principal of Jesus College, Oxford

Name: Griffith Powell
Date of birth: 1561
Date of death: 1620
Gender: Male
Occupation: principal of Jesus College, Oxford
Area of activity: Education
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Born 1561, son of John ap Hywel, Llansawel, Carmarthenshire. He matriculated at Jesus College in 1581, and graduated M.A. in 1589; he proceeded to the degree of D.C.L. in 1599. Powell was elected a Fellow of the college in 1589, and he became principal in 1613. His published work comprises two volumes on Aristotelian philosophy, which appeared in 1594 and 1598. As a Fellow of the college, Powell had considerable influence, and he worked hard to bring order into its domestic affairs. During his principalship he gave himself to the task of raising new buildings; the chapel and hall are the results of his efforts. He died 15 June 1620, and was buried in S. Michael's church, Oxford.

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Professor Idris Llewelyn Foster, (1911 - 1984)

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