

ROGER 'of CONWAY' (died 1360), Franciscan friar

Name: Roger 'of Conway'
Date of death: 1360
Gender: Male
Occupation: Franciscan friar
Area of activity: Religion
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apparently a native of Conway. His name appears in the Latin records as Rogerius de Conveney, R. Conewey Cambrensis, and R. de Chonnoe. The last is also the form of his name in the printed edition of his only extant work. He studied at Oxford, where he became D.D. He was brought up in the 'custody' of Winchester, but a diploma of Pope Innocent VI in 1355 granted him permission to live in the 'custody' of London. He is memorable in Franciscan history as the author of a tract entitled, in its printed versions, *Defensio mendicantium*, in answer to the tract *Defensio curatorum* by Richard FitzRalph, archbishop of Armagh. Roger probably wrote his tract in 1357, that is, two years after settling in London, and at a time when there was growing opposition to the Franciscan practice of poverty and mendicancy. The tract was first printed at Lyon in 1494; it was reprinted in Paris, 1511, and is to be found also in M. Goldast's *Monarchia Sancti Romani Imperii*, iii.

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