

TREHERNE (formerly THOMAS), GEORGE GILBERT TREHERNE (1837 -1923), antiquary

Date of birth: 1837 Date of death: 1923 Parent: Rees Goring Thomas

Gender: Male
Occupation: antiquary

Area of activity: History and Culture; Law

Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Youngest son of Rees Goring Thomas (see under Ebenezer Morris, 1790 - 1867) of Llannonn, Carmarthenshire, and Surrey; born 30 December 1837; in January 1857 he Youngest son or Rees Goring Thomas (see under Ebenezer Morris, 1790 - 1867) of Liannonn, Carmartnenshire, and Surrey; born 30 December 1837; in January 1857 he went from Eton to Balliol College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1861 (Foster, Alumni Oxonienses); he rowed for the University in the 1859 boat race. Shortly after leaving Oxford he changed his name. He was admitted a solicitor in 1865, and in due course became principal of his firm. As most of his work was connected with large estates in south-west Wales he became interested in the history and antiquities of that part of the country; and he became an authority on the town of Laugharne and its neighbourhood. He was particularly interested in Eglwys Gymyn where he discovered the famous Latin/Ogam inscription 'Avitoria' (An Inventory of the Ancient Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire. Vol. V - County of Carmarthen, 40), and published two books about it: Eglwys Cymmin, The Story of an Old Welsh Church, 1918, and Eglwys Cymmin Epitaphs, 1920. He joined the Cambrian Archaeological Association in 1904 and contributed a number of papers to Arch. Camb. He was also one of the founders of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society (1905), became its first president, and contributed twenty-five articles to its transactions. He died 26 February 1923, in his home at Ringmer, Sussex. He must not be confused with another antiquary, J. M. Traherne.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

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