

## WILLIAMS, Sir HUGH (1718 - 1794), soldier and Member of Parliament

**Name:** Hugh Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1718  
**Date of death:** 1794  
**Spouse:** Emma Bulkeley (née Rowlands)  
**Child:** Robert Williams  
**Parent:** Griffith Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** soldier and Member of Parliament  
**Area of activity:** Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements  
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Born in 1718, the son of Griffith Williams of Ariannws (Llangelynnin, Conway valley) and grandson of Edmund Williams, brother of [Sir Hugh Williams](#) of Marl; when his kinsman [Sir Robert Williams](#) of Marl died (1745), he succeeded as 8th baronet 'of Penrhyn' (J. E. Griffith *Pedigrees*, 186 and 43). He married, in 1761, Emma, widow of [lord James Bulkeley](#) and heiress of Caerau and Castellior (see under [Lewis Roberts](#)). He was commissioned in the army in 1739, and was at Minorca when the garrison was attacked in 1756; in 1759 he was a major in a volunteer battalion, and in 1761 became colonel of the 53rd Foot. He then turned his attention to politics - the estates which had come into his possession by inheritance and marriage making him a person of great influence. He was Member of Parliament for Beaumaris, 1768-80 and 1785-94; he was constable of Beaumaris castle from 1761 to 1794 without a break, and was mayor of the town on a number of occasions. He became a member of the Society of Cymmrodorion in 1770 (*Additional Letters of the Morrisises of Anglesey (1735-86)*, p. 767), and was treasurer of the Society of Antient Britons in London in 1773. He died at Friars, Llanfaes, 19 August 1794, 'at the age of 76.'

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### Sources

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