

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 Morrises 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.

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

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