

BENJAMIN HEATH MALKIN LL.D..M.A.

High on the south wall of the Chancel at Cowbridge Church and often difficult to read as it is in the shade, is a memorial to Dr.Malkin, who died at Cowbridge on the 26th May 1842.

The same man also has a memorial to his memory in the Cathedral Church at Bury St.Edmunds, Suffolk. Here the tablet is in white marble with a medallian profile paid for by the former pupils of the Royal School at Bury St.Edmunds where he was Headmaster from 1809 to 1828.

He was born in London in 1769, educated at Harrow School and Trinity College, Cambridge. On leaving the Royal School at Bury he was appointed Professor of Modern History at the University of London.

Dr.Malkin's connection with Cowbridge was his marriage to Charlotte, daughter of Dr.William Williams for 52 years Headmaster of the Cowbridge School.

Dr.Malkin was an author of considerable merit but is best known in South Wales by his two volumes on the "Scenery, antiquities and biography of South Wales" from materials collected during excursions in the year 1803 - now book collectors items. He was given the Freedom of Cowbridge in 1831 when he was described as the "well known historian, writer and social reformer."

His widow, Charlotte, left a sum of £100 to form a trust for the poor at Cowbridge and this is recorded on the Charity Board at the rear of Cowbridge Church.

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