

Obituary of Edward Wetherell Rowden Esq

Edward Wetherell Rowden Esq, DCL, Registrar of the University of Oxford, died at his residence in St Giles, Oxford on the 18th ult. He was born on Aug 15, 1814, the eldest son of the Rev Edward Rowden, Vicar of Highworth, Wilts, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of the Very Rev Dr Wetherell, Dean of Hereford, Master of University College, Oxford and sister of Sir Charles Wetherell, Attorney-General in 1829. The family of Rowden of Rowden near Bromyard, in Herefordshire of which Dr Rowden had been the representative since his father's death in 1869, is very ancient and can be traced back to the time of the Plantagenets. Thomas Rowden entertained King Charles 1 at his house at Northbeach in Gloucestershire and also furnished his Majesty with a troop of horse for which he received a letter of thanks from the King himself. This was Dr Rowden's direct ancestor. By two pedigrees the late Registrar proved founder's kin at Winchester and at New College, Oxford of which he became by the right of descent, Scholar and Fellow. Dr Rowden married in 1851, Mary Anne, elder daughter and coheirress of John C Copper Esq of Stockwell Hall in the county of Surrey, by whom he leaves issue two sons and three daughters.

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