

# Obituary of

## Richard Henry Marsh

**A. K. A. Henry Marston - 1804-1883**  
**Shakespearean Actor**

Mr Henry Richard Marsh – professionally known as Henry Marston – expired at his residence in Northern London on Friday morning, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Good Friday – at the age of seventy-nine. He had been a serious invalid from chronic rheumatism for some time past and during the last four years had been confined to his room...

This excellent Shakespearian actor was the son of Dr Marsh, a physician residing at Highworth in Wiltshire and here he was born in March 1804. Having completed his education at the famous Winchester School, his parents decided that he should enter the legal profession and he was early in life placed in the chambers of the well known firm of Jay and Thomson of Gray's Inn to be prepared for the bar. Like many other law students, his predilection for the stage was soon evinced and he became an amateur actor at the private theatres then existing...

The remains of the departed actor were laid to rest Thursday in the family grave at Highgate Cemetery...the Rev A. F H. Scholefield, chaplain to the cemetery, officiated.

Mr Marston leaves behind a widow, who will be remembered as an actress of acknowledged talent and a son who has achieved a high reputation in New York as a scenic artist of great repute.

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