



Photo of a painting once in the court-room of Addenbrookes Hospital, now missing.



Biographical and Other Notes

Born in Cambridge, became a bookbinder, and noted bell ringer, he collected fossils, manuscripts, and other curiosities. His manuscripts and eight boxes of unpublished notes for a history of Cambridge were left to Downing College. The notes were used extensively by C.H. Cooper. This included a list of Cambridge 17th C tokens (53 issuers), derived independently of William Cole's list. Bequests included £500 to apprentice boys belonging to Hobson's workhouse and shares to the value of £7,000 were left to enlarge Addenbrooke's Hospital (founded 1766).

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