



Wm Cole

## Biographical and Other Notes

Born in Little Abingdon, Cambridgeshire, he was at King's College when he inherited his father's estate. He spent most of his life accumulating material for a history of Cambridgeshire. He published little, but left over 100 manuscript volumes to the British Museum. Containing much local knowledge, and gossip, he stipulated that they could not be consulted until 20 years after his death. The Cole manuscripts were indexed in 1912 and they include the earliest listing of Cambridge tokens.

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