

# Willis, Browne

(1682-1760)



## Biographical and Other Notes

Browne Willis of Whaddon Hall, Buckinghamshire was a major scholar, antiquarian, collector and writer; producing and publishing volumes on parliamentary and church history, architecture, coins and tokens. He was a founder member of the revived Society of Antiquaries in 1717. He was a pioneer collector of Tradesmen's tokens (about 1500 17<sup>th</sup>C). His collection was one of the best specializing in mostly English gold and silver coins. After 1738 they were donated in sections to the Bodleian Library, though the University paid 4 guineas per ounce for the gold coins! All of the coins now reside in the Ashmolean Museum.

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