

SALISBURY, ENOCH ROBERT GIBBON (1819 - 1890), lawyer and bibliophile

Name: Enoch Robert Gibbon Salisbury

Date of birth: 1819

Date of death: 1890

Child: Philip Salisbury

Parent: Joseph Salisbury

Gender: Male

Occupation: lawyer and bibliophile

Area of activity: History and Culture; Law; Literature and Writing

Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 7 November 1819, eldest son of Joseph Salisbury of Bagillt, Flintshire. From humble beginnings, he rose (after a period at Liverpool) to become manager of the Chester gas undertaking, and a prominent man in the public life of that city. In 1850 he turned to the law, becoming a member of the Inner Temple; he was called in 1852, and built up a flourishing practice at the Parliamentary Bar. For a short period (1857-9) he was Liberal Member of Parliament for Chester. He collected a very large library of books on Wales and the Marches; today, the bulk of this collection forms the 'Salisbury Library' at Cardiff University College, but the University College at Bangor also has a good many books of Salisbury's. His wife was a daughter of the Independent minister, [Arthur Jones](#) of Bangor. Salisbury died at Saltney, 17 October 1890. His son, PHILIP SALISBURY (died early in 1906) had an adventurous career, first as a soldier in the Serbian army and afterwards in the service of the Belgians on the Congo.

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