



## **William Talman, Architect**

William Talman was born at Eastcott Manor House in West Lavington in 1650. He was an architect and landscape designer and was a pupil of Sir Christopher Wren. In 1678 he and Thomas Apprice gained the Office of King's Waiter in the Port of London and from 1689 to the death of William III in 1702, he was Comptroller of the Royal Works. In 1689, William Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland, appointed Talman and George London as his deputies in his new role of Superintendent of the Royal Gardens. In this capacity, he worked with Wren in his rebuilding of Hampton Court Palace and its gardens.

Talman's principal work is recognized to be Chatsworth House. He was also held by many to be surly, rude and hard to get along with.

He died 22 November 1719 at Felmingham, Norfolk.

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