

Inigo Jones Architect. 1573 - 1652.

- Inigo Jones was born in London, the son of a cloth worker.
- He came under the patronage of William Herbert, third Earl of Pembroke.
- He worked for some time as a designer of scenery, costumes and machinery for masques, mostly for the professional theatre. He quarrelled with Ben Johnson, left the theatre and became Clerk of Works to Henry Prince of Wales from 1610 - 1612.
- In 1615 he became Surveyor General of Works to King James I.
- Among many projects he designed the Queen's House at Greenwich, a new banqueting chamber for Whitehall Palace and the piazza of Covent Garden.
- At Oatlands Palace he designed the Silkworm House and the Greate Gate to the Vineyard. He also designed fireplaces and other stone features for the palace.
- (Further information in the Oatlands Palace box files and the National Dictionary of Biography.)