1. **General Comment**

   English political economist and ordained minister in the Church of England.

2. **Chronology**

   1766  **Birth:**
   Born on February 13 at his father's house, The Rookery, near Wotton and Guildford in the county of Surrey. His father, Daniel Malthus (1730-1800), was independently wealthy and pursued literary and scientific interests.

   1766-1804  **Education:**
   Early education was under his father's tutorage.

   1779-1784  **Education continued with teachers selected by his father:**
   Reverend Richard Graves, 1779-81; at the Dissenting Academy at Warrington, 1783; with Gilbert Wakefield, 1783-84.

   1784-1788  **Undergraduate student at Jesus College in Cambridge University.**
   Studied mathematics and classics. Graduated as Ninth Wrangler.

   1789-1804  **Graduate Fellow at Jesus College, Cambridge.**
   Took an M.A. Degree and Holy Orders.

   1789-1805  **Career I:**
   1789  **Appointed Deacon of Okewood chapel in the parish of Wotton in Surrey.**
   1803  **Appointed Rector of Walesby in Lincolnshire.**

   1804  **Marriage:**
   Married Harriet Eckersall on March 13. He was age 38 and she some 28 years old. They had three children: Henry, Emily and Lucy.

   1805-1834  **Career II:**
   1805-1834  **Professor of History and Political Economy at Haileybury College, a newly founded college to train personnel for the East India Company.**

   1834  **Death:**
   Died on December 29; was buried in the Abbey Church in Bath.
3. Of Interest

1. His father, Daniel Malthus, was "an eccentric country squire in the best English tradition, entertained himself in reading and argument." [Lekachman, p. 121.] Friend of Rousseau (1712-1778) and Hume (1711-1776). Follower of William Godwin (1756-1836) and the Marquis de Condorcet (1743-1794).

2. Association with philosophical radicals.

3. Friendship with David Ricardo.

4. Reactions to Malthus.

4. Selected Works

1. An Essay on the Principle of Population (1798). This first edition was published anonymously; second through sixth editions appeared in 1803, 1806, 1807, 1817 and 1826. Other posthumous editions appeared in 1872 and 1890.


3. Correspondence with David Ricardo.

5. Sources

