

## ADAMS, ROGER (died 1741), bookseller and printer at Chester

**Name:** Roger Adams  
**Date of death:** 1741  
**Spouse:** Elizabeth Adams (née Buckley)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bookseller and printer at Chester  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Although he may not have been a Welshman, Roger Adams, who was admitted a freeman of Chester on 20 February 1713/4, merits a note as he was one of the earliest printers of Welsh books and ballads at Chester : his first book was (probably) *Ystyriaethau o Gyflwr Dyn*, 1724. In 1730 he had started to print *Adams's Chester Weekly Courant*, and in 1739 he printed **John Reynolds**, *The Scripture Genealogy and Display of Heraldry*. His widow, ELIZABETH ADAMS, who printed **D. Jones**, *Cydymaith Diddan*, in 1766, also printed a large number of ballads, particularly in 1752 and 1753.

### Author

**Sir William Llewelyn Davies**, (1887 - 1952)

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