

## BLAYNEY, THOMAS (1785 -?), harpist

**Name:** Thomas Blayney  
**Date of birth:** 1785  
**Parent:** Letitia Blayney  
**Parent:** Arthur Blayney  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** harpist  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Tyn-y-coed, Llanllwchaearn, Montgomeryshire, the son of Arthur and Letitia Blayney. He won the prize (a silver harp and thirty guineas) in the Carmarthen eisteddfod of 1819. **Thomas Price** (Carnhuanawc) says that Blayney was the first whom he heard playing on the triple-harp; he also testifies to his renown as a harpist.

He kept a public-house at Lydney North, near Walcot, the Shropshire seat of **lord Powis**; in 1829 he became family harpist to the household of **lord Powis** but died shortly afterwards, although the exact year of his death has not been ascertained. His brother, ARTHUR BLAYNEY, became well-known as a violinist.

### Author

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