

CARTER, ISAAC (died 1741), printer

Name: Isaac Carter
Date of death: 1741
Spouse: Ann Carter (née Lewis)
Gender: Male
Occupation: printer
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Printing and Publishing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

A native of Carmarthenshire, he has the honour of having established the first permanent printing press in Wales. This was at Adpar (also called Trefhedyn) in the parish of Llandyfrïog, Cardiganshire, in 1718; as far as is known the first two publications to issue from the press were *Cân o Senn i'w hen Feistr Tobacco* by **Alban Thomas** and *Cân ar Fesur Triban ynghylch Cydwybod a'i Chynheddfau*. At least three other (and larger) works were produced by the Adpar press : *Eglurhad o Gatechism Byrraf y Gymanfa*, 1719; *Dwysfawr Rym Buchedd Grefyddol*, 1722; and *Y Christian Cyffredin*, 1724.

The press was transferred to Carmarthen about 1725. From that town came *Maddeuant i'r Edifairiol*, 1725; *Gwaith a Gwobr Ffyddlon Weinidogion yr Efengyl*, 1729; *Llythyr Bugeilaidd*, 1729; *Y Cyfrif Cywiraf o'r Pechod Gwreiddiol*, 1730; and *Tarian Cristnogrwydd*, 1733.

Carter married Ann Lewis at Cenarth, 11 January 1721; he was buried at S. Peter's, Carmarthen, 4 May 1741.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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