

DAVIES, CADWALADR (1704 -?), bard, ballad-writer, and collector

Name: Cadwaladr Davies

Date of birth: 1704

Parent: Lowry Thomas (née Cadwaladr)

Parent: Dafydd Thomas

Gender: Male

Occupation: bard, ballad-writer, and collector

Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Music; Performing Arts; Poetry

Author: Thomas Richards

of the 'Piser Sioned' poems (Bangor MS. 3212 (564)); born at Llanycil, Meirionnydd, son of David Thomas and Lowry Cadwaladr. He kept a school at Dwyrdd near Corwen, and at Tre'rddôl (this in 1740). The 'Piser' was gathered together in the years 1733-45, the main corpus being country songs and *plygain* carols, composed by homely bards of Penllyn and Edeirnion, the district of Cerrig-y-drudion, and the highlands of Hiraethog. Davies took great delight in astrology, in explaining vagaries of weather, and the interpretation of dreams, and the sacred significance of fast days; he did some doctor's work both on men and on animals. He was tenant to John Humphreys of Maerdy by Gwyddelwern from 1729 to 1739, but there is a record that he was asked to leave in 1743. Date of death uncertain.

Author

Thomas Richards, (1878 - 1962)

Sources

Information from Mr. Robert Owen

internal evidence from *Bangor Manuscript at University College North Wales Library, Bangor 3212*

for 'Ail Biser Sioned' see [NLW MS 9047A](#)

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