

DAVIES, JOSEPH (? - 1831?) solicitor and founder of the periodical *Y Brud a Sylwydd*

Name: Joseph Davies
Date of birth: ?
Date of death: 1831?
Gender: Male
Occupation: solicitor and founder of the periodical *Y Brud a Sylwydd*
Area of activity: Law; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Thomas Parry

Nothing is known for certain about Joseph Davies. It is said that he was born at Builth Wells, that he was a solicitor in Liverpool, and that he died in 1831. He was the founder of the periodical *Y Brud a Sylwydd*, of which eight numbers appeared between January and August 1828, the last six being bilingual. The editor accepted the notions of his age about the antiquity of the Welsh language and the analysis of Welsh words into primitive elements as taught by [William Owen Pughe](#). The periodical is of interest mainly because of the large number of new Welsh words which the editor coined to meet the needs of the time.

Author

Sir Thomas Parry, (1904 - 1985)

Sources

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