

DAVIES, WILLIAM (1756 - 1823), compiler of an unpublished history of Glamorgan

Name: William Davies
Date of birth: 1756
Date of death: 1823
Gender: Male
Occupation: compiler of an unpublished history of Glamorgan
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born in 1756, he spent most of his time at Cringell, Llantwit-juxta-Neath, dying 21 March 1823. Davies accumulated much material for his projected history of Glamorgan. In 1803 and 1810 he circulated proposals for publishing this history; from the 1810 prospectus it is clear that he intended to issue three quarto volumes at two guineas per volume. That his manuscript never reached finality, but remained in the form of 'collectanea' dispersed all over Glamorgan, is clear from an examination of those portions of it which survive among the G. T. Clark and Traherne-Mansel-Franklen MSS. in the National Library of Wales. A memorial tablet to him was unveiled in the Neath public library in March 1923. The historian knew Edward Williams (Iolo Morganwg, 1747 - 1826), some of whose Glamorgan notes are among the Cringell MSS. He translated a few Welsh poems into English and Latin, and was a contributor to *The Gentleman's Magazine* and *The Cambrian*, the newspaper published in Swansea. [See also under Isaac, David Lloyd.]

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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