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ELIAS, THOMAS (Bardd Coch; 1792 - 1855), Calvinistic Methodist minister and hymn-writer

Name: Thomas Elias
Pseudonym: Bardd Coch
Date of birth: 1792
Date of death: 1855
Parent: Mary Elias
Parent: Dafydd Elias
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and hymn-writer
Area of activity: Music; Poetry; Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in November 1792 at Bryn-teg, Cil-y-cwm, Carmarthenshire, the son of David Elias and Mary his wife, he was apprenticed at 10 to a tailor at Llanwrtyd. At 14 he went to Merthyr Tydfil, but returned in a few years, married, and in 1822 began preaching - he was ordained in 1831. His latter years were spent at Senny-bridge (Brecknock), where he died 14 March 1855, aged 62. A *cywydd* by him appeared in *Seren Gomer*, 1821, 214, and a collection of his hymns, with a memoir, was published at Merthyr Tydfil in 1856.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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