

## EVANS, SAMUEL (Gomerydd; 1793 - 1856), editor

**Name:** Samuel Evans  
**Pseudonym:** Gomerydd  
**Date of birth:** 1793  
**Date of death:** 1856  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** editor  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** Walter Thomas Morgan

Born at Llwyn-y-piod, near St Clears. In 1807 he was apprenticed to the printer John Evans, of Carmarthen. On the death of **Joseph Harris** (Gomer) in 1825 the office of *Seren Gomer* was removed to Carmarthen and in 1827 Samuel Evans was appointed associate-editor with **D. D. Evans**, becoming sole editor in 1835. He remained in this post till 1850, when he was acknowledged to be one of the foremost Liberal journalists of his day. In 1852 he removed to the office of William Owen of Cardiff, where he edited *Seren Cymru* till it ceased publication at the end of 1852 and *Y Bedyddiwr* from 8 November 1854 till his death. He was also a Welsh scholar [and in 1830 was elected an honorary member of the London Gwyneddigion]. In 1839 he published a revised edition of **William Richards** of Lynn's *Welsh Dictionary* and in 1840 he was one of a committee of five appointed by the Abergavenny Cymreigyddion Society to standardize Welsh orthography. The committee, however, never met, but Evans published his own views on the subject in a series of letters published in *Seren Cymru* in 1852 which were later published in 1854 under the title *Y Gomerydd*. He also edited *Y Cymro Bach*, 1855, a collected edition of the works of **Benjamin Price** (1792 - 1854) and translated much of Gill's commentary into Welsh. He died at Cardiff, 30 August 1856, and was buried in the graveyard of Tabernacle Baptist chapel, of which he was a member.

### Author

**Walter Thomas Morgan**, (1912 - 1990)

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