

JAMES, THOMAS (Llallawg; 1817 - 1879), clergyman, antiquary, and eisteddfodwr

Name: Thomas James
Pseudonym: Llallawg
Date of birth: 1817
Date of death: 1879
Spouse: Jane James (née Hammett)
Parent: Ann James
Parent: Abraham James
Gender: Male
Occupation: clergyman, antiquary, and eisteddfodwr
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Daniel Williams

Born 21 August 1817 at Manordivy, north Pembrokeshire. Ordained deacon in 1840 (and priest, 1841), his first curacies were in Much Wenlock and Derby. Persuaded by [Lewis Jones](#) (Almondbury) he went to Yorkshire in 1846 and was vicar of All Saints, Netherthong, for a period of thirty-three years. He remained single until 1870 when he married Jane, daughter of William Hammett, Appledore Court, Devon; she died two years later. An antiquary by inclination, he was F.S.A., and one of the founders of the Cambrian Archaeological Association (*Archæologia Cambrensis*, 1846, 463-5). He was also one of the pillars of the 'Association of Welsh Clergy in the West Riding of the County of York.' He wrote biographies of [Joseph Hughes](#) (Carn Ingli) and [Lewis Jones](#) (of Almondbury) and was a frequent contributor to *Yr Haul* and *Bye-Gones*; he was also a frequent visitor to the eisteddfod in Wales where he often acted as adjudicator. He was brother to [David James](#) (Dewi o Ddyfed). He died 3 August 1879 and was buried at Netherthong.

Author

Reverend Daniel Williams, (1878 - 1968)

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