

JONES, DAVID (1732 - 1782?), 'Dafydd Brydydd Hir,' 'Dafydd Siôn Pirs,' poet, tailor, and schoolmaster

Name: David Jones

Pseudonym: Dafydd Brydydd Hir, Dafydd Siôn Pirs

Date of birth: 1732 Date of death: 1782? Parent: Anne Pierce
Parent: John Pierce Gender: Male

Occupation: poet, tailor, and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Education; Poetry

Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Christened 29 October 1732, son of John Pierce and his wife Anne who kept the 'Harp' inn at Llanfair-talhaearn, Denbighshire. The poet Talhaiarn quotes David Jones's selfportrait: 'long, lanky, hirsute, and thirsty.' He was the boon-companion of leuan Fardd when leuan was curate of Llanfair; other cronies of his were Robert Thomas and John Powel - according to Additional Letters of the Morrises of Anglesey (1735-86) (p. 736) he wrote an elegy upon the latter. J.H. Davies gives a list of printed ballads by him (Bibliography of Welsh Ballads, 85, 676, 684, 721); the most famous of these was his song in praise of the harp. Some of his work appeared in Cyfaill y Cymro, 1767. It is believed that he died c. 1782.

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