

## JONES, RHYS (or RICE) (1713 - 1801), antiquary and poet

**Name:** Rhys Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1713  
**Date of death:** 1801  
**Spouse:** Ann Jones (née Griffith)  
**Parent:** John Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** antiquary and poet  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Poetry  
**Author:** David Gwenallt Jones

Eldest son of John Jones of Blaenau, Llanfachreth, Meirionnydd. He was educated at Dolgellau and Shrewsbury, it being his intention to become a lawyer. When, however, he was 18 years of age his father died, and he returned home to Blaenau where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1741 he married Ann, daughter of Richard Griffith of Tan-yr-allt, Caernarfonshire. He published *Cerdd Newydd iw chanu yn y Lloerig Gymdeithas yr hon sydd wedi i sefydlu iw chadw yn Lloerig Nant Tafarn yn fisol beunydd ar ddydd lau nesaf o flaen y Llawn Lloer*, (together with) *Cywydd i ofyn gwn i'r pendefig Wm. Llwyd o Riwedog Ysgr.* (undated; c. 1750); *Gorchestion Beirdd Cymru: Neu Flodau Godidowgrwydd Awen, Wedi eu lloffa, a'u dethol, allan o waith rhai o'r Awduriaid ardderchog, a fu erioed yn yr Iaith Gymraeg. O Gasgliad Rhys Jones, o'r Tyddyn Mawr yn y Brinaich, ym mhlwyf Llanfachreth, yn Swydd Feirion ...* (Shrewsbury, printed by Stafford Prys, in the Year MDCC. LXXIII); *Can neu Fyfyrdod ar Ddaioni yr Arglwydd yn anfon yd i'n Gwlad er ein Hachub Rhag Y Newyn a'i Ganlyniadau etc., ar fesur 'Old Darby'* (Denbigh, 1817). In 1864, another edition of the *Gorchestion* was published, revised, and annotated with additions, by *Cynddelw* (Robert Ellis, 1812 - 1875). It should be observed that Rhys Jones was living at Tyddyn Mawr and not at Blaenau when he published his *Gorchestion*, which is a selection of the works of *Aneirin*, *Taliesin*, *Llywarch Hen*, and other poets; Rhys Jones wrote his awdl in praise of *William Vaughan* of Cors-y-gedol on the pattern of the *awdlau* by *Gutun Owen* and *William Llŷn* included in this collection. His original poetry is to be found in *NLW MS 3059D*, i.e. 'Y Llyfr Gwyrdd gan Rhys Jones'; his works were published in 1818 under the title *Gwaith Prydyddawl Y Diweddar Rice Jones o'r Blaenau, Meirion. Gan Rice Jones Owen, Wyr yr Awdur*. He died 14 February 1801 and was buried in Llanfachreth church.

### Author

**David Gwenallt Jones**, (1899 - 1968)

### Sources

Rice Jones Owen, *Gwaith Prydyddawl y diweddar Rice Jones o'r Blaenau, Meirion* (Dolgellau 1818), introduction

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