

LLOYD, DAVID (1752 - 1838), cleric, poet, and musician

Name: David Lloyd
Date of birth: 1752
Date of death: 1838
Parent: Mary Lloyd (née James)
Parent: Thomas Lloyd
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric, poet, and musician
Area of activity: Engineering, Construction, Naval Architecture and Surveying; Music; Poetry; Religion
Author: John James Jones

Born 12 May 1752 at Croes Cynon (anglicized Croscunnon), Llanbister, Radnorshire, only son of Thomas Lloyd of Trevodick, by Mary, daughter of David James of Little Croscunnon. He worked on his father's farm but had some desultory schooling, during which he picked up some Latin and mathematics. He taught himself Greek, and in 1771 opened a small school at Llanbister. There he prepared himself for holy orders and became curate at Putley, Herefordshire, from 1785 to 1789, when he was made vicar of Llanbister, where he remained until his death 3 March 1838. He published in 1792 *The Voyage of Life*, a poem somewhat after the manner of Edward Young. A new and enlarged edition, dedicated to **bishop Burgess**, was published in 1812 under the title *Characteristics of Men, Manners and Sentiments or the Voyage of Life*. He also published *Horae Theologicae* (London, 1823), and a march entitled 'The Loyal Cambrian Volunteers,' the only one of many pieces of music which he composed to be published. He was, in addition, a skilful mechanician, and is said to have designed 'perpetual motion' engines.

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