

MAURICE, DAVID (1626 - 1702), cleric and translator

Name: David Maurice Date of birth: 1626 Date of death: 1702 Parent: Andrew Maurice Gender: Male Occupation: cleric and translator Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages Author: John James Jones

son of Andrew Maurice, dean of S. Asaph. This Andrew Maurice was, according to **Browne Willis**, a Shropshire gentleman, but according to Wood (*Athenae Oxonienses*), a native of Denbighshire. 'Llyfr Silin' and **Walter Davies** (Gwallter Mechain) make him the eighth in descent from <u>leuan Gethin</u>. Philip Yorke (*Royal Tribes*) says he was ' of a younger branch of Clenennau.' But his son, David Maurice, according to D. R. Thomas (*A History of the Diocese of St. Asaph*), bore ' not the shield of Owen Gwynedd nor of Einion Efell, but that of Cunedda Wledig.' David Maurice matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, 3 June 1651. He graduated B.A. 1654/5, and M.A. 1657, from New College. He held the following ecclesiastical preferments - vicar of Llangernyw, 1662; rector of Cegidog S. George, Denbighshire, 1663; cursal prebendary of S. Asaph, 1664; canon, 1666; vicar of Llanasa, Flintshire, 1666; rector of Gwytherin, 1675; vicar of Abergele, 1684; of Betws-yn-Rhos, 1684; of Llanarmon-yn-lâl, 1696. He held the last three livings at the time of his death, and was buried in Abergele churchyard, where there is a Latin epitaph on his tomb. His 'information' relating to the ' Popish Plot ' was printed in *The Information of J. Sergent and D. Morris relating to the Popish Plot*, 1681. In addition he published *The Promised Reed; a sermon preach'd … for the support of weak Christians*, 1700, and Welsh translations of two of the works of Theophilus Dorrington, under the titles, *Arweiniwr cartrefol i'r iawn a'r buddiol dderbyniad o Swperyr Arglwydd*, … 1700, and *Cynffwrdd i'r gwan Gristion, neu'r gorsen ysig*, 1702. [See close of article on William Jones, died 1679].

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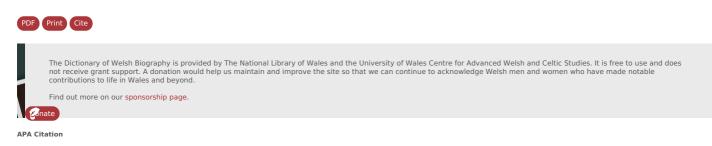
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