

THOMAS, DAVID (died 1735), poet

Name: David Thomas
Date of death: 1735
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Edward Evan says that he was a native of Cardiganshire, and that he came to Glamorgan in 1727 when, according to **lolo Morganwg**, he was between 12 and 15 years of age. He settled in Betws Tir Iarll, where he became a member of **Rees Price** of Tyn-ton's congregation. About 1730 he began to write poetry under the guidance of **John Bradford**, and in 1734 **Bradford** mentions him as one of the 'grammarians' of Glamorgan. But before that date he had married (unfortunately, says **Edward Evan**) and moved to the parish of Ystrad Dyfodwg, where he set up house in Pandy'r Ystrad; there he died in 1735. Some of his *englynion* are included in **Lewis Hopkin**'s book, *Y Fêl Gafod*. He also left a translation in the cywydd form of the first chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes which led to the translation, in 1767, of the entire book by **Lewis Hopkin** and **Edward Evan** (*Llyfryddiaeth y Cymry*, 497).

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Sources

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