

THOMAS, FRANCIS (Crythwr Dall o Geredigion; 1726 - 1796)

Name: Francis Thomas
Pseudonym: Crythwr Dall O Geredigion
Date of birth: 1726
Date of death: 1796
Gender: Male
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
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Born at Llanwenog, Cardiganshire. When 5 years old he lost his sight, but despite this handicap he became a proficient violinist and used to earn his living by playing at parties and other functions. He was also a good poet and was taught the poetic art by **David Lloyd**, Brynlllefrith (1724 - 1779); Siôn Llwyd, grandfather of **D. Lloyd Isaac**, acted as his scribe. He wrote in both English and Welsh, and two of his poems - ' Cynghor i Fab Ieuan ' and ' Hanes Cyflwr Dyn yn mhob rhan o'i oes ' - appeared in **John Howell**'s (Ioan Howell) *Blodau Dyfed*, 1824. He died at Llanwenog, 4 March 1796.

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