

DAFYDD (or DAVID), THOMAS (fl. 1765-1792), elegist and hymnist

Name: Thomas Dafydd
Gender: Male
Occupation: elegist and hymnist
Area of activity: Poetry; Religion
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He was of Llanegwad, Carmarthenshire - the first of his booklets was sent to press from Esgair-rudd, in Llanegwad. Practically nothing is known about him - the name is, unfortunately, very common in the registers of the parish; but it may be mentioned that one of the name was born in 1728, and another in 1735. He has been described, with great probability, as a Methodist exhorter, but we have no official record of his recognition as exhorter; nor was he one of the men named Thomas David, whose letters are found in the Trevecka collection. His elegies contain useful information on Methodist personalities of his day. These elegies, and his hymns, are contained in some twenty booklets published between 1765 and 1792; these are described by [Garfield H. Hughes](#) in *Journal of the Welsh Bibliographical Society*, July 1951 - the present notice is wholly derived from that article.

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