

ADAMS, ROGER (died 1741), bookseller and printer at Chester

Name: Roger Adams
Date of death: 1741
Spouse: Elizabeth Adams (née Buckley)
Gender: Male
Occupation: bookseller and printer at Chester
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Although he may not have been a Welshman, Roger Adams, who was admitted a freeman of Chester on 20 February 1713/4, merits a note as he was one of the earliest printers of Welsh books and ballads at Chester : his first book was (probably) *Ystyriaethau o Gyflwr Dyn*, 1724. In 1730 he had started to print *Adams's Chester Weekly Courant*, and in 1739 he printed [John Reynolds](#), *The Scripture Genealogy and Display of Heraldry*. His widow, ELIZABETH ADAMS, who printed [D. Jones](#), *Cydymaith Diddan*, in 1766, also printed a large number of ballads, particularly in 1752 and 1753.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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