

BARNES, EDWARD (fl. c. 1760-1795), poet and translator of religious books

Name: Edward Barnes

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet and translator of religious books

Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion; Scholarship and Languages

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Born at S. Asaph, where he served as a schoolmaster. According to [Josiah Thomas Jones](#) in his *Geiriadur Bywgraffyddol o Enwogion Cymru*, he became a Methodist and lived for many years in Montgomeryshire, where he welcomed itinerant preachers to his house.

Two of his carols, a song against drunkenness and another against worldly desires, are printed in *Cyfaill i'r Cymro*, collected by [William Hope](#) of Mostyn, and published in Chester in 1765. N.L.W. MS. 843, which was copied c. 1761, contains his sequence of *englynion* to the Deity. In 1784 appeared his translation of de Courcy's *Letter of Advice ...*, in 1785 his translation of James Hervey's *Meditations*, and in 1792 of Theophilus Priestley's sermon on the death of Selina, countess of Huntingdon. In 1795 (?), at Chester, was printed *A specimen of select pieces of the poems of Rees Prichard ... Dictionary-like in Welch and English ...*, by Edward Barnes, Schoolmaster at Caerwys. The copy of this publication scheduled as N.L.W. MS. 1477 has the date altered in ink to 1797, and 'Caerwys' changed to 'St. Asaph.'

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Sources

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