

## BRERETON, JANE (1685 - 1740), poetess

**Name:** Jane Brereton  
**Date of birth:** 1685  
**Date of death:** 1740  
**Spouse:** Thomas Brereton  
**Parent:** Anne Hughes  
**Parent:** Thomas Hughes  
**Gender:** Female  
**Occupation:** poetess  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

She was the daughter of Thomas and Anne Hughes, Bryn Griffith, near Mold. In 1711 she married Thomas Brereton (1691 - 1722), one of the minor English dramatists. On the death of her husband in 1722 she is said to have settled in Wrexham where she died 7 August 1740 and was survived by two daughters.

Showing an aptitude for writing English verse she became a contributor to the *Gentleman's Magazine* and wrote under the pseudonym Melissa. After her death a volume of her work was published under the title *Poems on several occasions, with letters to her friends and an account of her life* (London, 1744).

### Author

Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

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