



DAVIES, HUMPHREY (died 1635), vicar of Darowen, and transcriber of Welsh manuscripts

Name: Humphrey Davies
Date of death: 1635
Spouse: Sioned Davies (née Stanley)
Parent: Sioned ferch David ap Thomas
Parent: Dafydd ap Gruffudd
Gender: Male
Occupation: vicar of Darowen, and transcriber of Welsh manuscripts
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Evan David Jones

Son of David ap Griffith, a cleric hailing from the Harlech district, and Jonet, daughter of [David ap Thomas](#) of Maes-y-neuadd. He is said to have been rector of Llanfyllin for a few months in 1571 and to have left to study at Cambridge. His career at Cambridge appears to have been confused in the reference books with that of a native of Leamington Hastings who bore the same name. Judging by the silence of the Welsh poets he did not take a degree. He was vicar of Darowen from 1577 until his death in 1635. He wrote several collections of Welsh poetry, and at least seven of his manuscripts have survived: Gwyneddion 1, [Llanstephan MS 35](#) , [Llanstephan MS 118](#) , Mostyn 160, Bodewryd 1, B.M. Add. 14933, and Brogyntyn 2. He compiled the latter for [Dr. Theodore Price](#), nephew of his wife Jonet, daughter of Edward Stanley, constable of Harlech castle in 1551. Eulogistic poems were addressed to him by [Griffith, John](#), and [Richard Phylip](#), [Ieuan Tew Brydydd the second](#) of Arwystli, and Evan Lloyd of Gwaun Einion. Both [John](#) and [Richard Phylip](#) state that in his younger days he translated books from other languages into Welsh, but it is not known what books they were.

Author

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