

## EVANS, DAVID DAVIES (1787 - 1858), Baptist minister and editor

**Name:** David Davies Evans

**Date of birth:** 1787

**Date of death:** 1858

**Parent:** David Evans

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** Baptist minister and editor

**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing; Religion

**Author:** William Joseph Rhys

Born 27 March 1787 at Dol-goch, Cardiganshire. He was brought up at Maes-y-berllan, the church of his father, [David Evans](#) (1744 - 1821), began preaching on 21 January 1807, and spent eighteen months in Abergavenny Academy. He received a call to minister at the Tabernacle, Carmarthen, as successor to [Titus Lewis](#) (1773 - 1811), was ordained at Maesyberllan, and instituted at Carmarthen (25 March 1812), the congregation meeting at the New Tabernacle, the debt on which and on the new burial place he succeeded in clearing. He started a school for young preachers; he also hoped to be able to complete the translation of Gill's commentary which had been begun by [Titus Lewis](#), [Christmas Evans](#), and [Joseph Harris](#) (Gomer). He married a young woman from Pont-rhyd-yr-ynn, Monmouth, who was possessed of some private means, and moved at the end of 1827 to minister in that place; there also he succeeded in clearing the chapel debt. He could preach in English as well as in Welsh, and came to be regarded as one of the wisest leaders in his denomination. In 1830 he was elected an honorary member of the London Gwyneddigion. He retired in 1857 and went to Cardiff, but moved to Carmarthen six months later. He died 29 August 1858 and was buried at Pont-rhyd-yr-ynn.

[Joseph Harris](#) (Gomer had transferred the ownership and editorship of *Seren Gomer* to David D. Evans in April 1825; he, in turn, transferred it to his assistant, [Samuel Evans](#) (1793 - 1856), in 1834. He contributed much to periodicals, e.g. 'Adnoddau Cymru' in *Yr Adolygydd*; he also wrote part of the biography of John Williams of Trosnant, Monmouth

### Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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