

EVANS, a family of printers at Machynlleth, Barmouth, and Carmarthen.

TITUS EVANS (fl. 1760-1800)

was living at Machynlleth some years before he started printing there c. 1789; e.g. his name appears in the imprint to [John Prys's](#) Welsh almanack, 1778 (for 1779), as a seller of that publication in Machynlleth. He was an excise officer and, to judge by information given by [Ifano Jones](#) (*Hist. of Printing and Printers in Wales*), a man of some consequence locally. His wife, Ellinor (or Ellen), daughter of John Jones, Esgair Evan, Llanbryn-mair, died 6 April 1793. It used to be said that he emigrated to America in 1793, after he had lost his wife and his government post; he was, however, at Machynlleth in November of that year and stayed there until the end of the year or the beginning of 1794. In the latter year he printed ballads at Barmouth. [Ifano Jones](#) shows also that although his name appears on the title of no. 3 of *Cylchgrawn Cymraeg*, August 1793, as the printer of that periodical, the actual printing was done at Carmarthen by [John Daniel](#) and [John Ross](#).

JOHN EVANS (died 1830),

son of Titus Evans, started to print at Carmarthen in 1795. He was a craftsman and, in that respect, very different from his father, who had not been trained as a printer. There was some measure of competition between John Evans and his neighbour [John Daniel](#). Both printed Bibles - John Evans, e.g., being responsible for printing four editions of the '[Peter Williams](#)' Bible.' In 1825 on the death of [Joseph Harris](#) (Gomer) John Evans acquired the printing and publishing rights of *Seren Gomer*. He also became owner and publisher of the *Carmarthen Journal*. He died 25 May 1830, aged 55. His widow survived until 19 January 1850.

John Evans had three sons who became printers at Carmarthen - DAVID, JOHN, and WILLIAM.

David Evans, the eldest son of John Evans, became the owner and publisher of the *Carmarthen Journal* in 1820, and continued to print that weekly newspaper up to the number for 18 July 1823. The succeeding number was published by his brother John Evans, who died 7 January 1840, aged 42. He had previously, in 1832, transferred the *Journal* to his brother William Evans (died 1847), who continued to publish it until 9 July 1844. Like his father, the youngest son printed *Seren Gomer* also for a time.

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