

## GRIFFITH, RICHARD DAVIES (1813 - 1856), Wesleyan missionary and linguist

**Name:** Richard Davies Griffith  
**Date of birth:** 1813  
**Date of death:** 1856  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Wesleyan missionary and linguist  
**Area of activity:** Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** Evan Lewis Evans

Born at Swansea. When 19 years of age he entered Hoxton Theological Institution, London. In 1837 he was appointed to India, but was shipwrecked on the coast of Coromandel and suffered incredible privations. Applying himself to the study of literature and dialects, he soon became a recognized scholar in Tamul and Sanskrit, and rendered great service to the Bible Society in publishing the Scriptures in Tamul. Whilst labouring in the Madras district he was disabled by a malady and forced to return to England, dying shortly afterwards on 29 June 1856, at the age of 43.

### Author

Reverend Dr Evan Lewis Evans, (1898 - 1978)

### Sources

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