

HARRIS, GRIFFITH (1811 - 1892), musician

Name: Griffith Harris
Date of birth: 1811
Date of death: 1892
Parent: Mary Harris
Parent: Griffith Harris
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Religion
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born, according to the family gravestone at Carmarthen on 15 July 1811, the son of Griffith and Mary Harris. He had a clothier's shop at Carmarthen. He was precentor at Water Street Calvinistic Methodist chapel; he also conducted a town choir. In 1849 he published a collection of 260 hymn-tunes under the title of *Haleluwïa*, this being followed in 1855 by *Haleliwïa Drachefn*, containing 200 hymn-tunes; the two collections are important as they include the early hymn-tunes which were sung during the religious revivals of the 18th century. He died 1 November 1892 and was buried in the Heol-y-dŵr (Water Street) chapel graveyard, Carmarthen.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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