

HOPE, WILLIAM (fl. 1765), ' y Bardd Byddar ' ('the deaf poet'), itinerant bookseller and poet

Name: William Hope
Pseudonym: Y Bardd Byddar, The Deaf Poet
Gender: Male
Occupation: itinerant bookseller and poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Evan David Jones

Of the township of Mostyn, Whitford, Flintshire. The dates of his birth and death are not known. All that is known of him is derived from an anthology of Welsh poetry by bards of the counties of Flint and Denbigh which he published in 1765 under the title *Cyfaill i'r Cymro*. The book (148 pp.) was printed at Chester by Read and Huxley, and was sold in Flintshire by W. Hope. This suggests that he was an itinerant bookseller in that county. His own contribution to the book consisted of two *englynion*, a preface, a carol for 1764, a poem against avarice, and a poem in praise of poets. At the end of his section of the volume he calls himself 'William Hope, or the deaf poet.' The entry of the book under the year 1769 in *Cambrian Bibliography* is almost certainly a duplication of the entry under 1765 and is a second edition of the work.

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