

## JONES, WILLIAM COLLISTER (1772 - ?), printer at Chester;

**Name:** William Collister Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1772  
**Date of death:** ?  
**Parent:** Sarah Jones  
**Parent:** William Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** printer  
**Place:** Chester  
**Area of activity:** Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

christened 12 July 1772, son of William and Sarah Jones, Chester. W. C. Jones and Thomas Crane were printing Welsh books in partnership from about 1796; in 1797 they began to print [George Lewis](#), *Drych Ysgrythyrol*. In 1798 they arranged to print Welsh religious works for [Thomas Charles](#), Bala, and [Thomas Jones](#), Denbigh; in that year, however, the name of Crane disappears from the imprints. W. C. Jones's name appears in [T. Charles](#), *Hanes Fer o For-Daith y Llong Duff*. W. C. Jones was the first printer of Trysorfa Ysrydol, i.e. from 1799 to 1802. In the latter year the arrangement with [T. Charles](#) and [T. Jones](#) came to an end; in 1803 they had their own printer at Bala, [Robert Saunderson](#). [Saunderson](#) had learnt his craft at W. C. Jones's Chester office; other W. C. Jones apprentices were [Thomas Gee](#) and [John Broster](#). It is probable that W. C. Jones ceased to publish Welsh books about 1807.

### Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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