

JONES, DAVID (1803 - 1868), ballad-writer and strolling ballad-singer

Name: David Jones
Date of birth: 1803
Date of death: 1868
Parent: David Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: ballad-writer and strolling ballad-singer
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts; Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1803 on the estate of Dolau Bach, Llanybyther, Carmarthenshire, son of David Jones, carpenter. He was blinded by accident, and was hence known as ' Dewi Dywyll ' ('Blind Davy') - he was also called ' Dewi Medi.' He was a very well known singer throughout Wales, and is described in *Cymru (O.M.E.)*, xxix, 158. He died at Lampeter in 1868. We have seventy of his ballads.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

B. B. Thomas, *Baledi Morgannwg* (1951), 118 (and ballad xiii)

list of his ballads in *Journal of the Welsh Bibliographical Society*, vii, 55-60, 85, viii, 104

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