

JONES, EDWARD (fl. 1781-1840), member, from 1781 of the London Gwyneddigion, and known to his fellows as ' Ned Môn ' -

**Name:** Edward Jones  
**Pseudonym:** Ned Môn  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** member, from 1781 of the London Gwyneddigion  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Literature and Writing  
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he was secretary in 1782, president in 1785, and life-member of council; as his nickname implies, he hailed from Anglesey. Though he was generally spoken of as ' Jones of the Temple,' his name appears in no register of any Inn of Court, and it seems more probable that he was a lawyer's clerk - so also [Robert Hughes](#) (1744 - 1785), known to have been a clerk, is described as 'of the Temple.' [Gwilym Lleyrn](#) (*Llyfryddiaeth*) attributes three books to him: an English translation of two of Cicero's treatises (1776), *Cyfreithiau Plwyf*, on the duties of parish officers (1794), and a two-volume *Index to Records ... of the Exchequer* (1793 and 1795) 'by Edward Jones, Inner Temple.' One may doubt whether the first and third of these works are by our man [yet it should be noted that [Leathart](#), in a letter of 1840, says that Jones ' is the author of some law works '.] Little is said about Jones in [Leathart](#)'s book on the Gwyneddigion, though on p. 31 he has an amusing account of a squabble between him and [David Samwell](#). [W.O. Pughe](#) described him to [Leathart](#) as 'a prominent orator,' and [David Samwell](#) (*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1926-7, 130) recounts his participation in a political debate in the Caradogion Society. When [Leathart](#)'s book was published (1831), Jones was living in Paris, and was the oldest living member of the Gwyneddigion; [in the letter mentioned above, [Leathart](#) describes him as ' so advanced in years that we can say nothing more to him than ask his health '.] His help (and that of his brother Owen) is acknowledged in the preface to the 1789 *Dafydd ap Gwilym*. He had two brothers, OWEN ('Owain Môn ' and ' Cor y Cyrtie ' - a nickname which may indicate that he, too, was a lawyer's clerk), who was secretary (1789), vice-president (1792), and president (1793) of the Gwyneddigion, but was dead when [Leathart](#) wrote his book, and WILLIAM ('Bardd Môn'), who died in July 1820 ([Leathart](#), op. cit., 57) - William was a member of the Cymreigyddion Society, and had been president (*Y Llenor*, 1938, 231).

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## Sources

Leathart, op. cit.

[his letter of 1840 was communicated by Miss Rhiannon Francis Roberts of N.L.W.]

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