

JONES, THOMAS (Y Bardd Cloff; 1768 - 1828), poet

Name: Thomas Jones
Pseudonym: Y Bardd Cloff
Date of birth: 1768
Date of death: 1828
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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Born (probably) in Llandysilio, Denbighshire. At the age of 12 he went to work in the Long Acre (London) counting-house of a Mathew Davies [a Cardiganshire man, and a Cymmrodor]. His literary interest was chiefly in Welsh poetry. He became a member of the Society of Gwyneddigion in 1789, and shortly afterwards became its recorder. An *awdl* composed by him in praise of the Society was published in 1799, another on S. David's Day in 1802, and a volume of his poetry was published in 1828. He was given complete charge of his employer's business in 1803, and in 1813 he became co-partner. He became treasurer of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion when it was re-formed in 1820, and was awarded a gold medal for the best *prydeist* composed on the occasion. He became president of the Society of Gwyneddigion for the third time in 1821, and received a silver medal on the occasion of its jubilee. As a poet he was also successful in various eisteddfodau held in Wales. When he died, 19 February 1828, the Cymmrodorion's silver medal was awarded to [Robert Davies](#) (Bardd Nantglyn) for the best elegy composed in his memory.

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