

## LATHROP, RICHARD (died 1764), bookseller and printer at Shrewsbury.

**Name:** Richard Lathrop  
**Date of death:** 1764  
**Spouse:** Mary Lathrop (née Hesketh)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bookseller and printer  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

There is no certainty that he was Welsh and his production of Welsh books, including ballads, was but small compared with that of his Shrewsbury contemporaries, [Thomas Durston](#) and [Stafford Prys](#). He began as a master printer in 1738 (see *Cambriae Suspiria In Obitum ... Reginae Carolinae ... Authore Tho. Richards*), and was admitted a freeman of the ' Combrethren of Saddlers ... ' on 22 June 1739. His wife, whom he married on 14 February 1737/8, was Mary Hesketh. Lathrop was buried on 1 November 1764.

### Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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