

LEWIS, DAVID (1683? - 1760), a Welsh -born poet in England.

**Name:** David Lewis  
**Date of birth:** 1683?  
**Date of death:** 1760  
**Parent:** Roger Lewis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Ray Looker

He was, apparently, the son of Roger Lewis of Llanddewi Efelffre (Velfrey), Pembrokeshire, who matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, on 4 January 1698 at the age of 16, and graduated B.A. there in 1702. He may have been for a period an usher at Westminster school. In 1726 he published a collection, *Miscellaneous Poems by Several Hands*, containing translations from Martial, Horace, and Anacreon, and poems by Dyer and Pope; Lewis's own share in the collection cannot, unfortunately, be identified. In 1726 he published *Philip of Macedon*, a tragedy in blank verse, which was dedicated to Alexander Pope. First acted at Lincoln's Inn Fields in 1727 it was repeated three times. In 1730 he brought out a second *Collection of Miscellany Poems*, which was dedicated to the earl of Shaftesbury. Some stanzas addressed by Lewis to Pope were published in *A Collection of Pieces on the Occasion of the Dunciad* (ed. Savage, 1732). He died at Low Leyton, Essex, in April 1760, and was buried there. According to the inscription on his tomb his wife was the daughter of a Leyton merchant.

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## Sources

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