

## MAURICE, DAVID (1626 - 1702), cleric and translator

**Name:** David Maurice  
**Date of birth:** 1626  
**Date of death:** 1702  
**Parent:** Andrew Maurice  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and translator  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** John James Jones

son of Andrew Maurice, dean of S. Asaph. This Andrew Maurice was, according to [Browne Willis](#), a Shropshire gentleman, but according to Wood (*Athen. Oxon.*), a native of Denbighshire. 'Llyfr Silin' and [Walter Davies](#) (Gwallter Mechain) make him the eighth in descent from [Ieuan Gethin](#). [Philip Yorke](#) (*Royal Tribes*) says he was 'of a younger branch of [Clenennau](#).' But his son, David Maurice, according to [D. R. Thomas](#) (*A History of the Diocese of St. Asaph*), bore 'not the shield of [Owen Gwynedd](#) nor of Einion Efell, but that of [Cunedda Wledig](#).' David Maurice matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, 3 June 1651. He graduated B.A. 1654/5, and M.A. 1657, from New College. He held the following ecclesiastical preferments - vicar of Llangernyw, 1662; rector of Cegidog S. George, Denbighshire, 1663; curial prebendary of S. Asaph, 1664; canon, 1666; vicar of Llanasa, Flintshire, 1666; rector of Gwytherin, 1675; vicar of Abergele, 1684; of Betws-yn-Rhos, 1684; of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl, 1696. He held the last three livings at the time of his death, and was buried in Abergele churchyard, where there is a Latin epitaph on his tomb. His 'information' relating to the 'Popish Plot' was printed in *The Information of J. Sergeant and D. Morris relating to the Popish Plot*, 1681. In addition he published *The Promised Reed; a sermon preach'd ... for the support of weak Christians*, 1700, and Welsh translations of two of the works of Theophilus Dorrington, under the titles, *Arweiniwr cartrefol i'r iawn a'r buddiol dderbyniad o Swperyr Arglwydd*, ... 1700, and *Cynffwrdd i'r gwan Gristion, neu'r gorsen ysig*, 1702. [See close of article on [William Jones](#), died 1679].

### Author

John James Jones, (1892 - 1957)

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