

MORRIS, DAVID (Eiddil Gwent; c. 1798 - 1878), author

Name: David Morris
Pseudonym: Eiddil Gwent
Date of birth: c. 1798
Date of death: 1878
Gender: Male
Occupation: author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry
Author: Thomas Isfryn Jones

Born about 1798. He was a cobbler by trade and spent the greater part of his life at Tredegar. He wrote a great deal of poetry and prose and was one of the leading members of the Abergavenny Cymreigyddion. His poems were popular and some of his songs or ballads are sung to this day, e.g., the one commencing 'Can mlynedd i nawr.' At the Tredegar Cymmrodorion eisteddfod, 1862, he was successful with his *History of Tredegar*, which was published in 1868. He spent the last years of his life as an inmate of the workhouse at Tredegar. He died when he was about 80 years old.

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