

PRYS, STAFFORD (1732 - 1784), bookseller and printer of books at Shrewsbury;

Name: Stafford Prys
Date of birth: 1732
Date of death: 1784
Spouse: Ann Prys (née Bright)
Parent: Mary Price (née Evans)
Parent: Stafford Price
Gender: Male
Occupation: bookseller and printer of books
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

christened in 1732, the second son of Stafford Price, M.D., and Mary (Evans) - the father of the family of Pertheirin, Llanwnnog, Montgomeryshire, and the mother of the family of [Stradling](#), S. Donats, Glamorganshire Stafford Prys was apprenticed to [Thomas Durston](#), 21 November 1750, and became a freeman of the ' Combrethren of Saddlers ... ', Shrewsbury, on 24 May 1758, the year in which he started as a master-printer in that town; on his death, in 1784, the business was continued by his wife Ann Prys (1737 - 1826), daughter of Thomas Bright, Shrewsbury. Stafford Prys printed a large number of Welsh books and ballads at Shrewsbury; for the titles of some of them see the source-books listed below. In one of his first (1758) publications, a ballad, he announces to his ' Cydwladwyr y Cymru ' ('his fellow-country men the Welsh') that he has just set up a printing press.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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