

## RANGLES, EDWARD (1763 - 1820), blind harpist and organist

**Name:** Edward Randles  
**Date of birth:** 1763  
**Date of death:** 1820  
**Child:** Elizabeth Randles  
**Parent:** Edward Randles  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** blind harpist and organist  
**Area of activity:** Music; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born 1763 at Wrexham, the son of Edward Randles, butcher. He was taught the harp by [John Parry](#), Ruabon. In 1788 he was appointed organist of Wrexham parish church. George Thomson, Edinburgh, in the introduction to his *Alawon Cymreig*, refers to him as a very proficient harpist. He and his daughter, [Elizabeth Randles](#), played before George III and queen Charlotte. He died 23 August 1820 at Wrexham.

### Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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