

ROBERTS, MORRIS (Morris ap Robert; died c. 1723), poet, and carpenter

Name: Morris Roberts
Date of death: c. 1723
Child: Margaret Evans (née Roberts)
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet, and carpenter
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Poetry
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a native of Tynllidiart, Llanuwchllyn, Meirionnydd, who later lived at Bala. He was a Congregationalist. His daughter married [John Evans of Bala](#), Methodist exhorter (1723 - 1817). Examples of his poetry, in strict and free metres, are found in manuscript; they include *cywyddau*, one on Bala Lake, and another on Judgement Day, and *englynion* composed to each other by Richard John Jenkin and himself. A number of free-metre poems, mainly on religious and moral themes, also remain; six of them are included in *Blodeu-Gerdd Cymry*. No details are known concerning the poet's life, but a number of anecdotes about him are found in *Y Brython* (Tremadoc), *Y Gwylledydd*, *Llyfryddiaeth y Cymry*, and in *Hanes Eglwysi Annibynol Cymru*. Some of his work was printed by [O. M. Edwards](#) in *Beirdd y Berwyn* and *Beirdd y Bala* (both in ' *Cyfres y Fil* '). And many years after Morris Roberts's death, [William Thomas](#) (1749 - 1809), Independent minister at Bala, printed (Tre-vecka, 1793) a religious tract by him, *Cyngor i'r Cymry mewn Deuddeg o Bennodau*.

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