THOMAS, EVAN (Bardd Horeb; 1795 - 1867), poet and tailor

Name: Evan Thomas
Pseudonym: Bardd Horeb
Date of birth: 1795
Date of death: 1867
Spouse: Margaret Thomas (née Charles)
Parent: Benjamin Thomas
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and tailor
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Poetry
Author: Geraint Bowen

Evan Thomas was the eldest son of Benjamin Thomas of Llandysul, who was the 8th son of Thomas Francis of Melin Pant Olwen on the banks of the river Cerdin and his wife (the daughter of the poet Ifan Tomos Rhys of Llanarth). He married Margaret Charles, daughter of H. Charles of Cwrt Manarorion, Llangeler, and grand-daughter of Jenkin Jones of Llwyn-rhyd-Owen. Although he lived for a time at Brecon he is generally associated with Horeb, Llandysul.

He was greatly influenced by the provincial eisteddfod and by Daniel Evans (Daniel Ddu o Geredigion). His poetry in both the classical and 'free' metres was edited by Evan Pan Jones and published at Lampeter in 1875 under the title *Telyn Ifan*. He died 2 October 1867, 'at the age of 72'; he and his wife were buried at Llandysul.

Author

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