

## THOMAS, JOHN (1757 - 1835), Penfforddwen, poet, etc.;

**Name:** John Thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1757  
**Date of death:** 1835  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Home:** Penfforddwen  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Poetry  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 1757 at Allt-ddu in the parish of Llannor, Caernarfonshire, and christened 10 July 1757. He became a weaver, seaman, and schoolmaster; at one time he served in a customs office in Liverpool. He spent the greater part of his life at Penfforddwen in the parish of Nantglyn, Denbighshire; he afterwards lived in Llwynbidwal, Bryneglwys, in the same county. He acquired some proficiency in astronomy and prepared some almanacks. He published (a) *Urania, neu Grefydd Ddadleuon*, 1793 - a species of interlude; (b) *Annerch Ieuengtyd Gymru, yn IV Rhan*, 1795 (with two later eds.); (c) *Telyn Arian, sef Llyfr Barddoniaeth*, c. 1800 (and about six subsequent eds.); (d) *Nabl Arian, sef Llyfr Barddoniaeth*, 1827. He died at Overton, Flintshire, 2 January 1835, and was buried there.

### Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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