

## THOMAS, SIENCYN or JENKIN (1690 - 1762), boot-maker, Dissenting preacher, and poet

**Name:** Siencyn Thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1690  
**Date of death:** 1762  
**Child:** John Jenkin  
**Parent:** Thomas Morgan  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** boot-maker, Dissenting preacher, and poet  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Geraint Bowen

The son of Thomas Morgan, miller, of Tre Wen, Brongwyn, Cardiganshire. He lived at Cwm Du. According to the evidence of the elegy written upon him by his son, [John Jenkin](#), he was born in 1690. He began his career as a Dissenting preacher in 1716 and attended to the spiritual needs of the congregations at Tre-wen and Llechryd. His *englynion* 'In Laudem Authoris' in *Drych y Prif Oesoedd*, 1716, and his *cywydd* printed in *Meddylieu Neillduol ar Grefydd*, 1717, show that, in spite of the fact that he was still comparatively young, he was far in advance of his literary friends in the south of Cardigan in his mastery of prosody and in his knowledge of the traditional forms of the *cywydd*. He is at his best in his elegy upon Ifan Gruffydd of T r Gwyn, 1753. His 'free' poems are highly religious and moral; both the *cynganedd* and the internal rhyme figure prominently in them. He was the first Cardiganshire poet to use the 'three-beat' metre.

### Author

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