

WILLIAMS, EDMUND (1717 - 1742), an early hymnist of the Methodist revival

Name: Edmund Williams
Date of birth: 1717
Date of death: 1742
Gender: Male
Occupation: early hymnist of the Methodist revival
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion
Author: Arthur Gray-Jones

He was a native of Cwmtillery, Monmouth, and one of the converts made by [Howel Harris](#) on his first preaching visit to Monmouthshire in March-April 1738. A churchman of good family and well-to-do, he was educated and devout, and under [Harris](#)'s influence became a 'much respected exhorter among the Methodists.' He and [Morgan John Lewis](#), his friend and fellow-convert, published a collection of Welsh hymns printed by S. Mason of Pontypool in 1741, and another collection of his hymns was published posthumously in 1742 by Felix Farley, of Bristol. According to [Edmund Jones](#) he also published 'something against dancing.' He died in April, and was buried 17 April 1742.

Author

Arthur Gray-Jones

Sources

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