

JONES, DAVID (1732 - 1782?), 'Dafydd Brydydd Hir,' 'Dafydd Siôn Pirs,' poet, tailor, and schoolmaster

Name: David Jones
Pseudonym: Dafydd Brydydd Hir, Dafydd Siôn Pirs
Date of birth: 1732
Date of death: 1782?
Parent: Anne Pierce
Parent: John Pierce
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet, tailor, and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Education; Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Christened 29 October 1732, son of John Pierce and his wife Anne who kept the 'Harp' inn at Llanfair-talhaearn, Denbighshire. The poet **Talhaiarn** quotes David Jones's self-portrait: 'long, lanky, hirsute, and thirsty.' He was the boon-companion of **Ieuan Fardd** when **Ieuan** was curate of Llanfair; other cronies of his were **Robert Thomas** and **John Powel** - according to *Additional Letters of the Morrisies of Anglesey (1735-86)* (p. 736) he wrote an elegy upon the latter. **J.H. Davies** gives a list of printed ballads by him (*Bibliography of Welsh Ballads*, 85, 676, 684, 721); the most famous of these was his song in praise of the harp. Some of his work appeared in *Cyfaill y Cymro*, 1767. It is believed that he died c. 1782.

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Sources

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