

DAVIES, DAVID ('Dafi Dafis, Rhydcymerau '; 1814 - 1891), a Calvinistic Methodist preacher

Name: David Davies
Pseudonym: Dafi Dafis, Rhydcymerau
Date of birth: 1814
Date of death: 1891
Spouse: Mary Davies (née Evans)
Spouse: Margred Davies
Parent: Eleanor Davies
Parent: David Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist preacher
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 24 August 1814 at Llwydcoed, near Llanybyther, Carmarthenshire, son of David and Eleanor Davies. He received some education, and followed his father's trade as a wood-turner. At an early age he moved with his parents to Rhydcymerau. He began to preach in 1834, and was ordained in 1880. He was twice married, (a) to Margaret of Coed Iarll, Briton Ferry, Glamorganshire, and (b) to Mary Evans, of Tir-lfan-Ddu, whose father was step-brother to Thomas Evans ([Tomos Glyn Cothi](#), 1764 - 1833). He lived from 1860 to the end of his days at Cwmclyfng, near Capel Isaac, where he died 2 January 1891.

Although he had but little schooling, he was interested in languages, and read the *Bible* daily in the original languages. He was remarkable for his dramatic style of preaching, and his ready retorts and witty sayings remain as part of the lore of the countryside. Many of his idiosyncrasies arose to a certain extent from his deafness, and after his death they provided much of the contents of his biography.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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