

DAVIES, HUMPHREY (died 1635), vicar of Darowen, and transcriber of Welsh manuscripts

Name: Humphrey Davies

Date of death: 1635

Spouse: Sioned Davies (née Stanley)

Parent: Sioned ferch David ap Thomas

Parent: Dafydd ap Gruffudd

Gender: Male

Occupation: vicar of Darowen, and transcriber of Welsh manuscripts

Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages

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Son of David ap Griffith, a cleric hailing from the Harlech district, and Jonet, daughter of **David ap Thomas** of Maes-y-neuadd. He is said to have been rector of Llanfyllin for a few months in 1571 and to have left to study at Cambridge. His career at Cambridge appears to have been confused in the reference books with that of a native of Leamington Hastings who bore the same name. Judging by the silence of the Welsh poets he did not take a degree. He was vicar of Darowen from 1577 until his death in 1635. He wrote several collections of Welsh poetry, and at least seven of his manuscripts have survived: Gwyneddon 1, **Llanstephan MS 35**, **Llanstephan MS 118**, Mostyn 160, **Bodewryd MS 1D**, B.M. Add. 14933, and Brogyntyn 2. He compiled the latter for **Dr. Theodore Price**, nephew of his wife Jonet, daughter of Edward Stanley, constable of Harlech castle in 1551. Eulogistic poems were addressed to him by **Griffith, John**, and **Richard Phylip**, **Ieuan Tew Brydydd the second** of Arwystli, and Evan Lloyd of Gwaun Einion. Both **John** and **Richard Phylip** state that in his younger days he translated books from other languages into Welsh, but it is not known what books they were.

Author

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