

JONES, WILLIAM COLLISTER (1772 - ?), printer at Chester

Name: William Collister Jones
Date of birth: 1772
Date of death: ?
Parent: Sarah Jones
Parent: William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: printer
Area of activity: Printing and Publishing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Christened 12 July 1772, son of William and Sarah Jones, Chester. W. C. Jones and Thomas Crane were printing Welsh books in partnership from about 1796; in 1797 they began to print **George Lewis**, *Drych Ysgrythyrol*. In 1798 they arranged to print Welsh religious works for **Thomas Charles**, Bala, and **Thomas Jones**, Denbigh; in that year, however, the name of Crane disappears from the imprints. W. C. Jones's name appears in **T. Charles**, *Hanes Fer o For-Daith y Llong Duff*. W. C. Jones was the first printer of *Trysorfa Ysprydol*, i.e. from 1799 to 1802. In the latter year the arrangement with **T. Charles** and **T. Jones** came to an end; in 1803 they had their own printer at Bala, **Robert Saunderson**. **Saunderson** had learnt his craft at W. C. Jones's Chester office; other W. C. Jones apprentices were **Thomas Gee** and **John Broster**. It is probable that W. C. Jones ceased to publish Welsh books about 1807.

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Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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