

John Evan Thomas was born in Brecon and worked with his father , a monumental mason and showed such talent that he was , at the age of 14, sent to London to study under Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey.

Setting up his own studio in London in his twenties, he developed a successful career creating busts , memorial and statues which included Bute in Cardiff, Vivian in Swansea, Morgan in Newport, Wellington in his home town of Brecon and Wales' tribute to Prince Albert at Tenby.

John Evan Thomas had two brother; William Meredyth who also studied with Chantry and assisted his older brother in his studio and James Lewis who worked under Barry on the rebuilding of the Houses of Parliament , becoming a successful architect himself. All three brothers attended meetings of the Cymmrodorion Society, were members of the Honourable and Loyal Society of Ancient Britons and supported it's school, St David's which moved from London to Ashford in 1857.

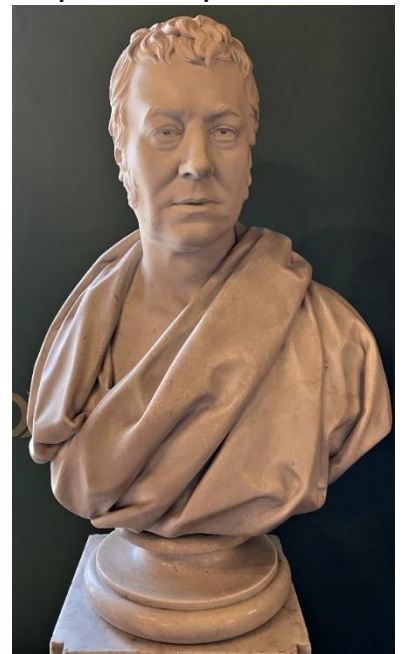
To supplement the collection of works by the John Evan and William Meredyth Thomas at Brecknock Museum we are attempting to create a database, with images, of works they created. We have recently established that the three works created for Ashford School, a bust and statue of the Prince of Wales and a bust of Sir Watkins Williams-Wynn are still in situ though the school has changed hands

We wondered if any members could help with works in private collections, and attached is a list of still untraced busts by John Evan Thomas,

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Watkin Williams Wynn
John Evan Thomas, Marble 1840
Ashford

Busts by John Evan Thomas still untraced;

1840 Bust of J.G. *Untraced*

1841 Bust in marble of Joseph Bailey, Esq., M.P., of Glan Usk Park, Breconshire.
Untraced

1842 Bust in marble of the late Maria North, Marchioness of Bute. *Untraced*

1844 Bust of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir J. L. Knight Bruce. *Untraced*

1844 Bust of a Lady *Untraced*

1844 Unidentified Clergyman *Untraced*

1845 Bust of Lancaster Baugh Allen, Esq., Dulwich Common *Untraced*

1845 Bust of Robert Gardner, Esq. of Leighton Hall, Salop. *Untraced*

1847 Bust John Pearce Church *Untraced*

1848 Bust of Viscount Hereford. *Untraced*

1849 Marble bust of the Rt. Hon. Knight Bruce, Vice-Chancellor. *Untraced*

1852 Bust of Sir Benjamin Hall, Bart., M.B. *Untraced*

1853 Bust of the Very Rev. the Dean of Llandaff. (D. Conybeare.) *Untraced*

1853 Bust of the Bishop of Llandaff. (Alfred Ollivant.) *Untraced*

1854 Bust of the late duke of Wellington, K.G.,. *Untraced*

1855 Bust of the late Rear-Admiral Price, Commander-in-Chief of H.M. Fleet in the Pacific. *Untraced*

1856 Marble bust of a gentleman. *Untraced*

1862 Marble Bust The late Charles Crofts Williams Esq. executed for the Town Hall, Cardiff. *Untraced*