

## THE JOURNAL OF DAVID GILES ROBERTS

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*The two complete translations have been edited for accuracy of information, punctuation, dates, and spelling of place names, in an effort to preserve most closely the spirit in which David Giles Roberts wrote. This edition was made by his great-granddaughter, Carolyn Roberts, a family history/special collections librarian, in January, 2001, in the David O. McKay Library, Ricks College/Brigham Young University - Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho.*

Dinas (Mawddwy), July 21, 1855

The Presidency of the Church desire all members in Wales to keep their records, and according to this desire I will begin to keep a record.

I was born March 18, 1826, at a place called "Lone Boeth" Pen'rallt Street, Machynlleth, in the county of Montgomery, North Wales, Great Britain.

My father's name was Robert Roberts. He was born at a place called Tynnant, on the first Sunday in March, 1794, in the parish of Mallwyd, in the county of Montgomery.

My mother's name was Jane Roberts. She was born at a place called Lone Boeth,

Pen'rallt Street, Machynlleth, on New Year's day (*January 1*), 1794. She was Jane Giles before her marriage.

I have two brothers and four sisters. My elder brother's name is John Roberts. He was born August 18, 1821, at Lone Boeth, Pen'rallt Street, Machynlleth.

My other brother's name is Edward Roberts. He was born December 8, 1823, at Lone Boeth, Pen'rallt Street, Machynlleth.

The names of my sisters are: the eldest, Susan Roberts, born in the month of June, 1828, at a place called Penybontyfelngerrig, in the Parish of Penegoes, Montgomeryshire. My dear sister Susan died at the age of two months. She was buried in the churchyard at Penegoes in August, 1828. My second sister, named Susan Roberts, was born September 31 (*30?*), 1830, at Penybontyfelngerrig, Parish of Penegoes. My third sister's name is Margaret Roberts. She was born June 9, 1833, at Penybontyfelngerrig, Parish of Penegoes. My dear sister, the second Susan Roberts, died February 3, 1836, at the age 5 years and 6 months, at Penybontyfelngerrig, and she, too, was buried in the churchyard at Penegoes. My youngest sister's name is also Susan Roberts. She was born February 26, 1837, at Penybontyfelngerrig, parish of Penegoes.

My father and mother were married June 9, 1820, in Machynlleth Church.

My dear mother, Jane Roberts, died at my grandmother's home in Machynlleth, on January 10, 1843, at the age of 49. She was buried at Penegoes churchyard on Saturday, January 14, 1843.

My brother, John Roberts, married a Catherine Davies, the daughter of David and Mary Davies of Penisardre, Dinas Mawddwy, at Mallwyd Church, Montgomeryshire, March 5, 1849. He now has four children. Mary, the eldest, was born at Penisardre at her grandparent's home in April, 1849. The second child is John Roberts. He was born at Penygeulan, Dinas Mawddwy,

December 24, 1851. The third child is Robert Roberts. He was born at Penygeulan, August 31, 1853. The fourth child is Jane Roberts. She was born at Penygeulan, Dinas, March 9, 1855.

My brother, Edward Roberts, married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Robert and Margaret Lewis from the parish of Towyn, county of Merioneth. They were married in the church of Mallwyd, Montgomeryshire, November 20, 1852.

Jane Lewis Roberts, daughter of Edward Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts, was born in the parlor, Wilgob Street, Dinas Mawddwy, at 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, August 23, 1854. Jane Lewis Roberts was blessed by elders Edward Roberts and John Davis, who held her in their arms, November 3, 1854. John Davis, president of the branch, prayed.

My sister, Margaret Roberts, married Edward Jones, son of David and Jane Jones from Fron, Cwmgerist, in Mallwyd church, Montgomeryshire, May 22, 1852.

My grandfather, my mother's father, together with his brothers and sisters are as follows:

Elinor Giles, born December 9, 1766;  
Edward Giles (my grandfather), born April 1767 (1768?). His father's name was Thomas Giles, who came from one of the countries overseas with his brother, Giles Giles, two strangers to our country;  
Elizabeth Giles, born June 22, 1770;  
Jane Giles, born October 2, 1772;  
Thomas Giles, born Jun 1, 1775;  
Susan Giles, born August 19, 1771  
Ann Giles, born April 9, 1781.

My grandfather's mother was Jane Giles.

My mother, Jane Roberts, was one of five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows:

1. Thomas Giles;
2. Jane Giles;
3. Edward Giles;
4. Mary Giles;
5. Susan Giles.

Susan Giles has a son named David Davics.

The names of the children of my uncle, Thomas Giles, and Catherine, his wife, and the dates of their birth are as follows:

Jane Giles, born August 22, 1816;  
Edward Giles, born January 12, 1818;  
Thomas Giles, born November 22, 1820;  
Susan Giles, born May 22, 1822;  
Catherine Giles, born April 29, 1824;  
John Giles, born August 29, 1827.

Their mother's maiden name was Catherine Rowlands—daughter of Edward Rowlands, tailor, who lived in Corris, about 6 miles from Machynlleth, on the road to Dolgellau.

My aunt, Catherine Giles, died in June 1840, age 58 years.

My grandfather, Edward Giles, died in May 1841, age 74 years.

Edward Giles, the son of Thomas and Catherine Giles, died in 1842, age 25 years,

My grandmother, Susan Giles, died in May 1846, age 86 years. The four were buried in Machynlleth churchyard.

John Roberts, my grandfather, was born in Tylyrnau, Cemes (*Cemmaes*) Parish, in 1751.

Margaret Roberts, my grandmother, was born at Penybontycock, Llanbrynmair.

John Roberts, my grandfather, died July 25, 1828, at the age of 77 years, at Dinas Mawddwy.

Margaret Roberts, my grandmother, died December 4, 1836, at 83 years. They were both buried at Mallwyd.

May 13, 1826 - the beginning of the summer:

When I was about 2 months old, my parents moved to a small village about 1 mile from Machynlleth, called Penybontyfelngerrig, in Penegoes Parish. I was nurtured in the doctrines of



the established church (*Church of England*) under the ministry of Morgan Davis, parish parson. In May, 1844, we moved from there to Machynlleth, where I joined another church, "The Campbellites." I was baptized by Edward Evans of Llanidloes in the River Dyfi, near Pontarddyfi, near Machynlleth on April 18, 1845.

In the year 1845, in the summer, I first heard the gospel preached by Elder Captain Dan Jones, under the Town Hall of Machynlleth. He preached at 8 o'clock Saturday night and on Sunday at 9 am., 1 pm., 4:30 pm., and 7:30 pm. in the evening. He proved his teachings from the scriptures, testified that his mission was divine, and that we would receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost if we were obedient. This was a mystery to me. My father bought "The Old Religion," (*a reference to Dan Jones's first pamphlet*). I read it and it pleased me greatly. Elder Captain Dan Jones came to Machynlleth again and he preached twice on a Sunday. I studied the doctrines in depth for months.

1846

In the month of February Elder Abel Evans came to Machynlleth and preached twice—on Tuesday night and Thursday night. Nearly 3 months later, Elder Abel Evans came again to Machynlleth with Samuel Davis from Llwyn. Elder Abel Evans baptized me near Craigybwlch Lake, Saturday evening, April 18, 1846. Elder Abel Evans preached in the Campbellite chapel at 11 o'clock. A meeting of the saints was held in the home of Edward Davies. I was made a full member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being confirmed under the hands of Elder Abel Evans, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost. I was advised to pray sincerely for a testimony and to live worthily. This was the first meeting I attended as a member, and I thank my Heavenly Father for the privilege of becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. This date was April 19, 1846.

I moved from Machynlleth to Abergynolwyn on May 17, 1847. In the summer of this year a branch was opened at Llanegryn, in the home of William Morris. Elder Thomas Ellis was chosen to be president of the branch. I was set apart as a deacon by Elder Thomas Hughes, the president of the Machynlleth Branch. Elder Thomas Ellis ordained me a deacon in the home of Brother William Morris in Llanegryn. The names of the persons in the branch are:

- Thomas Ellis, president,
- David Roberts, deacon,
- William Morris,
- Margaret Roberts, my sister

About the middle of November I moved from Abergynolwyn to Dolgellau. Permission was given by Elder Abel Evans to hold a prayer meeting at Frongoch, above the town of Dolgellau, and I was placed as president. The names of those present were David Roberts, Robert Roberts, and Margaret Roberts and Susan Roberts, my sisters. Elder Abel Evans came there to preach; also the elders Edward Roberts and Thomas Ellis of Machynlleth

I moved from Dolgellau to Dolfar, Llanwrin about May, 1848. My membership remained at the Machynlleth Branch.

I moved from Llanwrin to Llanbrynmair about the end of June, 1848. The Llanbrynmair Branch was formed in the Merionethshire conference, which was held at Dolgellau in the Angel Hall, April 29, 1849. Elder Thomas Ellis was made president of the branch and Elder Edward Roberts a counselor. I was set apart as a priest at the Dolgellau conference, and Thomas Ellis was sent to Llanbrynmair to open the branch and to ordain me a priest. Elder Thomas Ellis came to Llanbrynmair from Machynlleth to open the branch, and Thomas Ellis and Edward Roberts ordained me a priest in my house at Penygilyn on May 6, 1849.

I traveled with Edward Roberts to many different places. I began the preaching meeting with prayer.

I moved from Llanbrynmair Wednesday, July 25, 1849, and went to stay with Mr. Griffith Evans, Tanyfoil, Abercywarch village, Llanymawddwy Parish. Edwyn Smith and Mr. Evan Williams, flannel manufacturers, Dinas Mawddwy, were here before me; also Margaret Roberts, my sister, who stayed at Frondiron with Mr. Evan Hughes. I testified to several persons about the divinity of the message, exhorting them to obey, and they would receive a witness from God. My brother, Edward Roberts, came here Thursday, May 17, 1850 to Mr. Griffith Evans, Tanyfoil. He held a council with President Eliazer Edwards and Thomas Hughes, president of the Machynlleth Branch.

The Llanbrynmair Branch was moved from Llanbrynmair to Dinas Mawddwy. Elder Edward Roberts was made president of the branch of Dinas Mawddwy. The branch was formed a month or two before he came here to stay—and he used to come here from Llanbrynmair to visit us at Dinas.

The names of the persons in the Dinas branch were as follows:

Edward Roberts, president;  
 Thomas Ellis, elder;  
 David Roberts, priest;  
 Edwyn Smith, priest;  
 Robert Roberts;  
 Margaret Roberts;  
 Susan Roberts;  
 Margaret Richards.

Elders 2, priests 2, total 8.

Elder Thomas Ellis and Edwyn Smith, priest, moved back to the Machynlleth branch on May 14, 1850

Margaret Richards was cut off from the church. She lived at Llanbrynmair.

On Sunday, May 20, 1850, the Merioneth Conference was held at Machynlleth. I went to the conference from Abercywarch on Sunday morning with Edward Roberts, who came here last



Thursday. Eliazer Edwards, president of this conference, was released from his duties as president, and William Evans of Rhymni was made president of the conference. Thomas Pugh, second counselor of the First Presidency of the Church in Wales was at the conference, and he taught the members of the Church to contribute to the different causes pertaining to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that they in Israel are presenting a sheaf of the firstfruits to the Lord, and that God requests the firstfruits of our possessions in this age toward the building of his kingdom. The Saints in their various duties were addressed by Pres. Pugh, Eliazer Edwards, William Evans, and William Jones. President Pugh preached on the subject: "Unless a Man be Born of the Water and the Spirit."

Names of the books I bought:

Addresses by Abel Evans.....	7 ½ pence
Prophet of the Jubilee for the year 1847.....	2 shillings
Prophet of the Jubilee for the year 1848.....	2 shillings
History of the Saints.....	1 shilling
The Burgrawn (a golden treasure of thought).....	3 shillings
Eliazer Edwards, 1849.....	1 shilling
Nauvoo Temple, 1849.....	1 shilling
Udgorn Seion (Zion's Trumpet Magazine).....	2 shillings

Machynlleth Conference, May 20, 1850:

May 20 ..... Thomas Pugh.....	1 shilling
May 20..... William Evans.....	1 shilling
May 20..... Eliazer Edwards.....	6 pence
May 20..... William Jones.....	6 pence
May 20..... Collection.....	6 pence
June 24..... Thomas Morgan, Mon.....	6 pence
June 24.... William Evans for the quarter ending September 8....	4 shillings
Total: 1 pound, 7 ½ pence	

Names of persons in the Dinas Mawddwy Branch:

Edward Roberts, elder;	
David Roberts, priest;	
Robert Roberts;	
Margaret Roberts;	
Susan Roberts	Total members:5



August 18, 1850.....William Williams.....1 shilling  
 September 4, 1850.....Thomas Morgan, Mon.....6 pence

Towyn Conference, September 8, 1850:

September 8, 1850.....John Evans.....3 pence  
 September 8, 1850.....Thomas Morgan.....3 pence  
 September 9, 1850.....Tea Party.....1 shilling  
 September 16, 1850.....Thomas Pugh.....1 shilling and 6 pence  
 September 16, 1850.....John Evans.....6 pence  
 The elders collected a total of 5 shillings at the Towyn Conference

I was made an Elder in the Towyn Conference by William Evans, president of the conference.

Daniel Roberts, a priest who came from Hirwaen Branch, South Wales, at the beginning of last August, was made an elder, and Edward Roberts was called to ordain us the first Sunday after the conference at Dinas. (*Robert?*) Roberts was called to be a teacher.

On Sunday, September 14, 1850, Edward Roberts ordained me an elder; he also ordained Daniel Roberts an elder. My father, Robert Roberts, was ordained a teacher.

Money Collected

October 9.....John Evans.....6 pence  
 October 16.....John Evans.....6 pence  
 November 18.....John Evans.....6 pence  
 December 6.....John Evans.....3 pence  
 William Evans for the quarter ending December 8.....6 shillings, 6 pence  
 December 8.....William Evans.....3 pence  
 December 8.....John Evans.....3 pence  
 December 26.....Rent for room.....3 shillings  
 2 volumes 1850.....5 shillings  
 Total money collected.....16 shillings and 9 pence

Members of the Dinas Mawddwy Branch:

Edward Roberts, elder;  
 David Roberts, elder;  
 Daniel Roberts, elder;  
 Robert Roberts, teacher;  
 Margaret Roberts;  
 Susan Roberts;  
 Elizabeth Lewis.

Total members 7.

In the year 1850 I started to preach in Llanymawddwy with Edward Roberts, and when Daniel Roberts came here from South Wales I was placed to preach with him. We preached at many places—Llanymawddwy, Cywarch. Blaen Cywarch, Dinas Mawddwy, Aberangell, Brynecrug, Towyn, and Aberdovey-- and we testified to hundreds of persons of the divinity of our message. I purchased treatises from William Evans, worth 8 pence, to spread them out to the world. Total 8.

An accounting of contributions for different causes in the church for 1851:

January 13, 1851.....John Evans.....6 pence  
 February 5, 1851.....John Evans.....3 pence  
 William Evans for the quarter ending March 1, 1851.....6 shillings

Machynlleth Conference, March 1, 1851:

March 1.....William Evans.....6 pence  
 March 1.....Thomas Pugh.....6 pence  
 March 1.....John Evans.....6 pence

June 1.....Rent of room.....2 shillings and 6 pence  
 Eliazer Edwards, clothes.....1 shilling

July 6.....William Evans.....2 shillings

William Evans for the quarter ending September 14.....4 shillings and 8 pence

Machynlleth Conference, September 14, 1851:

President W. S. Phillips

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Total collected:..... 18 shillings and 5 pence

The President of the Merionethshire Conference, William Evans, was released. Elder William Richards of Rhymncy was made president of the conference by W.S. Phillips.

September 14.....W.S. Phillips.....1 shilling  
 September 21.....John Davis.....6 pence  
 September 21.....William Richards.....1 shilling  
 October 20.....William Richards.....1 shilling  
 November 13.....William Richards.....1 shilling and 6 pence  
 December 14.....Conference costs.....6 pence

Doctrine and Covenants.....2 shillings and 6 pence  
 2 volumes of Zion's Trumpet for 1851..... 4 shillings and 4 pence  
 End of year total.....12 shillings and 4 pence

In March, 1851, Daniel Roberts left Dinas for the South, but I do not know where.

Members of the Dinas Mawddwy Branch in the parish of Mallwyd, Co. of Merioneth, as of January 1, 1852:

1. Edward Roberts, elder;
2. David Roberts, elder;
3. Robert Roberts, teacher;
4. Elizabeth Lewis;
5. Margaret Roberts;
6. Susan Roberts;
7. John Evans, elder;
8. Peter Davies.

John Evans and Peter Davies were traveling elders, and visited us at Dinas often.

March 13.....W. Richards.....2 shillings  
 March 14.....John Parry.....6 pence

April..John Evans and Peter Davies for books...2 shillings and 6 pence  
 Washing for John Evans and P. Davies...5 ½ pence  
 For mending their stockings.....3 pence

May 12.....Book of Mormon.....3 shillings and 5 pence

June 12.....W. Richards.....7 shillings and 3 ½ pence  
 June 13.....John Evans, Aberteifi.....2 pence  
 June 13.....John Parry.....6 pence  
 June 13.....Emigration Fund.....6 pence  
 June 13.....Fast.....6 pence  
 June 13.....W.S. Phillips.....1 shilling  
 June 25.....Rent of room.....3 shillings  
 June 26.....Erastus Snow.....1 shilling  
 June 26.....William Richards.....1 shilling  
 June 26.....Temple Block.....5 shillings and 6 pence

August 4.....William Richards.....1 shilling  
 August 4.....John Davics, clothes.....1 shilling and 9 pence  
 August 20.....William Richards.....1 shilling and 10 pence  
 Total.....1 pound, 14 shillings and 5 ½ pence

August 29.....W. Phillips.....5 pence

August 29.....	William Richards.....	4 pence
August 29.....	Emigration Fund.....	4 pence
August 29.....	For books.....	7 shillings and 3 ½ pence
		Total: 8 shillings and 41/2 pence

Dinas Mawddwy Branch in Mallwyd Parish, County of Merioneth.

I copied this from a written paper:

“We have come to this town according to the counsel of God, to preach the gospel, telling everyone what is necessary for them to do to be saved. We record the names of these unbelievers and present them to God to do as he wishes with them—those who mocked and scorned us, who refused our testimony, some of which called us foolish and impudent, deceivers and devils, the organization of the devil, and that ours were the teachings of the devil. We shook the dust from our feet and washed them.

1. John Jones, glazier
2. Lewis Evans, cobbler
3. Thomas Williams, chapel man
4. Elizabeth Williams, his wife
5. Evan Evans, cobbler
6. Elizabeth Evans, his wife
7. David Lloyd, tailor
8. Gainor Lloyd, his wife
9. Rowland Jones, weaver
10. Owen Evans
11. Margaret Davics
12. Morris Evans, shopkeeper
13. Gwen Watkins
14. David Davies, spinner
15. Mary Davies, his wife
16. Jane Evans, Abercywarch
17. Ebcnczer Jones, Abercywarch
18. Thomas Jones, Abercywarch
19. Sarah Jones, Abercywarch
20. Henry Edwards, mason
21. Richard Hughes
22. Morgan Lewis
23. David Hughes, Aberangell
24. John Giles, weaver



25. William Williams, miner
26. William Jones, tiller
27. Elisabeth Vaughn, Penygeulan, Llanymawddwy
28. Thomas Thomas, Gilwern
29. Richard Roberts, joiner
30. Marged Davies, ty Craig
31. Evan Jones, service

September 5, 1852 - we have presented these unbelievers to God and have born witness to God, the Eternal Father, for their wickedness and rejection of us because of the gospel. We shook the dust and washed our feet."

Edward Roberts, president  
 David Roberts, counselor  
 Robert Roberts, teacher  
 Edward Roberts, secretary

W. S. Phillips commanded us to shake the dust from our feet as testimony against those who refused the gospel."

September 26, 1852 - to help the Llanidloes Branch

For books owed to the conference.....2 shillings and 6 pence  
 Picture of Philips.....1 shilling and 6 pence

October and November, 1852

William Richards.....6 shillings

December, 1852

December .....Stars .....2 shillings and 4 pence  
 December 12.....English lectures.....3 shillings  
 December 12.....Welsh lectures.....2 shillings and 7 pence  
 December 12.....Zion's Trumpet magazines.....1 shilling and 6 pence  
 December 12.....Emigration Fund.....1 shilling  
 December 12.....Fast.....8 pence  
 December 12.....John Jones.....3 pence  
 December 12.....John Parry.....6 pence  
 December 12.....William Richards.....6 pence  
 December 19.....William Richards.....6 pence  
 December 25.....William Richards.....3 shillings  
 December 26.....John Jones, trousers.....1 shilling

Total: 1 pound, 6 shillings, and 10 pence

## January 1, 1853 - Number of members of Dinas Mawddwy Branch:

1. Edward Roberts, elder;
2. David Roberts, elder;
3. Robert Roberts, teacher;
4. John Roberts
5. Margaret Jones
6. Elisabeth Roberts
7. Susan Roberts

## February Accounts:

February 6, 1853..... Fast.....4 pence  
 February 21, 1853..... W. Richards, clothes.....2 shillings  
 February 21, 1853..... W. Richards.....3 shillings  
 February 27, 1853..... Fast.....2 shillings

March 12, 1853..... Emigration Fund.....1 shilling

April 13, 1853..... Doctrine and Covenants.....3 shillings and 6 pence  
 April 13, 1853..... Zion's Trumpet magazines.....1 shilling and 2 pence  
 April 13, 1853..... Picture of the Presidency.....6 pence

May 3, 1853..... W. Richards, clothes.....2 shillings  
 May 19, 1853..... W. Richards.....3 shillings and 6 pence  
 May 19, 1853..... Zion's Trumpet magazines.....2 shillings and 6 pence  
 Total:19 shillings and 8 pence

June 10, 1853..... W. Richards.....3 shillings and 3 pence  
 June 10, 1853..... Fast.....6 pence  
 June 10, 1853..... Emigration Fund.....1 shilling  
 June 12, 1853..... Hymn books.....2 shillings  
 June 12, 1853..... William Richards, rent.....8 pence  
 June 22, 1853..... Collection for officials.....3 pence  
 June 22, 1853..... W. Richards.....6 pence  
 June 22, 1853..... Daniel Daniels.....6 pence

July 14, 1853..... W. Richards.....4 shillings

August 4, 1853..... W. Richards.....4 shillings  
 August 7, 1853..... W. Richards.....1 shilling  
 August 7, 1853..... W. Richards, shoes.....1 shilling and 6 pence  
 August 7, 1853..... Prophecies.....2 shillings  
 August 7, 1853..... Zion's Trumpet magazines.....2 shillings and 4 pence

September 3, 1853..... W. Richards.....1 shilling and 6 pence  
 September 9, 1853..... Fast.....6 pence

September 9, 1853.....Emigration Fund.....1 shilling  
 September 11, 1853.....Captain D. Jones.....6 pence  
 September 24, 1853.....Temple Block.....10 shillings

October 10, 1853.....Zion's Trumpet Discourses.....5 shillings  
 October 10, 1853.....John Davies, shoes.....6 pence  
 Total: 1 pound, 18 shillings and 6 pence

November 2, 1853.....W. Richards.....2 shillings  
 November 2, 1853.....W. Richards, shoes.....1 shilling  
 November 26, 1853.....W. Richards.....2 shillings  
 November 26, 1853.....Emigration Fund.....1 shilling

December 10, 1853.....W. Richards.....3 shillings  
 December 10, 1853.....Zion's Trumpet magazines.....1 shilling and 3 pence  
 December 11, 1853.....Richard Roberts.....2 pence  
 December 11, 1853.....John Evans.....1 and ½ pence  
 Total: 10 shillings and 6 ½ pence

End of year

Number of Saints, January 1, 1854:

1. Edward Roberts, Elder;
2. David Roberts, Elder;
3. John Roberts, Priest;
4. Robert Roberts, Teacher;
5. Elizabeth Roberts;
6. Margaret Jones;
7. Susan Roberts.

January 25, 1854.....John Davies.....9 pence  
 January 25, 1854.....W. Richards.....6 pence

February 25, 1854.....John Davis.....9 pence  
 February 25, 1854.....Emigration Fund.....1 shilling  
 February 25, 1854.....Fast.....6 pence

March 5, 1854.....Thomas Jeremy.....6 pence  
 March 5, 1854.....John Parry.....6 pence

April 4, 1854.....Emigration of W.O. Philips.....1 shilling and 9 pence  
 April 4, 1854.....Conference costs.....6 pence

May 14, 1854.....Zion's Trumpet magazines.....3 shillings and 7 pence

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May 14, 1854.....	John Davics.....	5 shillings
June 2, 1854.....	Emigration Fund.....	1 shilling
June 2, 1854.....	Fast.....	6 pence
June 4, 1854.....	Robert Evans.....	4 pence
June 4, 1854.....	John Parry.....	4 pence
June 4, 1854.....	Robert Parry.....	4 pence
June 12, 1854.....	Temple Block.....	1 shilling and 6 pence
August 18, 1854.....	John Davies.....	3 shillings
September 3, 1854.....	Daniel Daniels.....	2 pence
September 3, 1854.....	John Parry.....	2 pence
September 3, 1854.....	Richard Roberts.....	2 pence
	Total:	1 pound and 1 pence
September 3, 1854.....	Emigration Fund.....	1 shilling
November 3, 1854.....	John Davics, clothes.....	1 shilling and 6 pence
November 3, 1854.....	Daniel Daniels.....	3 pence
November 3, 1854.....	John Parry.....	3 pence
November 3, 1854.....	Emigration Fund.....	6 pence
December 3, 1854.....	Conference Costs.....	2 pence
December 28, 1854.....	Zion's Trumpet magazines.....	5 shillings and 8 pence
December 28, 1854.....	Temple Block.....	1 shilling and 6 pence
December 28, 1854.....	Pamphlets.....	3 shillings, 5 ½ pence
	Total:	14 shillings and 3 ½ pence

## Number of Saints, January 1, 1855:

1. Edward Roberts, elder;
2. David Roberts, elder;
3. John Roberts, priest;
4. William (*Ayede?*), elder;
5. David Lewis, priest;
6. Robert Roberts, teacher;
7. Elizabeth Roberts;
8. Margaret Jones;

## January, 1855

January 25, 1855.....	Zion's Trumpet magazines.....	1 shilling
February 25, 1855.....	John Davics.....	2 shillings and 6 pence
March 2, 1855.....	Thomas Jeremy.....	1 shilling and 6 pence





Edward Roberts, president  
Edward Roberts, secretary

For the presidency:

May 31, 1856.....John Treham.....3 shillings

July 6, 1856.....John Treham.....1 shilling

July 6, 1856.....Books.....4 shillings and 8 pence

July 6, 1856.....Emigration Fund.....1 shilling

July 6, 1856.....Temple.....1 shilling.

Payments for the 10 weeks ending September 14, 1856:

Tithing.....10 shillings

Birmingham.....2 pence

Payments for the 10 weeks ending November 23, 1856:

Tithing.....8 shillings

Payments for the quarter ending February 22, 1857:

Tithing.....12 shillings

Penny Fund for the quarter ending February 22, 1857:

Fast.....2 shillings and 1 pence

March 20, 1857.....Tithing.....3 shillings

David Roberts has received permission to leave the Dinas Mawddwy Branch tomorrow morning, for the purpose of emigrating. I testify that he is a faithful elder of the Church of God, and my prayer is that our Heavenly Father will bless him abundantly with the Holy Ghost for his great faithfulness to the Church.

(Signed) Edward Roberts, President of Dinas Branch, March 20, 1857

*This appears to be the end of the official journal kept by David Giles Roberts while residing in Wales. David Giles Roberts sailed from Liverpool on the ship George Washington, on March 28, 1857, in a company of some 817 Saints. They arrived in Boston, Massachusetts on April 20, 1857.*

*Other notes were made or copied into the journal over a period of the next 20 years. These are*

*transcribed below in the order in which they appear:*

Robert Roberts (father of David Giles Roberts) died January 14, 1859, age 65 years.

Mr. T. Tamplin  
Columbia Buildings  
Brunswick St., Liverpool  
Directions on back  
T. R. Jones

Thomas Seair to Thomas Seion, April 5th.....\$1.00

May 3, 1867: Star cow.....Take bull  
July 19, 1867: Queen cow.....Take bull  
14 Brindle cow...Take bull

August 2, 1867: Star cow.....2 Take bull  
9 : Queen cow....2 Take bull  
18 : Rose cow.....2 Take bull

Edward Evans - Plowing one acre and a quarter

Daniel Thomas - Plowing once acre and a quarter

"Drug" (*Driggs?*) - Plowing "Tow acer" (*two acres?*)

Benjamin Thomas - Plowing one acre and harrow 1 day and half

"Drugs" - paid three bushel of potatoes at one dollar.....\$3.00

Paid to Danicl Thomas.....\$3.60  
And work one day and half in the garden.....\$3.00

January 14, 1859  
Dinas Mawddwy  
Dear father died at 1/4 to 2 o'clock Friday afternoon  
North Andover  
Stevens Village  
Massachusetts, America

In the herd: 2 cows, 1 steer, at one dollar each.....\$3.00  
March 31, 1867

In the herd, comencing April 1, 1867:  
2 steers, 1 yearling, 2 calves

Daniel Roberts paid to Mr. William Huntsman:  
June 7 - 2 lbs butter — at 30 cents.....60 cents  
18 - 3 lbs butter — at 30 cents.....90 cents  
29 - 2 lbs butter — at 30 cents.....60 cents  
July 25 2 lbs butter — at 30 cents.....60 cents  
30 - 2 lbs butter — at 30 cents.....60 cents  
Nov. 18 - 2 lbs butter — at 40 cents.....80 cents

David Roberts was born the 18<sup>th</sup> (of March) 1826 in Machynlleth, Montgomery, North Wales, Britain.

Mary Morgan(s) was born May 16, 1834 in Pembrey, Carmarthenshire, South Wales.

David Morgan Roberts was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1867.  
Blessed by James Chivers, November 5<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Margaret Jane Roberts was born March 16, 1869.  
Blessed by G. Adams, April 9, 1869.

Robert Morgan Roberts was born 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 1870.  
Blessed by John Brice, October 9, 1870.

Thomas Charles Roberts was born March 23, 1872.  
Blessed by John Williams and Edward Roberts, April 28, 1872.

Mary Ann Roberts was born April 3, 1874, and blessed by John Williams, May 3, 1874.

John Morgan Roberts was born August 11<sup>th</sup> (1876), and blessed by Thomas E. Thomas, September 3, 1876.

*(Probably old notes)*

Susan Roberts owes David Roberts 7 shillings and 3 pence for books  
March 10, 1856  
for pamphlets.....6 pence  
Total.....7 shillings and 9 pence

Thomas Ellis owes David Roberts 2 shillings and 9 pence for the small carpet, which I gave to  
Thomas Ellis, Machynlleth, in the Towyn Conference, March 23, 1856.

Signed: Edward Roberts, secretary

David Morgan Roberts was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1867.



Blessed by James Chivers, November 5, 1867

David Morgan Roberts was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1867.

*(The following entry was probably made by Katherine Finn [Stallings], a grand-daughter of David Giles Roberts:*

This belongs to:

Mrs Katherine Finn  
No. 5 West Court  
528 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ogden, Utah