

ASHTON, JOHN (1830 - 1896), musician

Name: John Ashton
Date of birth: 1830
Date of death: 1896
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born in a house called Oleuddu, near Trefeglwys, Montgomeryshire. He was a shoemaker by trade, but meeting with an accident which prevented him from following that occupation, he joined the police force. Hymn tunes composed by him - they include 'Trefeglwys,' composed in 1857 -are found in *Llyfr Tonau Cynulleidfaol*, *Caniadau y Cysegr a'r Teulu*, and *Cerddor yr Ysgol Sabothol*, and there are songs and part-songs in *Miwsig y Miloedd*.

He emigrated to New Zealand in 1874, and died there on Christmas Day 1896.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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