

EDDOWES, JOSHUA (1724 - 1811), printer and bookseller at Shrewsbury; -

Name: Joshua Eddowes
Date of birth: 1724
Date of death: 1811
Spouse: Lydia Eddowes (née Phillips)
Child: William Eddowes
Parent: Ralph Eddowes
Gender: Male
Occupation: printer and bookseller
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Christened 26 April 1724, son of Ralph Eddowes, grocer, Whitchurch, Salop. Joshua Eddowes was in partnership with John Cotton in 1749 if not earlier (see J. H. Davies, *Bibliog. of Welsh Ballads*); Cotton had been made a freeman of the Combrethren of Saddlers on 6 June 1740, Eddowes being admitted on 26 May 1749. The partnership continued until 1765, Eddowes continuing on his own until 1788, when he took his son, WILLIAM EDDOWES (born 1 October 1754), into partnership. Until the death of Joshua Eddowes on 25 September 1811 the firm traded as J. and W. Eddowes; father and son began to publish the *Salopian Journal* on 29 January 1794. William Eddowes died 4 February 1833. W. Rowlands (*Llyfryddiaeth y Cymry*) gives the titles of several Welsh books printed by Cotton and Eddowes, Joshua Eddowes, and afterwards by J. and W. Eddowes. They appear to have printed some very important works in their time, e.g. *Lloffion Prydyddiaeth ... Mr. Rees Prichard*, 1766, *Gweledigaethau y Bardd Cwsg*, 1768, as well as many almanacs by Gwilym Howell. J. Eddowes's wife, whom he married on 13 September 1753, was Lydia, daughter of William Phillips.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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