



JACOB, WILLIAM (1777 - 1845), musician

Name: William Jacob
Date of birth: 1777
Date of death: 1845
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born near Carmarthen; it was, however, from Manchester that he came to Holywell (c. 1818) where he became an excellent singer and acted for many years as precentor of the Wesleyan chapel. In 1844 he produced *Eos Cymru*, a collection of hymn-tunes, chants, and anthems. The collection includes four hymn-tunes and a short anthem of his own composition, and some of Handel's choruses. Newton's tune 'Huddersfield' first appeared in Wales in *Eos Cymru*. He died 27 October 1845 at the age of 68, and was buried in Holywell churchyard.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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