

Name: Cain Jones

Child: John Ćain Jones Parent: John Edwards Gender: Male Occupation: almanac-maker Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Scholarship and Languages; Science and Mathematics; Space and Aviation Author: Evan David Jones

Son of John Edwards ('Siôn y Potiau'). The date of his birth is not known, but his brother Abel (who became a Baptist minister at Merthyr Tydfil) was christened at Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog, 21 December 1740, and it may be argued that Cain was senior to Abel. Upon the death of Gwilym Howell, in 1775, he undertook the editorship of the Welsh almanac *Tymmhorol, ac wybrennol Newyddion*. He was responsible for twenty issues which were published by Eddowes of Shrewsbury, with the exception of the last, the 1795 issue, which was printed by J. Marsh at Wrexham. There is no record of a later almanac by him. He dabbled in poetry and there is an elegy by him in the almanac for 1783.

JOHN CAIN JONES (died 1826?)

His son, who wrote under the pseudonym Siôn Ceiriog. There are letters by the latter in NLW MS 1891E, verses in NLW MS 1817E, psalm-tunes in NLW MS 1932E, a poem giving an account of a drunkard from Cymdu in NLW MS 6729B, and a poem greeting Edward Bennion, a physician, in NLW MS 12868B. John Cain Jones is said to have died in 1826, leaving a daughter, Leah Evans, a gifted poetess, at Glyn Ceiriog.

Author

Evan David Jones, (1903 - 1987)

Sources

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