

LEWIS, GEORGE (Eiddil Llwyn Celyn; 1826? - 1858), poet and shoemaker

Name: George Lewis
Pseudonym: Eiddil Llwyn Celyn
Date of birth: 1826?
Date of death: 1858
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and shoemaker
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Poetry
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Born in a small cottage in the mountainous part of Carmarthenshire, the son of an agricultural labourer with a large family. He received very little education, but like many other young men of the period took a great interest in Welsh poetry. He came to Heolyfelin (Trecynon, Aberdare) with his family, pursued his trade of shoemaking, and in his spare time competed at local eisteddfodau. He won a prize of one guinea at the 'Carw Coch eisteddfod' (Stag Inn) (see *Gardd Aberdar*, 1854), and other prizes at Blaenau Gwent and Llanilltud Fardre. He died at the early age of 32, leaving a widow and nine little girls. His brother, William Lewis (Cawr Dar), and *Carw Coch* published a booklet of his compositions, *Telyn y Gweithiwr - caneuon, pryddestau, ac englynion - moesol a dyddorol, etc. - Dros ei Weddw a'i amddifaid galarus*, 1859.

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