

LEWIS, JOHN (fl. 1728-1755), printer and publisher

Name: John Lewis Gender: Male

Occupation: printer and publisher **Area of activity:** Printing and Publishing **Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

He was a native of Radnor and is said to have been a brother of Thomas Lewis (fl. 1731-49), the Methodist exhorter. He was in London in 1728 and came into prominence c. 1740 as publisher to the religious societies. He found his spiritual home either in the Tabernacle, Moorfields, or in the society at Fetter Lane. It was from his office in Bartholomew Close that he began to publish *The Christian's Amusement* in 1740-1, a weekly consisting mainly of letters from George Whitefield and his correspondents. This paper continued to run for some years under various names, such as *The Weekly History*, 1741-2, *An Account of the Progress of the Gospel*, 1743-4, and *The Christian History*, 1744-5. He published many of the books written by the Methodist authors of the period. He died 13 May 1755, and was buried in Bloomsbury. His wife and children were Moravians.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts. (1904 - 1993)

Sources

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