

LEWIS, THOMAS (fl. 1731-1749), translator and Methodist exhorter

Name: Thomas Lewis

Gender: Male

Occupation: translator and Methodist exhorter **Area of activity:** Religion; Scholarship and Languages **Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

He is said to have been the brother of John Lewis (fl. 1728-55) the printer. He is also believed to have been responsible for the translation into Welsh of Bunyan's Life and Death of Mr. Badman, under the title of Bywyd a Marwolaeth yr Annuwiol dan enw Mr. Drygddyn (Carmarthen, 1731). He was appointed a 'public (i.e. itinerant) exhorter' at the Watford Association, 1743, but it is not safe to assume that he was the Thos. Lewis appointed as private exhorter at Pentruch and Newhouse. It is also doubtful whether it was he or Thomas Lewis, curate of Merthyr Cynog (vicar of Llanddew, 1741-83), who was regarded as chief supervisor of the Brecknock societies. Later, in 1743, he was appointed to supervise the societies between the 'Passage' (across the Severn) and the river Wye and, when necessary, to assist the English brethren. Thomas William of Eglwys Ilan names a Thomas Lewis as a member of the Glamorgan Association, 1747-9.

### **Author**

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts. (1904 - 1993)

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