

## LEWIS, TITUS (1773 - 1811), Baptist minister

**Name:** Titus Lewis  
**Date of birth:** 1773  
**Date of death:** 1811  
**Parent:** Lewis Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** William Joseph Rhys

Born 21 February 1773 at Kilgerran, son of Lewis Thomas, minister of Cilfowyr - his mother a sister to **D. Evans** (1740 - 1790). His father taught him the craft of shoemaking. He was baptised at Blaen-y-waun, began to preach in 1794, and was ordained there in 1798. As he had married (20 November 1800) a woman from Carmarthen who did not like S. Dogmael's, he moved to Carmarthen in 1801 to minister to the Dark Gate church, but he continued to administer communion at Blaen-y-waun. He became well known as a defender of Calvinism, both in his preaching and in his writings. In 1805 he published *A Welsh-English Dictionary, Geirlyfr Cymraeg a Saesneg* (2nd ed. in 1815). In 1806, with the help of **Joseph Harris**, there appeared *Y Drysorfa Efangylaidd*, Lewis using the pseudonyms 'Obadiah' and 'Gaius' (according to **Thomas Shankland**), and **Harris** the pseudonym 'Adelphos o Abertawe'; only two numbers appeared. His chief work was *Hanes ... Prydain Fawr*, 1810, a volume of 624 pages. Lewis, **Christmas Evans**, and **Joseph Harris** agreed together to translate Gill's commentary on the New Testament into Welsh. Lewis was to be the editor and corrector of the proof-sheets, but he died after 'Acts' was completed, and no more appeared - proof that the greater part of the burden had fallen upon his shoulders. Among other works by him were *Holwyddoreg ar holl bynciau crefydd ...*, *Esboniad ar y cyffelybiaethau*, 1811 (a translation of a work by Keach); *Testament Llogell*, with short notes; *Llyfr Rhyfeddodau*, 1808; *Mawl i'r Oen ... Pigion o Emynau ...*, 1810. He died 1 May, 1811.

### Author

Reverend **William Joseph Rhys**, (1880 - 1967)

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