

LEWIS, WILLIAM (fl. 1786-1794), hymn-writer

Name: William Lewis
Spouse: Phoebe Lewis
Child: Maria Lewis
Gender: Male
Occupation: hymn-writer
Area of activity: Poetry; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

lived at Aber-mawr, Llangloffan, Pembrokeshire. He was a weaver by trade and is said to have excelled in the making of beautiful and artistic carpets. His brother, Thomas Lewis, was minister of the Baptist church at Llangloffan, where he himself was, for many years, a deacon. His hymns, 'set forth by **Morris Griffiths** ' (fl. 1766-1805), were published in *Galar a Gorfoledd y Saint; neu Hymnau cymmwys a pherthynol i Addoliad Cyhoeddus* (Trevecka, 1786); a 2nd., revised, edition was printed by Peter Evans of Caernarvon 'for Hugh Jones,' early in the 19th century, under the title, *Y Durtur, sef Ychydig o Hymnau, ar Amryw Destynau Efengylaidd*. Both of these books include his celebrated hymn, 'Cof am y cyfiawn Iesu.' He is thought to have died c. 1794, but his *Hymnau Newyddion* (Carmarthen) was published 'by Evan Rees ' in 1798. He and his wife, Phoebe, had two children, but only his daughter, Maria, had issue.

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