

## MEREDITH, LEWIS Lewys Glyn Dyfi (1826-1891), preacher and writer

**Name:** Lewis Meredith  
**Pseudonym:** Lewys Glyn Dyfi  
**Date of birth:** 1826  
**Date of death:** 1891  
**Spouse:** Nillie E. Meredith (née Phelps)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** preacher and writer  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Griffith Thomas Roberts

Born 22 March 1826 at Ffatri'r Ffridd, near Machynlleth. He was educated in the Sunday school and at day schools, first of all at Machynlleth and later, when the family moved to Cwmlinlau, at Cemaes. He was interested in literature from an early age and had a hand in founding a literary society at Machynlleth (c. 1854) when he was working in the office of [Adam Evans](#), the printer. He began to preach to the Wesleyans in 1849 but failed to get accepted for the ministry (1855) because of the uncertainty of his health. After being in charge of the Welsh Wesleyans at Witton Park, Durham (1855-6), he emigrated to the U.S.A where, after a year at a seminary, he was accepted as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1859). Although the churches to which he ministered were English -speaking, he continued to take an interest in Welsh life; he wrote to the *Eurgrawn* and the *Drych*, preached to the Welsh when he got the opportunity, and had charge of the Welsh Wesleyan church at Chicago. In 1863 he visited Wales to plead the cause of the North in the American Civil War. In addition to his contributions to the periodicals already mentioned and to the *Traethodydd*, he published a book of verse, *Blodau Glyn Dyfi*, 1852. In 1865 he married Nillie E. Phelps, the daughter of a prominent Methodist Episcopal minister. He died 29 September 1891, and was buried in Oak Park, Chicago.

He had a brother, RICHARD MEREDITH (1826 - 1856), who wrote articles for the *Traethodydd* and *Winllan*, sometimes under his own name and sometimes under the pen-name Caradog. He was for a short time a Wesleyan lay preacher. He was a sickly, lame man, who died at Cwmlinlau

### Author

Reverend Griffith Thomas Roberts, (1887 - 1977)

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