

MORRIS, Sir LEWIS (1833 - 1907), poet and educationist

Name: Lewis Morris
Date of birth: 1833
Date of death: 1907
Spouse: Florence Julia Morris (née Pollard)
Parent: Lewis Edward William Morris
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and educationist
Area of activity: Education; Poetry
Author: Gwyn Jones

Born 23 January 1833, at Carmarthen, son of Lewis Edward William Morris and great-grandson of [Lewis Morris](#). After a brilliant academic career at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Carmarthen, at Cowbridge and Sherborne Schools, and at Jesus College, Oxford (graduated 1856), he was called to the Bar in 1861.

In 1871 he published anonymously *Songs of Two Worlds*, and a second and third series under the same title in 1874 and 1875. Other volumes of verse followed till the end of his life, of which *The Epic of Hades*, 1876-7, is the best known and most ambitious. His verse is wholesome, fluent, but uninspired.

His most lasting work was that done for higher education in Wales. In 1878 he became joint honorary secretary to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth; he was joint treasurer 1889-96, and a vice-president from 1896 till his death. A Liberal in politics, he unsuccessfully contested many parliamentary seats.

He had married Florence Julia Pollard in 1868; there were two daughters and a son. He died 10 November 1907.

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