

OWEN, JOHN (died 1759), poet, harpist, letter-writer

Name: John Owen
Date of death: 1759
Parent: Ellen Davies (née Morris)
Parent: Owen Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet, harpist, letter-writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Music; Performing Arts; Poetry
Author: Alfred Owen Hughes Jarman

nephew of the **Morris** family of Anglesey. Born probably at Holyhead during the early thirties of the 18th century (the parish records before 1737 are missing), the son of Owen Davies and Ellen Morris. When a young boy he went to live with **Lewis Morris** in Cardiganshire and rendered service to his uncle both in that county and subsequently in London in connection with the industrial undertakings and the litigation in which the latter was involved. A strained relationship developed between the two, however, and while in London John Owen associated with **Richard Morris** and assisted him in the preparation of **Goronwy Owen**'s works for the press. About thirty of his letters survive in addition to some verse in the *cywydd* metre. In 1758 he was appointed clerk on a man-of-war, and he died of fever at Gibraltar in July 1759.

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