

PRYSE, JOHN (1826 - 1883), printer and publisher

Name: John Pryse Date of birth: 1826 Date of death: 1883 Gender: Male
Occupation: printer and publisher

Area of activity: Printing and Publishing

Author: Idwal Lewis

He was born in 1826 in Radnorshire, but lived nearly all his life at Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire. He was apprenticed a shoemaker, but forsook that trade for that of bookseller, to which he subsequently added that of printer. He was a lover of Welsh literature and lore, and published numerous reprints of books relating to Wales, such as Evan Evans's Specimens of ancient Welsh poetry; Theophilus Evans, View of the primitive ages, A. J. Johnes, Causes of dissent in Wales; and several original works; W. Rowlands's Cambrian Bibliography, 1869; J. Jenkins, The poetry of Wales, 1873; Breezes from the Welsh mountains, 1853; Pryse's Welsh Interpreter, Pryse's Handbook to the Radnorshire and Breconshire mineral springs. In 1859 he started the publication of the Llanidloes and Newtown Telegraph, a weekly newspaper, the second to be published in Montgomeryshire. Pryse was twice married, his first wife, being the widow of Richard Mills, the musician. He died 19 October 1883.

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