

## THOMAS, JOHN (Eos Gwynedd; 1742 - 1818), poet

**Name:** John Thomas  
**Pseudonym:** Eos Gwynedd  
**Date of birth:** 1742  
**Date of death:** 1818  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Bwlchmaenmelyn, a farmhouse in the parish of Cerrigydrudion, Denbighshire. He married a daughter of Cernioge Mawr in 1765. He settled in Pentrefoelas where he kept a shop and farmed. In 1817 he published *Annerch Plant a Rhieni oddi ar farwolaeth William Thomas mab Lewis Thomas, Llanrwst*. A selection of his works, edited by William Williams (Gwilym Caledfryn), was published in 1845 under the title of *Eos Gwynedd*. He wrote carols and hymns. He had a bardic controversy with Thomas Edwards (Twm o'r Nant) on the subject of baptism. He died 12 September 1818.

### Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

### Sources

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