

EVANS, WILLIAM (1800 - 1880), hymnist

Name: William Evans
Date of birth: 1800
Date of death: 1880
Spouse: Margaret Evans (née Meyler)
Parent: Sarah Evans (née Bevan)
Parent: Thomas Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: hymnist
Area of activity: Music; Poetry; Religion
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Born 1 October 1800, fourth son of Thomas Evans (1756 - 1837) of Pen-y-feidr, Trefgarn, Pembrokeshire, and his wife, Sarah (Bevan); the father, an elder of Woodstock C.M. church, had, in his youth, acted as guide to **Williams** of Pantycelyn on his journeys in Pembrokeshire. William Evans had but three weeks' schooling. He became a member of Hall C.M. church c. 1820-1, and was later an elder there; he was most active in Sunday-school work and in fostering congregational music - he held singing-schools at Fishguard, Trefin, and St. Davids. He was also a hymnist, and one of his hymns still holds its place in some of our hymnals. On 11 April 1826 he married Margaret (died 1879), only daughter of William Meyler, of Ford, and took up his residence at Ford. In 1851 he bought a holding at Ambleston, and in 1857 gave up his occupation (he was a butcher) and retired to Ambleston (Treamlod), the place generally associated with his name. As Ambleston is about two miles from Woodstock chapel, Evans built a house in the village for religious meetings - after his death, a chapel was built there. He died 2 April 1880, and was buried with his wife in Ford chapel graveyard; he had had two sons and seven daughters.

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