

LEWES, ERASMUS (1663?-1745), cleric

Name: Erasmus Lewes
Date of birth: 1663?
Date of death: 1745
Parent: John Lewes
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

The sixth and youngest son of Captain John Lewes (below), Gernos, in the parish of Llangunllo ('Llanvayer ' according to Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*), Cardiganshire. He entered Jesus College, Oxford, 22 February 1683/4, aged 20, graduating in 1688. He became vicar of Roch, Pembrokeshire, 16 June 1692, and vicar of Brawdy, Pembrokeshire, 5 March 1694. In 1695 he became rector of Betws Bledrws and vicar of Lampeter, Cardiganshire. **S. R. Meyrick** (*The History and Antiquities of the County of Cardigan*) quotes the inscription on his memorial tablet in Lampeter church; he is said to have died 19 February 1744/5 aged 82. English sermons in his handwriting are in **NLW MS 510A**, some of them written in 1693; **NLW MS 744A** contains general notes written by him in English and in Latin.

His father, JOHN LEWES, deserves to be remembered since it was 'at the request of the Reverend Captain Lewes of Gernos ' that **Moses Williams** undertook the task of translating Vickers's *Companion to the Altar into Welsh*. It was published in London in 1715 under the title *Cydymmaith i'r Allor, Yn dangos, Anian ac Angenrheidrwydd Ymbaratoad Sacrafennaidd, Modd y derbynniom y Cymmun Bendigedig yn Deilwng*.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

Sources

See also

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