

EVANS, JOHN (1723 - 1795), cartographer

Name: John Evans
Date of birth: 1723
Date of death: 1795
Child: John Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: cartographer
Area of activity: Art and Architecture; Business and Industry; Travel and Exploration
Author: Frederick John North

Born at Llwyn-y-groes, Llanymynech, in 1723. He is known mainly for his published engravings which included an illustration of the waterfall, Pistyll Rhaeadr, and two maps of North Wales. His map of North Wales, published in nine sheets in 1795 on the scale of nearly one inch to the mile, is the best and largest map of the region to appear before the publication of the one-inch maps of the Ordnance Survey; it was dedicated to [Sir Watkin Williams Wynn](#) and engraved by [Robert Baugh](#) of Llandysilio.

Evans prepared an edition on a reduced scale (about three miles to the inch) also engraved by [Baugh](#), but it was not published until 1797, two years after his death. The maps were, for the time, of unusually high merit on account of their pleasing appearance and the amount and accuracy of the details which they included.

His son [John Evans](#) (1756 - 1846) reissued the maps and received an award from the Royal Society of Arts. The father died in 1795.

Author

[Frederick John North](#), (1889 - 1968)

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