# EVANS, JOHN (1770 - 1851), land surveyor, schoolmaster, and musician

**Name:** John Evans
**Date of birth:** 1770
**Date of death:** 1851
**Gender:** Male
**Occupation:** land surveyor, schoolmaster, and musician
**Area of activity:** Economics and Money; Education; Engineering, Construction, Naval Architecture and Surveying; Music; Religion
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Rhuddlan, Flintshire. His father was parish clerk of Rhuddlan, and the son followed the same occupation for a while. When 16 years old he opened a school to which pupils came from considerable distances to receive instruction in arithmetic and navigation. He published two works called *Cyfrifydd Parod* (i.e. ready reckoner) - the one for the use of persons buying and selling grain, the other for use in measuring timber and haystacks. He was a good musician and played the 'cello in church. His anthem ' O deuwch i'r dyfroedd,' and his hymn-tunes ' Myfyrdod ' and ' Rhuddlan,' became popular. He prepared a work on ' Thorough Bass ' and collected together some hymn-tunes for publication, but all these were lost on their way to the printer. He died 31 March 1851.

## Author

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