

EVANS, PETER MAELOR (1817 - 1878), publisher

Name: Peter Maelor Evans

Date of birth: 1817

Date of death: 1878

Spouse: M. Evans (née Kerfoot)

Parent: Thomas Evans

Gender: Male

Occupation: publisher

Area of activity: Printing and Publishing

Author: Walter Thomas Morgan

Born 10 April 1817, near Adwy'r Clawdd, Denbighshire, where his father, Thomas Evans, was a schoolmaster till he forsook teaching to manage lead mines. He received his early education at his father's school and afterwards at a day school in Mold and at Ruthin Grammar School, where he had a thorough grounding in the classics. He was intended for the law, but decided on printing as a career. He became a partner in the firm of Lloyd and Evans (see [John Lloyd](#), fl1829-59), publishers and printers, of Mold and Holywell, later of Holywell only, and when [John Lloyd](#) retired from the firm on his departure to Liverpool to publish *Yr Amserau* in 1848, Peter Maelor Evans became the sole proprietor. In 1848 he married M. Kerfoot, third daughter of James Kerfoot of Vaenol Fawr, near Abergele, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. Many notable works appeared from his press including the Welsh commentary by [James Hughes](#) (1779 - 1844) on the Old Testament. He commenced publishing *Y Drysorfa* in 1854, *Y Traethodydd* in 1855, and *Trysorfa'r Plant* in 1860. At the Mold eisteddfod in 1873 he won a prize for the best produced Welsh book, a volume of the sermons of [Henry Rees](#). He was an enthusiastic Liberal in politics and played a prominent part in the public life of Holywell. He served on the board of guardians and was chairman of the local board. He met his death through an accident while attending the General Assembly of the Calvinistic Methodists at Aberystwyth, 29 May 1878.

Author

Walter Thomas Morgan, (1912 - 1990)

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