LEWES, WILLIAM (1652 - 1722), landowner and antiquary

Name: William Lewes
Date of birth: 1652
Date of death: 1722
Spouse: Eleanor Lewes (née Pryce)
Spouse: Cecil Lewes (née Lloyd)
Parent: John Lewes
Gender: Male
Occupation: landowner and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Land Ownership
Author: Francis Jones

Of Llwynderw, Carmarthenshire, born 1652, the younger son of the Rev. John Lewes of Llysnewydd. He married (1), Cecil Lloyd of Vairdre, Cardiganshire, (2), Eleanor Pryce of Rhyd-y-benne. He was an outstanding genealogist, and acquired manuscripts from Henllys, Penybenglog, Vairdre, and Rhyd-y-gors. He wrote some 25 pedigree volumes, mainly based on the works of David Edwardes, and assisted Edward Lhuyd, John Davies (Rhiwlas), Browne Willis, Theophilus Evans, and Hugh Thomas. He was a competent writer in Welsh, Latin, and English. The ' Golden Grove Book ' of pedigrees was transcribed from his manuscripts. He died without issue in December 1722. His widow (died 1740) married William Lewes (died 1757) of Llanlas, Cardiganshire, and this fact has caused much confusion in the histories of the two husbands.

Author

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