LEWIS, JOHN (Eos Glyn Wyre; 1836 - 1892), poet and musician

Name: John Lewis

Pseudonym: Eos Glyn Wyre

Date of birth: 1836 Date of death: 1892

Spouse: Jane Lewis (née Davies)

Child: David Wyre Lewis Parent: Margaret Lewis Parent: Lewis Lewis Gender: Male

Occupation: poet and musician Area of activity: Music; Poetry Author: David Wyre Lewis

Born 6 April 1836, the son of Lewis and Margaret Lewis, Hen D Mawr, Llanrhystud, Cardiganshire. The father, who was a good musician, was by trade a tailor and brought up his sons, John Lewis and <u>David Lewis</u> (1828 - 1908), to the same trade; a third son, Evan Lewis, was a shoemaker.

John Lewis married Jane Davies, Felinganol, and on marriage went to reside at his wife's home; seven children were born to them. He composed some hymn-tunes and part-song s; one hymn tune, 'Adgyfodiad,' appeared in 1896 in the collection of William Harries, Heolyfelin, whilst the words and music of a part-song were published in *Golud yr Oes*. But he was better-known as a poet, his compositions including *pryddestau*, lyrics, and *englynion*, many of which took prizes at eisteddfodau. He died 2 November 1892 and was buried in Llanrhystud churchyard. His manuscripts and those of his brother, <u>David Lewis</u>, together with a large number of printed volumes, were transferred by his sons to the National Library in 1929.

Author

Reverend David Wyre Lewis, (1872 - 1966)

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