

LEWIS, THOMAS (1823 - 1900), Baptist minister, and historical writer

Name: Thomas Lewis
Date of birth: 1823
Date of death: 1900
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister, and historical writer
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion
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Born 3 August 1823 in the parish of Llandeilo'r-fan, Brecknock. In 1829 the family moved to Cwmdr where he was baptised in 1837. He worked in the woollen mills at Cwmdr and Llanwrtyd and began to preach in 1840 at Pantycelyn. He was trained for the ministry at Horeb (Cwmdr), at the school kept by [Brutus](#), near Pentre-bach, at D. Williams's (Independent) school at Tredwstan, and at an academy at Pontypool. He was a minister at Llanddewi Rhydderch, 1848-56; Lanelli, Brecknock, 1856-9; Jerusalem, Rhymney, 1860-3; Peniel, Carmarthen, 1863-74; Moriah, Risca, 1874-80. He retired to Newport, Monmouth. He published *Cofiant ... Titus Lewis*, Carmarthen; *Cofiant ... James Richard*, Pontypridd; *Ymddygiad y Feibl Gymdeithas Frytanaid a Thramor at y Bedyddwyr*, and *Esboniad y Teulu*. His *Hunangofiant* appeared in 1903 and his 'Hanes Eglwysi'r Bedyddwyr ym Mynwy hyd 1890,' still in manuscript, is kept in the county archives at Aber-carn. He was a frequent contributor to the periodicals, and wrote articles for the *Geiriadur Bywgraffyddol* ([J.T.J.](#)), the *Geiriadur* of [Mathetes](#), and *Y Gwyddoniadur*. He died 2 December 1900.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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