

PUGH, JOHN (Ieuan Awst; 1783 - 1839), lawyer and poet

Name: John Pugh
Pseudonym: Ieuan Awst
Date of birth: 1783
Date of death: 1839
Spouse: Jane Pugh (née Oliver)
Parent: Catherine Pugh
Parent: David Pugh
Gender: Male
Occupation: lawyer and poet
Area of activity: Law; Poetry
Author: Thomas Isfryn Jones

Born August 1783 in Melinfraenen, Llangelynnin, Meirionnydd, the fifth child of David and Catherine Pugh. He only received nine months' schooling, but, despite this lack of education, he gained a local reputation for scholarship in his later years. He moved to Dolgelley when he was 13 years old and became a clerk in a solicitor's office. He was later apprenticed to Thomas Williams, a printer at Dolgelley, but gave the trade up and became articled to a local solicitor; and on completing his articles he practised as a solicitor in Dolgelley. Although a solicitor he still retained his interest in printing and in 1815 he became a master printer and his name (John Pugh, Heol Finsbury) appeared in the imprint of the *Dysgedydd* from 1833 to 1840. He wrote a great deal of Welsh poetry and prose which was published in the *Dysgedydd*, *Seren Gomer*, and similar periodicals, under the pseudonym Ieuan Awst. On 11 January 1815 he married Jane Oliver, daughter of Robert Oliver, Dolgelley, by whom he had eight children. He died 16 February 1839.

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