ROBERTS, LEWIS (Eos Twrog; 1756 - 1844), musician and weaver

Name: Lewis Roberts
Pseudonym: Eos Twrog
Date of birth: 1756
Date of death: 1844
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician and weaver
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Music; Performing Arts
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born 9 March 1756 in the parish of Llandecwyn, Meironnydd. After his marriage with the daughter of Plas Llandecwyn he went to live in a house called Pen-y-glannau in the adjoining parish of Maentwrog. He was a well-known harpist and player on the crwth, and came to be considered the best singer in the land to the accompaniment of the harp; although he could make verse in all sorts of 'measures' fit the harp, his favourite measure for that purpose appears to have been that of the *cywydd*. He took prizes at various eisteddfodau - e.g. ' the silver tongue ' offered by the London Gwyneddigion Society at Corwen, 12 May 1789, at Carmarthen 1819, and Wrexham 1820. He also served as adjudicator and singer to the harp at various eisteddfodau. In his last years he received much help from gentlefolk who admired his talent. He died 2 April 1844, in Dolgelley, at the house of his daughter; he lies buried in Maentwrog churchyard.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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