WILLIAMS, JOHN (fl. 1739-1779), Methodist exhorter and hymn-writer

Name: John Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Methodist exhorter and hymn-writer
Area of activity: Poetry; Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

In 1739 Howel Harris mentions 'dear Jack of Errwd '; there was, in fact, a family with that surname living at 'Erwood,' in the parish of Cerrig Cadarn, Brecknock. He and his brother, William, were exhorters in 1742-3 and the Methodist society met at their house. William (died 1746) married Ann Bowen of Tyddyn. Sarah, his sister, married Thomas James (died 1751), the Builth exhorter. In 1748 Howel Harris was godfather to John Williams's son, but in 1750 the Erwood family, acting under the influence of Thomas James, deserted Harris and by 1751 had joined Thomas Bowen's independent party. John Williams is believed to have been the author of a little collection of hymns published at Brecon in 1779, *Ychydig Hymnau: O waith John Williams o Sir Frecheiniog*. The collection comprises four very mediocre hymns. One man of this name was buried at Cerrig Cadarn 28 July 1779, and another 22 December 1783. A collection of his hymns, *Hymnau o Fawl i Dduw a'r Oen*, etc., was published by the Trevecka press in 1805.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

Sources

Cylchgrawn Cymdeithas Hanes y Methodistiaid Calfinaidd, xxvii, 100; xxviii, 123; xxxi, 116; xxxiv, 31, 34, 75

R. Bennett, *Methodistiaeth Trefaldwyn Uchaf, 1738â€“1852* (1929), iii, 182, 187

Cerrig Cadarn register

Charles Ashton, *Llyfryddiaeth Gymreig o 1801 i 1810* (1908), 109

Additional Links

Wikidata: Q20821181

Published date: 1959

Article Copyright: http://rightsstatements.org/page/InC/1.0/

PDF Print Cite

The Dictionary of Welsh Biography is provided by The National Library of Wales and the University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies. It is free to use and does not receive grant support. A donation would help us maintain and improve the site so that we can continue to acknowledge Welsh men and women who have made notable contributions to life in Wales and beyond.

Find out more on our sponsorship page.

Donate

APA Citation

×

Roberts, G. M., (1959). WILLIAMS, JOHN (fl. 1739-1779), Methodist exhorter and hymn-writer. *Dictionary of Welsh Biography*. Retrieved 2 Oct 2024, from https://biography.wales/article/s-WILL-JOH-1739

Copy to Clipboard

LLGC
NLW

LLYFRGEL
THE NATIO

Noddir gan
Llywodraeth Cymru
Sponsored by
Welsh Government