

JOSHUA, SETH (1858-1925), minister (Presb.)

Name: Seth Joshua
Date of birth: 1858
Date of death: 1925
Spouse: Mary Joshua (née Rees)
Child: Lyn Joshua
Child: Peter Joshua
Parent: Mary Joshua (née Walden)
Parent: George Joshua
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.)
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Richard Leslie Jones

Born 10 April 1858 in Ty Capel, Troisant Uchaf, Pontypool, Monmouth, son of George Joshua and Mary (née Walden) his wife. He married Mary Rees, Llantrisant, in Neath, Glamorganshire, 23 September 1883, and they had eight children (one son, Peter, was a minister and a popular evangelist in America; another son, Lyn, was responsible with [Mai Jones](#) for the radio programme ' *We'll keep a welcome in the hillside*'). Seth attended the local British School. He worked closely with his brother [Frank](#) founding the Mission Hall cause in Neath. He was a noted evangelist, travelling through Britain and visiting U.S.A. In 1893 he was ordained minister (Presb.) and worked with the Forward Movement, a branch of the Connexion's Home Mission, establishing evangelising centres in Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. He died 21 May 1925 and was buried in the Council cemetery, Llanilltud Fach, Neath.

A younger brother was FRANCIS JAMES JOSHUA (FRANK; 1861 - 1920), minister (Presb.). Born 15 December 1861. He and Seth went to Neath in 1883 to hold an Evangelistic Campaign under the auspices of the Free Mission, Cinderford. In 1901 the Free Mission Church in Neath came under the auspices of the Calvinistic Methodists as a branch of the Forward Movement and he was ordained in the Cilfynydd Association (Presb.) in 1903. The whole of his ministry was spent in Neath where he raised a strong and flourishing church, and he became known in the town as ' St. Francis of Neath '. He died 13 September 1920 a bachelor and was buried in Llanilltud Fach churchyard, Neath.

Author

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