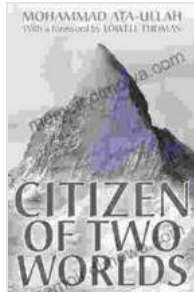


# Citizen of Two Worlds: The Extraordinary Life of John Gwynant



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The life of John Gwynant, a Welshman who became a citizen of the United States, is a story of adventure, perseverance, and triumph. Born in Wales in 1813, Gwynant immigrated to the United States in 1833 and quickly became involved in the fight for Welsh rights in the new country. He was a founding member of the Welsh Tract Benevolent Society, which provided support for Welsh immigrants, and he served as its president for many years. Gwynant was also a delegate to the first Welsh National Convention, which was held in Utica, New York, in 1850.

In addition to his work on behalf of the Welsh community, Gwynant was also a successful businessman and farmer. He owned a general store in Utica and later became a farmer in Oneida County, New York. Gwynant was a devout Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was

also a strong supporter of education and served as a trustee of the Utica Welsh Academy.

Gwynant died in Utica in 1881 at the age of 68. He is buried in the Welsh Tract Cemetery in Remsen, New York.

## **Early Life**

John Gwynant was born in the small village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch, Wales, on January 1, 1813. His parents, William and Mary Gwynant, were tenant farmers. Gwynant had a happy childhood, spending his days playing with his friends and helping his parents on the farm.

In 1833, when Gwynant was 20 years old, his family decided to immigrate to the United States. They sailed from Liverpool to New York City, where they arrived after a long and difficult journey. The Gwynants settled in Utica, New York, where they found work in the local textile mills.

## **Involvement in the Welsh Community**

Gwynant quickly became involved in the Welsh community in Utica. He was a founding member of the Welsh Tract Benevolent Society, which provided support for Welsh immigrants. Gwynant served as president of the society for many years and was instrumental in its growth and success.

In 1850, Gwynant was elected as a delegate to the first Welsh National Convention, which was held in Utica. The convention brought together Welsh leaders from across the United States to discuss issues affecting the Welsh community. Gwynant played a leading role in the convention and was elected to the executive committee.

## **Business and Farming**

In addition to his work on behalf of the Welsh community, Gwynant was also a successful businessman and farmer. He owned a general store in Utica and later became a farmer in Oneida County, New York. Gwynant was a hard-working and successful farmer, and he was able to provide a comfortable life for his family.

## **Religious and Civic Involvement**

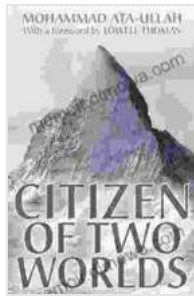
Gwynant was a devout Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a strong supporter of education and served as a trustee of the Utica Welsh Academy. Gwynant was also active in local politics and served as a justice of the peace.

## **Later Life and Death**

Gwynant retired from farming in 1875 and moved back to Utica. He continued to be active in the Welsh community and in the Presbyterian Church. Gwynant died in Utica in 1881 at the age of 68. He is buried in the Welsh Tract Cemetery in Remsen, New York.

## **Legacy**

John Gwynant was a remarkable man who made significant contributions to the Welsh community in the United States. He was a founding member of the Welsh Tract Benevolent Society and a delegate to the first Welsh National Convention. Gwynant was also a successful businessman and farmer. He was a devout Christian and a strong supporter of education. Gwynant's legacy lives on in the many institutions he helped to establish and in the lives of the people he touched.



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