

## DAVIES, JOHN IDRIS (Ioan Idris; 1821 - 1889), Welsh-American poet

**Name:** John Idris Davies  
**Pseudonym:** Ioan Idris  
**Date of birth:** 1821  
**Date of death:** 1889  
**Parent:** John Davies  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Welsh-American poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Bala, Meirionnydd, son of John Davies, bookbinder and stationer, he attended school at Dolgelley and was afterwards apprenticed to his uncle, **Morris Davies** (Meurig Ebrill, 1780 - 1861), carpenter, who, together with **John Jones** (Idris Fychan, 1825 - 1887), taught him the Welsh bardic rules. At the age of 21 he emigrated to Utica, N.Y., where he became an elder in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church and married. He removed to Cambria, Wisconsin, and afterwards (1868) to Judson, Minnesota, where he died 13 January 1889. Ioan Idris was considered a good poet, and many of his compositions were published in Welsh-American newspapers and journals; others remain in manuscript.

### Author

**Robert (Bob) Owen**, (1885 - 1962)

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