

## DAVIES, REUBEN (Reuben Brydydd y Coed; 1808 - 1833), poet and schoolmaster

**Name:** Reuben Davies  
**Pseudonym:** Reuben Brydydd Y Coed  
**Date of birth:** 1808  
**Date of death:** 1833  
**Parent:** Beti Davies  
**Parent:** Dafydd Davies  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet and schoolmaster  
**Area of activity:** Education; Poetry  
**Author:** Thomas Oswald Williams

Born 1808, son of ' Dafydd the Weaver and Betty ' of Tanrallt, Cribin, Cardiganshire. He went to school at Cribin and Ystrad under **T. J. Griffiths** (Tau Gimel, 1797? - 1871) and Rees Davies of Ystrad. His ambition was to enter the Unitarian ministry, and in 1825 he was admitted to Carmarthen College; unfortunately, his health broke down and he was only there for a short time. He became a schoolmaster at Cribin and, during the later years of his life, at Cilmaenllwyd, Carmarthenshire; he translated into Welsh the works of many Greek and Latin authors, particularly those of Ovid. An original manuscript of his works was in the possession of **Rees Jenkin Jones** of Aberdare, and the Rev. D. Evans of Cribin had a copy. He wrote over fifty hymns, and **Daniel Evans** (Daniel Ddu, 1792 - 1846) thought highly of him as a hymn-writer. Apart from the hymns he left behind him an uncompleted poem, 'Dydd Barn,' some songs, several *englynion*, and a memorial *awdl* to **D. L. Jones**, tutor at Carmarthen. He died 8 January 1833 at the age of 25 and lies in Dihewyd churchyard.

### Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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