

## EDWARDS, WILLIAM (Gwilym Padarn; 1786 - 1857), poet

**Name:** William Edwards  
**Pseudonym:** Gwilym Padarn  
**Date of birth:** 1786  
**Date of death:** 1857  
**Child:** Griffith Edwards  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

He was a native of Llanberis, Caernarfonshire, where he worked as a quarryman.

Gaining considerable repute as a poet, he published a volume of verse, *Eos Padarn*, in 1829, including compositions submitted to the provincial eisteddfodau held at Wrexham, Caernarfon, and Brecon (1820-2). Since his reason for taking his work to the press was to ensure 'that some parts of my labour be remembered and preserved: and that all should not fall into oblivion', there was no need to include his contribution to the Carmarthen eisteddfod of 1819, which had already appeared in *Awen Dyfed* (1822). In his ode for this meeting, 'on the death of the outstanding military officer, Sir Thomas Picton', he commemorated Picton's career in the West Indies, including his promotion to 'Famed governor.../ In Trinidad', without, however, acknowledging the controversial and repugnant nature of his activity during this period.

He was buried at Llanberis 3 October 1857.

His son, [Griffith Edwards](#) (Gutyn Padarn), is separately noticed.

### Authors

[Griffith Milwyn Griffiths](#)

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