

## EVANS, EVAN WILLIAM (1827? - 1874), mathematician

**Name:** Evan William Evans  
**Date of birth:** 1827?  
**Date of death:** 1874  
**Parent:** Catherine Evans (née Howell)  
**Parent:** William Evans  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** mathematician  
**Area of activity:** Science and Mathematics  
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Born in Llangyfelach, 6 January 1827 (or 1828), son of William and Catherine (née Howell) Evans. He is sometimes known as Evander William Evans. He removed with his parents in 1833 to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. He graduated at Yale in 1851, and was tutor there, 1855-7. He studied theology in New Haven after graduating, and was principal of Delaware Institute, Franklin, New York, for a year. From 1857 to 1864 he was professor of natural philosophy and astronomy at Marietta College, Ohio. He left Marietta College in 1864 on account of his health and in order to improve his circumstances. He afterwards seems to have been a mining engineer, and was very successful in the oil industry in West Virginia. On the foundation of Cornell University, he became its first professor of mathematics, 1868-72.

He was greatly interested in Welsh studies, contributed papers on Welsh matters to the American Philological Society, and left behind him an unfinished work on the history of Wales. He died 22 May 1874 at Ithaca, N.Y.

### Authors

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