

## GRIFFITH, ROBERT ARTHUR (Elphin, 1860 - 1936), author and lawyer

**Name:** Robert Arthur Griffith  
**Pseudonym:** Elphin  
**Date of birth:** 1860  
**Date of death:** 1936  
**Parent:** Ann Griffith (née Roberts)  
**Parent:** John Owen Griffith  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** author and lawyer  
**Area of activity:** Law; Literature and Writing  
**Author:** Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

Born at Caernarvon, 1860, son of [John Owen Griffith](#) (loan Arfon) and Ann (formerly Roberts). He was educated at the Liverpool institute and University College, Aberystwyth. For many years he practised as a solicitor at Bangor. He became a barrister of the Middle Temple in 1903, joining the North Wales and Chester circuit. In 1915 he became stipendiary magistrate for Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare, a position which he held until his retirement in 1935. On the literary side he was a keen eisteddfodwr; he assumed the bardic name of Elphin. He wrote two volumes of Welsh verse (*Murmuron Menai* and *O Fôr i Fynydd*) and a Welsh comedy entitled *Y Bardd a'r Cerddor*. With [David Edwards](#) (1858 - 1916) and [John Owen Jones](#) (1861 - 1899), he produced the pseudonymous *The Welsh Pulpit: divers notes and opinions. By a Scribe, a Pharisee, and a Lawyer* (1894) - Griffith was the 'Lawyer'. He also contributed as literary critic to Welsh periodicals such as *Y Geninen*. He died at Cardiff 26 December 1936, and was buried at Llandudno 31 December.

### Author

Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

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