

# GRIFFITH, OWEN (Eryr Eryri, 1839 - 1903), musician

Name: Owen Griffith Pseudonym: Eryr Eryri Date of birth: 1839 Date of death: 1903 Parent: Griffith Owen Gender: Male Occupation: musician

Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts

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Born 12 August 1839 at Penllyn, near Cwm-y-glo, Caernarfonshire, the son of Griffith Owen, a good musician and conductor of the Llan-rug band. He joined the Waun-fawr choir and received some instruction in music from its conductor, Pierce Williams. When the latter relinquished the leadership of the choir in 1866 Owen Griffith succeeded him. Under his leadership this choir was successful at many eisteddfodau, including the national eisteddfudau held at Bangor, 1874, Pwllheli, 1875, and Birkenhead. He wrote some songs, together with an anthem, 'Da was, da a ffyddlon.' He conducted singing festivals and also acted as music adjudicator. He died 4 January 1903 and was buried in Llan-rug churchyard.

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