

## JAMES, JOHN (1815 - 1869), poet and hymnwriter

**Name:** John James  
**Date of birth:** 1815  
**Date of death:** 1869  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet and hymnwriter  
**Area of activity:** Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Moelwyn Idwal Williams

Born at Colwinston, Glamorganshire. When only a child of 3 he was blinded for life. Though deprived of the advantages of early education, he became the author of numerous hymns and poems. Many of his compositions were published - *Seren Bethlehem* (Bridgend, 1849; 2nd ed. Aberdare, 1865); *Casgliad o Emynau Gwreiddiol* (Aberdare, n.d.; the translation was by [Isaac Jenkins](#)); *Twyni Tregolwyn* (Aberdare, 1864). He was a member of the Wesleyan church at Colwinston. He died in March 1869, and was buried on the 19th of the same month at Colwinston.

### Author

**Dr Moelwyn Idwal Williams**

### Sources

Foreword to *Seren Bethlehem sef hymnau gwreiddiol, ar wahanol destynau crefyddol* (Bridgend 1859) (Bridgend, 1859)

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