

## JAMES, JOHN (Ioan ap Iago), poet and hymnwriter, who lived in the second half of the 18th century and the early part of the 19th

**Name:** John James  
**Pseudonym:** Ioan ap Iago  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet and hymnwriter  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Poetry  
**Author:** Daniel Evans

there is considerable uncertainty about the dates of his birth and death. He lived in the Cil-y-cwm district of Llandovery and was a carpenter by trade. He never received formal schooling, but through his own efforts became a good scholar, his main interests being history, political economy, and poetry. He turned to religion at an early age, was a member of Soar Calvinistic Methodist chapel at Cil-y-cwm for forty-six years and an elder for twenty-five years. He was generally known as 'Jacki Siams.' He became a fairly well known poet in his day and wrote a number of hymns. In 1828, after his death, J. Jones of Llandovery published a small volume of his works, *Ehediadau Barddonol*.

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### Sources

*Ehediadau Barddonol ar amryw destunau yn cynnwys sylwadau ar Gwyp a Chodiad Dyn, Teyrnas y Cyfryngwr, myfyrodau ar ryfeloedd, ac amserau caledion a therfysgol; ynghyd ag amryw destunau duwiol a dyddanol ereill, 1828*

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