

OWEN, MARY (1796 - 1875), hymn-writer

Name: Mary Owen
Date of birth: 1796
Date of death: 1875
Spouse: Robert Owen
Spouse: Thomas Davies
Parent: Mary Rees
Parent: David Rees
Gender: Female
Occupation: hymn-writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Music; Poetry; Religion
Authors: Thomas Mardy Rees, Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born at Ynys-y-maerdy, Briton Ferry, Glamorganshire, daughter of David and Mary Rees. Her father was a deacon in Maes-yr-haf chapel, Neath. Religious meetings were held in her home and she began to write hymns.

She was persuaded by **William Williams** (Caledfryn) to publish a selection *Hymnau ar Amryw Destunau* (1839), reprinted 1840, 1841, 1842. Among the hundred or more which she wrote are those beginning ' Caed modd i faddau beiau ' and ' Dyma gariad, pwy a'i traetha.'

She married (1) Thomas Davies, sea captain, Neath, and (2) the Rev. Robert Owen (died 1857). She received a licence to keep a school.

She died 26 May 1875, and was buried at Briton Ferry.

Authors

Reverend Thomas Mardy Rees, (1871 - 1953)

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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