

## WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN (Gwynionydd; 1821 - 1891), cleric and author

**Name:** Benjamin Williams  
**Pseudonym:** Gwynionydd  
**Date of birth:** 1821  
**Date of death:** 1891  
**Child:** Ivor Pryse Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Born 24 June 1821 at Seilach in the parish of Penbryn, Cardiganshire. He was a cousin to **D. Silvan Evans**. Originally a Congregationalist, he joined the Established Church. He received some education at Fishguard, and became master of a **Madam Bevan** school. In 1874 he was ordained deacon, becoming curate to his patron, D. H. Davies, incumbent of Troed-yr-aur; later he was preferred to the living of Llanover, Monmouth. He published (a) two volumes of poems - *Caniadau* (Aberystwyth, 1867) and *Briallen Glan Ceri* (Carmarthen, 1873), (b) a short essay on **Lewis Glyn Cothi** (Carmarthen, 1866), (c) *Enwogion Ceredigion* (Carmarthen, 1869), a biographical work which is still consulted. He also contributed to *Y Brython*, *Yr Haul*, and *Archaeologia Cambrensis*. He was a successful competitor at eisteddfodau, being awarded a prize for 'Hanes Castellnewydd-Emlyn' (in *Cyfansoddiadau Buddugol yn Eisteddfod Castellnewydd-Emlyn*, 1860), and another at the Aberystwyth eisteddfod, 1865, for an essay on Cardiganshire traditions. He died 7 December 1891.

### Author

**Sir William Llewelyn Davies**, (1887 - 1952)

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