

WILLIAMS, DAVID (Iwan; 1796 - 1823), Baptist minister

Name: David Williams
Pseudonym: Iwan
Date of birth: 1796
Date of death: 1823
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born January 1796 in the parish of Llanwnnen, Cardiganshire. He attended the chapel at Aberduar where his step-father, David Davies, ministered. After courses at the Castell-hywel grammar school and Bristol Academy he had charge for a short time of the preparatory school for preachers associated with the Tabernacle, Carmarthen; it was said that he knew Latin and Greek as well as he knew Welsh and English. He was a frequent contributor to *Seren Gomer*, 1818-23; he also wrote *Llythyr byr oddi wrth Dwrch daear at ei fam*, and *Serious remarks on the ordinance of baptism*. His *awdl* 'Cerddoriaeth' was published in *Grisiau Cerdd Arwest* (Ieuan Ddu). Early in 1822 he and his family sailed from Carmarthen for Devonshire where he intended to become a minister and schoolmaster, but a severe storm obliged them to seek refuge in Swansea. **Joseph Harris** (Gomer) gave the family shelter and kept Williams to preach to English congregations at Swansea and to instruct his son John in the classics. He died 10 January 1823. 'P. A. Môn' composed an elegiac *awdl*, and **Caledfryn** elegiac *englynion* in his memory.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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