

WILLIAMS, ROBERT HERBERT (Corfanydd; (1805 - 1876), musician

Pseudonym: Corfanydd Date of birth: 1805 Date of death: 1876 Gender: Male Occupation: musician Area of activity: Music Author: Robert David Griffith

Born in the parish of Bangor, Caernarfonshire. The parents moved to Liverpool when the son was quite young. Brought up as a clothier, he established a business in Basnett Street, Williamson Square. When he was only 17 he composed a hymn-tune 'Deisyfiad,' known later as 'Dymuniad.' This appeared first in Y Drysorfa, January 1835; it was published later in Casgliad o Donau (J. Ambrose Lloyd), 1843. Some doubts were expressed as to who had composed this tune but John Roberts (leuan Gwyllt), J. Ambrose Lloyd, William Ambrose (Emrys), and William Evans (under whose conductorship it had been sung first, at Tabernacle chapel, Liverpool) testified that it was the work of Corfanydd. He wrote other hymn-tunes and published a small collection in 1848 under the title of Alawydd Trefriw. For some years he lived at Drogheda, Ireland. He returned to Liverpool for a while and then, owing to ill-health, went to live in a house called Corfandy, Menai Bridge, where he died 20 November 1876; he was buried in Lantseilie or hymn-tunes. Llantysilio churchyard.

## **Author**

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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