

## WILLIAMS, JOHN (1760 - 1826), cleric and schoolmaster

**Name:** John Williams

**Date of birth:** 1760

**Date of death:** 1826

**Parent:** John Williams

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** cleric and schoolmaster

**Area of activity:** Education; History and Culture; Religion

**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

son of John Williams, agent to the Gwydir Estate, Llanrwst. Educated at Jesus College, Oxford (matriculated 15 May 1777, aged 17, B.A. 1781, M.A. Fellow of his college), he was ordained in the diocese of Bangor, 19 September 1784, and licensed to the chapelry of Betws-y-Coed. He became master of the Free school, Llanrwst, and 'Lecturer,' in 1791, being also perpetual curate of Dolwyddelan and Capel Curig. On 25 August 1802, he was appointed rector of Llanbedr-y-Cennin and Caerhun. He was succeeded at Llanrwst school by Edward Davies in 1812. He died in 1826, aged 66, according to his tombstone, and was buried 9 October at Llanbedr-y-Cennin.

John Williams is included in this Dictionary because of his interest in Welsh literature and records, and particularly because he was the means of preserving for posterity a substantial group of the Wynn of Gwydir Papers (see introduction to N.L.W. *Calendar of the Wynn (of Gwydir) Papers*, 1926), the letters of **Goronwy Owen**, which were published by J. H. Davies in 1924, and some letters of **Edward Owen** of Warrington, the friend of **Goronwy Owen**. [NLW MS 30B](#) , [NLW MS 31B](#) , [NLW MS 32B](#) , [NLW MS 33B](#) , [NLW MS 34B](#) , [NLW MS 58B](#) , [NLW MS 107B](#) , [NLW MS 109B](#) , [NLW MS 276A](#) , [NLW MS 302C](#) , [NLW MS 343B](#) , [NLW MS 344D](#) , [NLW MS 345B](#) are also from the collection of John Williams.

### Author

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

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