

WILLIAMS, JOHN LEWIS (1882 - 1916), Wales and Cardiff Rugby wing three-quarter, and coal exporter (Greenslade and Williams)

Name: John Lewis Williams
Date of birth: 1882
Date of death: 1916
Parent: Edward Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Wales and Cardiff Rugby wing three-quarter, and coal exporter (Greenslade and Williams)
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Sports and Leisure Pursuits
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Born 3 January 1882, the son of Edward Williams, Llwynycelyn, Whitchurch, Cardiff. He was one of the principals in the firm of Messrs. Greenslade and Williams, coal exporters, Cardiff Docks. After playing rugby for Whitchurch he joined the Cardiff club and played his first game for them in 1903. In 1909-10 he captained the Cardiff XV. He played for Wales seventeen times between 1906 and 1911, in which year he retired. He was a member of the British team that toured New Zealand and Australia in 1908 and wrote to the *South Wales Daily News* and *South Wales Echo* a series of articles describing incidents on that tour. In the first World War he went to France with a service battalion of the Welch Regiment and held the rank of captain. He died 12 July 1916 from wounds received in action.

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