

WILLIAMS, MORGAN (1808 - 1883), chartist

Name: Morgan Williams
Date of birth: 1808
Date of death: 1883
Gender: Male
Occupation: chartist
Area of activity: Anti Establishment; Politics, Government and Political Movements
Author: Edward Ivor Williams

son of a prominent Unitarian at Merthyr Tydfil, where he was born in 1808. He was a web and flannel manufacturer, and supplied the uniforms - waistcoats for men and aprons for women - worn by Merthyr chartists. A founder member of the Merthyr Subscription Library, and secretary of the Merthyr Working Men's Association, his was the leading literary talent among the chartists of Merthyr. He was one of five appointed to the National Chartist Association in 1841 and 1842 and attended the convention in London in 1842. At the time of the Newport outbreak in November 1839, he was away purchasing a press for printing the chartist newspaper, *Udgonr Cymru*, which he published, with **David John**. He possessed an extensive collection of books, part of which he bequeathed to the Merthyr Tydfil Library. At the time of his death, 17 October 1883, at Merthyr, he had been registrar of marriages, etc., there for thirty years. An article by him on **Edward Williams** (Iolo Morganwg) appeared in *Red Dragon*, ii.

Author

Edward Ivor Williams, (1885 - 1958)

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