

## WILLIAMS, OWEN (GAIANYDD) (1865 - 1928), Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author

**Name:** Owen (Gaianydd) Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1865  
**Date of death:** 1928  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Katharine Monica Davies

Born 8 October 1865 in the parish of Llangwyllog, Anglesey. He worked on a farm until he was 10 years old, when he met with a serious accident which affected him for the rest of his life. He received his education under the Rev. Hugh Richards at Llannerch-y-medd, the Rev. R. M. Jones at Holyhead, and at the University College, Bangor. He was ordained in 1897 and became pastor of the churches of Ro Wen and Tyn-y-groes, where he remained until his death on 11 November 1928. He was an able preacher and a conscientious pastor who gave his services freely to all the people of the district. He was an historian and writer of some considerable merit and made a special study of the history and antiquities of his native county. He contributed to many periodicals and newspapers. He won several prizes at local eisteddfodau on historical subjects; he also acted as an adjudicator. He was married and had two sons and a daughter. He published ' Hanes Llanerchymedd a'i Henwogion ' in *Hanes a Chyfansoddiadau Arobryn Eisteddfod Llanerchymedd* (Cymdeithas Eisteddfod Môn, 1906); *Ein Pobl Ieuainc ...* (Caernarvon, 1906); *Dafydd Jones o Drefriw (1708-1785)* (Caernarvon, 1907); *Dewis Aelod Seneddol: Drama Gymreig* (Conway, 1910); *Cymeriadau'r Hen Destament ...* (Conway, 1926).

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