

WILLIAMS, RICHARD (1802 - 1842), Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author

Name: Richard Williams
Date of birth: 1802
Date of death: 1842
Spouse: Mary Williams (née Hughes)
Parent: Mary Williams (née Roberts)
Parent: Richard Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister, and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: William Emyr Williams

Born at Winllan, Llanbryn-mair, 31 January 1802, son of Richard and Mary Williams, and brother of **William Williams** (Gwilym Cyfeiliog). He was educated first at a school kept by his uncle, the **Rev. John Roberts** (1767 - 1834), then at the school of **William Owen** (1788 - 1838), and later in schools at Birmingham, Wrexham, and Liverpool. After some time had elapsed he opened a school of his own at Liverpool. In 1830 he married Mary, daughter of the **Rev. Thomas Hughes** of Liverpool (1758 - 1828) in 1834 he gave up his school in order to become a Calvinistic Methodist preacher. He was ordained in 1835 at Bala, and spent the rest of his life as minister of Rose Place chapel, Mulberry Street, Liverpool. He was one of the founders of the Calvinistic Methodist Foreign Mission Society and, as first chairman of the committee, was elected to bring the matter to the notice of the Calvinistic Methodist Associations held at Llanfaircaereinion and Neath in 1840. In 1841 he edited, jointly with the Rev. Joseph Williams, a collection of hymns. He wrote, among other things, *Y Pregethwr a'r Gwrandawr*, 1840 - a series of dialogues originally published in the *Drysorfa*, 1838-9. He died 30 August 1842 at Liverpool.

Author

William Emyr Williams, (1889 - 1958)

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