

## WILLIAMS, JOHN RICHARD (J.R. Tryfanwy; 1867 - 1924), poet

**Name:** John Richard Williams  
**Pseudonym:** J.r. Tryfanwy  
**Date of birth:** 1867  
**Date of death:** 1924  
**Parent:** Mary Williams  
**Parent:** Owen Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Poetry  
**Author:** William Gilbert Williams

Born at Tan y Manod, Rhostryfan, 29 September 1867, the only child of Owen and Mary Williams, who later (1880) removed to Tyddyn Difyr, Moeltryfan. Upon the death of the father in a quarry accident the mother and son returned to Tan y Manod. The death of the mother soon followed and the blind and deaf son was removed to Portmadoc where he was placed under the care of an aunt. He had shown an early aptitude for poetry, and in spite of his physical disadvantages he acquired complete mastery of the rules of poesy. He won ten bardic chairs at various eisteddfodau (yr Eifl, y Ddraig Goch, Liverpool, Anglesey, Flint, etc.), and wrote much to *Cymru (O.M.E.)* and other periodicals. He published two volumes of poetry - *Lloffion yr Amddifad*, 1892, and *Ar Fin y Traeth*, 1910. Over a long period he was under the constant care and attention of his friend [Eifion Wyn](#). He died 19 March 1924, and was buried at Portmadoc.

### Author

**William Gilbert Williams**, (1874 - 1966)

### Sources

A biographical manuscript written by his cousin

### Further Reading

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