

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM (Gwilym ab Iorwerth; 1800? - 1859), poet

Name: William Williams
Pseudonym: Gwilym ab Iorwerth
Date of birth: 1800?
Date of death: 1859
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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Born at Esgair-gadwyth-fach, in the parish of Darowen, Montgomeryshire, c. 1800. His father was a labourer and mole-catcher and he, too, followed the same occupations for a time. With the help of Pugh of Esgair (Llanbryn-mair), and the Rev. Thos. Richards and Miss Richards of Darowen, he learned a little Welsh, English, and arithmetic. He then went to Cardiganshire, where he married. Late in life he returned to Darowen and kept a school at Melinbyrhedyn. After this he was given the work of looking after the road at Carno and then at Clatter toll-gate, Pont-dol-goch. He then went to Llanidloes, then to Llawr-y-glyn to keep a day school, and finally to Ranc-y-mynydd, Dylife. He was buried at Dylife, 12 February 1859, at the age of 58. Letters which he wrote appeared from time to time in *Y Gwyllyddydd*. He sent poetry for competition on a number of occasions and some of his *awdlau* - 'Diluw,' 'Plaau'r Aipht,' and 'Heddwch' - have been preserved in the original manuscripts.

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