

## DAVIES, MARY (Mair Eifion; 1846 - 1882), poet

**Name:** Mary Davies  
**Pseudonym:** Mair Eifion  
**Date of birth:** 1846  
**Date of death:** 1882  
**Parent:** Jennet Davies  
**Parent:** Lewis Davies  
**Gender:** Female  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Poetry  
**Author:** Idwal Lewis

Born 17 October 1846 at Portmadoc, where she lived all her life, the elder daughter of captain Lewis Davies and Jennet, his wife, of the Tregunter Arms, Portmadoc. She was educated at a private school at Portmadoc which was maintained by a daughter of **William Rees** (Gwilym Hiraethog). At an early age she showed an aptitude for writing poetry and received instruction from **Ioan Madog** (John Williams, 1812 - 1878) and **Emrys** (William Ambrose, 1813 - 1873). Much of her early work appeared in *Y Dysgedydd*, which was then edited by **Emrys**. She was a frequent competitor at literary meetings at Portmadoc and the surrounding district, winning several prizes for poetry and essays. She was admitted to the Gorsedd circle at the National Eisteddfod at Pwllheli in 1875. Her poetical works were edited by **William Roberts** (Gwilym Eryri, 1844 - 1895) and published after her death. She died, unmarried, 8 October 1882 and was buried at Soar, Talsarnau.

### Author

**Idwal Lewis**

### Sources

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### Further Reading

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