

DAVIES, WILLIAM (Gwilym Teilo; 1831 - 1892); man of letters, poet, and historian

Name: William Davies
Pseudonym: Gwilym Teilo
Date of birth: 1831
Date of death: 1892
Parent: D. Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: man of letters, poet, and historian
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born at Pontbrenareth, Llandilo, Carmarthenshire, 1831. His father was a poet known by the name of ' Dafydd Ddu o'r De.' He served his apprenticeship as a pharmacist, spent some years in Glamorgan following his profession, but returned in due course to Llandilo, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was editor of *Yr Oes*, 1853, and for a time, about 1864, had a share in the editing of *Y Cylchgrawn*. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the eisteddfod and enjoyed the friendship of [Islwyn](#) and [Dewi Wyn o Epyllt](#). He took part in many of the literary and poetic contests and won a number of important prizes. His chief work is his essay on Welsh literature ('Llenyddiaeth y Cymru'), which won him a £60 prize at the national eisteddfod held at Caernarvon in 1862. This was intended to be a sequel to *The Literature of the Kymry* by [Thomas Stephens](#), but was never published (the manuscript is now in the National Library of Wales). He was a frequent contributor to the periodicals of his time, and a novel written by him appeared in *Y Byd Cymreig*, 1862. He published his *Llandilo-Vawr and its Neighbourhood*, 1858, and *Traethawd ar Caio a'i Hynafiaethau*, 1862. A volume of his poetry, *Gweithiau Gwilym Teilo*, was published under the editorship of [Peter Hughes Griffiths](#). He died at Llandilo, 3 October 1892, and was buried there.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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