

GRIFFITH, ROBERT ARTHUR (Elphin, 1860 - 1936), author and lawyer

Name: Robert Arthur Griffith
Pseudonym: Elphin
Date of birth: 1860
Date of death: 1936
Parent: Ann Griffith (née Roberts)
Parent: John Owen Griffith
Gender: Male
Occupation: author and lawyer
Area of activity: Law; Literature and Writing
Author: Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

Born at Caernarvon, 1860, son of [John Owen Griffith](#) (Ioan Arfon) and Ann (formerly Roberts). He was educated at the Liverpool institute and University College, Aberystwyth. For many years he practised as a solicitor at Bangor. He became a barrister of the Middle Temple in 1903, joining the North Wales and Chester circuit. In 1915 he became stipendiary magistrate for Merthyr Tydfil and Aberdare, a position which he held until his retirement in 1935. On the literary side he was a keen eisteddfodwr; he assumed the bardic name of Elphin. He wrote two volumes of Welsh verse (*Murmuron Menai* and *O Fôr i Fynydd*) and a Welsh comedy entitled *Y Bardd a'r Cerddor*. With [David Edwards](#) (1858 - 1916) and [John Owen Jones](#) (1861 - 1899), he produced the pseudonymous *The Welsh Pulpit: divers notes and opinions. By a Scribe, a Pharisee, and a Lawyer* (1894) - Griffith was the 'Lawyer'. He also contributed as literary critic to Welsh periodicals such as *Y Geninen*. He died at Cardiff 26 December 1936, and was buried at Llandudno 31 December.

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