

GRIFFITH, WALTER (1819 - 1846), advocate of free trade

Name: Walter Griffith

Date of birth: 1819

Date of death: 1846

Parent: David Griffith

Gender: Male

Occupation: advocate of free trade

Area of activity: Business and Industry; Law; Poetry; Politics, Government and Political Movements

Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

his father was David Griffith of Blowty in Llŷn, who was Independent minister of Tal-y-sarn (1814-30), afterwards shopkeeper at Bethesda till 1840, and then minister at Ruabon (*Hanes Eglwysi Annibynnol Cymru*, iii, 228, iv, 30); he died in 1843. Walter Griffith was born in August 1819, and apprenticed to a shopkeeper at Bethesda. Removing to Manchester as assistant to a hatter, he was drawn into the anti-corn-law movement, and was appointed lecturer in North Wales for the anti-corn-law league. He held meetings in the North Wales counties, wrote on free trade in *Y Dysgedydd*, and in 1840 published a pamphlet, *Treth y Bara*. He died at Abergele [? Conway] in 1846. Under the pseudonym Gwallter Bach he produced a good deal of verse.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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