

## GRIFFITHS, WILLIAM (1859 - 1940), Unitarian minister and Hebrew scholar

**Name:** William Griffiths

**Date of birth:** 1859

**Date of death:** 1940

**Spouse:** Florence Griffiths (née Davies)

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** Unitarian minister and Hebrew scholar

**Area of activity:** Religion; Scholarship and Languages

**Author:** Thomas Oswald Williams

Born at Cwmllynfell and educated at Gwynfryn school, Carmarthen Presbyterian College (1882-6), and Yale, U.S.A. (1886-91 or 92) where he graduated B.D. and Ph.D. In his early days he was an Independent, but on his return to Wales from the U.S.A. he became a Unitarian, was a missionary in North Wales (1892-3), minister at Pontypridd (1893-1900), and later minister of a number of Unitarian churches in England.

He was reputed to be a good Hebraist and had made an intensive study of the Psalms. He edited *Y Pelydryn*, 1896; *Stepping Stone*, 1896-7; *Casgliad o Emynau*, 1893; and published a number of pamphlets and sermons in Welsh and English.

He married Florence Davies of Trow-bridge, 18 May 1897, and they had several children. He died 7 July 1940 at Clydach, near Swansea.

### Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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