

HARRI or HARRY, WILLIAM (Gwilym Garw-dyle, 1763 - 1844), poet

Name: William Harri
Pseudonym: Gwilym Garw-dyle
Date of birth: 1763
Date of death: 1844
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 18 December 1763 at Garw-dyle in Penderyn, Brecknock, a grandson, it is said, of the poet [Siôn Llewelyn](#) of Vaynor. He was a weaver, as were his brothers Siôn Harri of Vaynor and [Edward Harri](#) of Cefn-Coed-y-Cymer. After farming unsuccessfully at Llwyn-onn, Penderyn, he spent the greater part of his life at Pontbrenllwyd; he had nine children. He died 11 July 1844 in the house of one of his sons, at Dowlais, in his eighty-second year. He wrote satirical and religious verse; he was a Unitarian. He published two volumes, *Yr Awen Resymol*, 1828, and *Nodd Awen*, 1835.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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