

## JONES, REES (Amnon; 1797 - 1844) farmer and poet

**Name:** Rees Jones  
**Pseudonym:** Amnon  
**Date of birth:** 1797  
**Date of death:** 1844  
**Spouse:** Mary Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** farmer and poet  
**Area of activity:** Nature and Agriculture; Poetry  
**Author:** Thomas Oswald Williams

Born at Talgarreg, 8 October 1797, the elder brother of [John Jones](#) (1802 - 1863). He lost his father when he was 12 years of age. He had been to [David Davis](#) of Castellhywel's school and could read Latin, but, owing to his family's straitened circumstances, was withdrawn from school and spent the remainder of his life farming. As a young man he married Mary, daughter of the Nantyrmenyn family, who died nine years later; in 1828 he married a second time. He died 15 February 1844, and was buried in Pantydefaid cemetery. He is remembered as the author of *Crwth Dyffryn Clettwr*, 1848. He wrote verse in both the strict and free metres, and his poems reveal a progressive mind. Having regard to the fact that he left school before he was 15, the *Crwth* shows great promise. Many of his poems are quoted locally to this day; his ' Politics Pegy,' ' Fy Nhadcu,' ' Awdl Gofiant Beirdd Ceredigion,' and ' Ymddiddan rhwng David Lloyd a Sara Gwarallt-yr-yn ' will be remembered; and there is a very modern ring about his ' Cwyn Gweithdai y Tlodion.' He probably did more than any one else to rouse and liberalize the intellectual faculties of the countrymen living in the surrounding districts.

### Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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