

OWEN, WILLIAM (Gwilym Ddu Glan Hafren; 1788 - 1838), schoolmaster and musician

Name: William Owen
Pseudonym: Gwilym Ddu Glan Hafren;
Date of birth: 1788
Date of death: 1838
Gender: Male
Occupation: schoolmaster and musician
Area of activity: Education; Music; Religion
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born at Brynhafod, Clynnog, Caernarfonshire, in 1788. [Ebenezer Thomas](#) (Eben Fardd) described him as 'an excellent scholar, a bard, and a fine musician.' About the year 1815 he went to Welshpool as schoolmaster and, later, to Newtown; he also preached with the Calvinistic Methodists and contributed to the various periodicals. In 1828 he published *Y Caniedydd Crefyddol* which contained an exposition of the art of congregational singing and a collection of hymn-tunes; this book was dedicated to [John Jenkins](#) (Ifor Ceri), incumbent of Kerry, Montgomeryshire. He died 8 October 1838, and was buried at Newtown.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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