

## PARRY, HUGH (Cefni; 1826 - 1895), Baptist minister, poet, littérateur, and theologian

**Name:** Hugh Parry  
**Pseudonym:** Cefni  
**Date of birth:** 1826  
**Date of death:** 1895  
**Spouse:** Mary Ann Parry (née Harding)  
**Parent:** Ellinor Parry  
**Parent:** Owen Parry  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister, poet, littérateur, and theologian  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Benjamin George Owens

Born 20 September 1826, in the parish of Cerrig-ceinwen, Anglesey, son of Owen and Ellinor Parry, Tyddyn Sawdwr, Llangefni. He was originally a member of the Congregational churches at Llangefni and Rhos-y-meirch, and was ordained minister at Bagillt 26 December 1848, but seceded to the Baptists at Llangefni 6 October 1850 and held pastorates at Rhos-y-bol (January-May 1851) Dowlais (May 1851-5), Bangor (1855-7), Brymbo and Moss (1857-60), Tal-y-bont, Cardiganshire (1860-4), London (Tottenham Court Road) (1864-7), and Cardiff (1867-70). He emigrated to America in 1870 and spent the greater part of his time there in the pastorate of Dodgeville (Wisconsin) (1885-95), but he returned several times to Wales and was pastor at Holywell in 1884-5. He died at Llangefni, 18 May 1895, and was buried at Rhos-y-meirch. He married (in 1847 or during his pastorate at Rhos-y-bol) Mary Ann Harding of Caernarvon. He was successful in the pryddest competition at the national eisteddfod at Swansea, 1863, and published articles and poetry of a high standard in the Welsh and American periodical press.

### Author

Benjamin George Owens

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