

POWELL, WILLIAM (Gwilym Pennant; 1830 - 1902), poet

Name: William Powell
Pseudonym: Gwilym Pennant
Date of birth: 1830
Date of death: 1902
Spouse: Powell (née Jones)
Spouse: Mary Powell (née Theodore)
Parent: Catrin Powell
Parent: Ellis Powell
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
Author: Thomas Isfryn Jones

Born August 1830 at Tai Duon, Dolbenmaen, Caernarfonshire, son of Ellis and Catrin Powell. Until 17 April 1852, when he went to London, he was employed in the slate quarries at Llanberis. He wrote all kinds of poetry and his works were published in *Y Faner*, *Yr Herald*, and other periodicals. In London he was employed as a stonecutter and polisher. He was a keen competitor at eisteddfodau and among his many successes were silver medals at the national eisteddfod, Llandudno, 1864, the Swansea eisteddfod, 1863, and at the Llangefni eisteddfod. He was fifth for the chair at the Merthyr eisteddfod, 1888. He married (1), Mary Theodore, Llanfair Caereinion, by whom he had five children, and (2), 1895, a Miss Jones of Westminster. He died 16 July 1902, and was buried in London.

Author

Thomas Isfryn Jones

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