

REES, ROBERT OLIVER (1819 - 1881), apothecary, publisher, and author

Name: Robert Oliver Rees
Date of birth: 1819
Date of death: 1881
Parent: Catherine Rees
Gender: Male
Occupation: apothecary, publisher, and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Medicine; Printing and Publishing; Science and Mathematics
Author: Daniel Williams

Born at Dolgelley - his mother (Catherine Rees) was a descendant of the family of Owen of Pantphylip, Llangelynnin, Merioneth. He knew [Evan Jones](#) (Ieuan Gwynedd) and published a biography of that writer, 1876. He arranged for the publication of *Cysondeb y Pedair Efengyl* (E. Robinson), 1855, the works of [David Richards](#) (Dafydd Ionawr) and poems by [Sarah Jane Rees](#) (Cranogwen). A small book which he wrote on Mary Jones, the young Merioneth Welshwoman whose long walk to Bala in order to procure from [Thomas Charles](#) a copy of the Welsh *Bible* led, indirectly, to the foundation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, proved exceedingly popular; it was translated into the language of the Khassis, Assam. R. O. Rees was also largely instrumental in arranging for the erecting of the statue of [Thomas Charles](#) at Bala. He died 12 February 1881.

Author

Reverend Daniel Williams, (1878 - 1968)

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