

## ROBERTS, RICHARD (GWYLFA) (1871 - 1935), Congregational minister, poet and prose-writer

**Name:** Richard Roberts  
**Pseudonym:** Gwylfa  
**Date of birth:** 1871  
**Date of death:** 1935  
**Parent:** Ellen Roberts  
**Parent:** Richard Roberts  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister, poet and prose-writer  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 24 May (according to *Who's Who in Wales*, presumably his own statement), but according to some obituary notices, 22 May 1871, at Penmaenmawr, son of Richard and Ellen Roberts. He was at Botwnnog grammar school, and in 1892 went to Bala-Bangor Independent College. In 1895 he became pastor at Felinheli ('Port Dinorwic'); from 1898 till his death he was pastor of Tabernacle church, Llanelly. He was a popular preacher, and a diligent writer; a frequent contributor to the periodical press, he was editor of *Y Diwygiwr* for 1906, one of the editors of *Y Dysgedydd*, 1912-14, and sole editor of it in 1931-3. In 1932 he edited the works of [Rhys J. Huws](#). He was on two occasions (Ffestiniog, 1898, and Cardiff, 1899) 'crowned' at the national eisteddfod, and was runner-up for the 'crown' at Swansea, 1907. In 1898 he published a volume of poetry, *Y Drain Gwynion*. He was 'recorder' of the 'Gorsedd of Bards' at the time of his death; he died 8 July 1935 at Penmaenmawr, and was buried at Llanelly.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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