

## ROBERTS, WILLIAM (Gwilym Eryri; 1844 - 1895?), poet and editor

**Name:** William Roberts  
**Pseudonym:** Gwilym Eryri  
**Date of birth:** 1844  
**Date of death:** 1895?  
**Parent:** Catherine Roberts  
**Parent:** David Roberts  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet and editor  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing; Poetry  
**Author:** Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

Born 22 March 1844 at Portmadoc, Caernarfonshire, the son of David and Catherine Roberts. He is said to have been a sailmaker. He won in many poetical competitions at eisteddfodau - mostly local, but also including the national eisteddfod held at Caernarvon in 1877. In 1879 he edited a volume of verse entitled *Lloffion y Flwyddyn*, which had appeared in the bardic column of the *Herald Gymraeg*, and in the 1880s a volume of the works of [Mary Davies](#) (1846 - 1882), the Portmadoc poetess, under the title *Blodeu Eifion, sef Gwaith Barddonol Mair Eifion*. Three of his own poems, which he had submitted in the competition for the chair at the national eisteddfod in 1884, 1887, and 1894 respectively, were published, viz., *Awdl ar Gwilym Hiraethog*, 1884; *Y Frenhines Victoria*, 1887; and *Hunan Aberth*, 1894. Other poems appear in manuscript in N.L.W. MSS. 2126 and 6679.

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### Sources

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