

## THOMAS, JOSEPH WILLIAM (1846 - 1914), chemist

**Name:** Joseph William Thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1846  
**Date of death:** 1914  
**Parent:** Daniel Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** chemist  
**Area of activity:** Science and Mathematics  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 9 March 1846 at Llwyn-y-grant (Pen-y-lan), Cardiff, the son of Daniel Thomas, builder. He studied chemistry for some years in the Royal College of Science, specialising in the analysis of coal-mine gases - his *Coal-mine gases and Ventilation*, 1878, was for a considerable time the standard text-book on the subject. He returned to Wales where he became analyst to the county of Glamorgan and the towns of Cardiff and Newport. He died suddenly in London, 3 March 1914. He was a naturalist, and left his extensive collection of insects to the National Museum of Wales.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1932-3 (with a list of his papers)

### Additional Links

Wikidata: [Q20733739](https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q20733739)

**Published date:** 1959

**Article Copyright:** <http://rightsstatements.org/page/InC/1.0/> 

The Dictionary of Welsh Biography is provided by The National Library of Wales and the University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies. It is free to use and does not receive grant support. A donation would help us maintain and improve the site so that we can continue to acknowledge Welsh men and women who have made notable contributions to life in Wales and beyond.

Find out more on our [sponsorship page](#).

