

WALTER, ROWLAND (Ionoron Glan Dwryd; 1819 - 1884), quarryman and poet

Name: Rowland Walter
Pseudonym: Ionoron Glan Dwryd
Date of birth: 1819
Date of death: 1884
Gender: Male
Occupation: quarryman and poet
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Poetry
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Cefnfaes, Congl-y-wal, Blaenau Ffestiniog, of parents who had come to the district from Margam, Glamorganshire.

He was about 19 when englynion by him appeared in *Y Gwladgarwr*. In 1852 he published *Lloffyn y Gweithiwr, sef Awdlau a Chaneuon ar Wahanol Destynau*. In the same year (or the next?) he emigrated to the U.S.A., to work as a quarryman at Hydeville, Vermont. He continued to write verse and much work by him appeared in *Y Cenhadwr Americanaidd* and *Y Drych*. In 1872 was published at Utica, *Caniadau Ionoron*.

He died March 1884 at Fairhaven, Vermont. According to *Blackwell* he was aged 64.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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