

Name: Benjamin Williams
Pseudonym: Gwynionydd
Date of birth: 1821
Date of death: 1891
Child: Ivor Pryse Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born 24 June 1821 at Seilach in the parish of Penbryn, Cardiganshire. He was a cousin to [D. Silvan Evans](#). Originally a Congregationalist, he joined the Established Church. He received some education at Fishguard, and became master of a [Madam Bevan](#) school. In 1874 he was ordained deacon, becoming curate to his patron, D. H. Davies, incumbent of Troed-yr-aur; later he was preferred to the living of Llanover, Monmouth. He published (*a*) two volumes of poems - *Caniadau* (Aberystwyth, 1867) and *Briallen Glan Ceri* (Carmarthen, 1873), (*b*) a short essay on [Lewis Glyn Cothi](#) (Carmarthen, 1866), (*c*) *Enwogion Ceredigion* (Carmarthen, 1869), a biographical work which is still consulted. He also contributed to *Y Brython*, *Yr Haul*, and *Archaeologia Cambrensis*. He was a successful competitor at eisteddfodau, being awarded a prize for 'Hanes Castellnewydd-Emlyn' (in *Cyfansoddiadau Buddugol yn Eisteddfod Castellnewydd-Emlyn*, 1860), and another at the Aberystwyth eisteddfod, 1865, for an essay on Cardiganshire traditions. He died 7 December 1891.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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