

WILLIAMS, DAVID (Iwan; 1796 - 1823), Baptist minister

Name: David Williams
Pseudonym: Iwan
Date of birth: 1796
Date of death: 1823
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born January 1796 in the parish of Llanwnnen, Cardiganshire. He attended the chapel at Aberduar where his step-father, David Davies, ministered. After courses at the Castell-hywel grammar school and Bristol Academy he had charge for a short time of the preparatory school for preachers associated with the Tabernacle, Carmarthen; it was said that he knew Latin and Greek as well as he knew Welsh and English. He was a frequent contributor to *Seren Gomer*, 1818-23; he also wrote *Llythyr byr oddi wrth Dwrch daear at ei fam*, and *Serious remarks on the ordinance of baptism*. His *awdl* 'Cerddoriaeth' was published in *Grisiau Cerdd Arwest* ([Ieuan Ddu](#)). Early in 1822 he and his family sailed from Carmarthen for Devonshire where he intended to become a minister and schoolmaster, but a severe storm obliged them to seek refuge in Swansea. [Joseph Harris](#) (Gomer) gave the family shelter and kept Williams to preach to English congregations at Swansea and to instruct his son John in the classics. He died 10 January 1823. '[P. A. Môn](#)' composed an elegiac *awdl*, and [Caledfryn](#) elegiac *englynion* in his memory.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

Sources

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