

## WILLIAMS, DAFYDD RHYS (Index; 1851 - 1931), author and journalist

**Name:** Dafydd Rhys Williams  
**Pseudonym:** Index  
**Date of birth:** 1851  
**Date of death:** 1931  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** author and journalist  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 8 May 1851 at Tai Hywel o'r Llwyn, Cefn Coed y Cymer, Brecknock., the son of a cattle drover. He began to work underground when he was 13 years old. He won prizes at eisteddfodau - for a drama at Aberdare, a *prydeist* at Treherbert, a poem at Jewin chapel (London) eisteddfod, and afterwards at national eisteddfodau held at Merthyr Tydfil and Denbigh. By this time he was working in London. Emigrating to the U.S.A. in 1883, he settled first at Brooklyn, Ohio, eventually becoming (1897) editor of *Y Drych* (Utica), a post which he held until his death. Among prizes which he won at American eisteddfodau was one of one hundred dollars at the eisteddfod held in conjunction with the Chicago World Fair, 1893. Before he had left for America he had published a series of articles in *Y Gwladgarwr* (Aberdare) which had somewhat disturbed bardic circles in Wales. Between 1893 and 1919 he published (in America) a series of works, among them being *Rhwng G g a Gwên*, 1903, *Am Dro i Erstalwm*, 1905?, *Llyfr Pedair Dameg*, 1907?, *Llyfr Pawb*, 1908?, *Llyfr y Ddau Brawf*, 1911?, *Llyfr y Ddau Adda*, 1919. He died 4 March 1931 at Cefn Coed y Cymer.

### Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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