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WILLIAMS, JOHN RICHARD (J.R. Tryfanwy; 1867 - 1924), poet

Name: John Richard Williams Pseudonym: J.r. Tryfanwy Date of birth: 1867 Date of death: 1924 Parent: Mary Williams Parent: Owen Williams Gender: Male Occupation: poet Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry Author: William Gilbert Williams

Born at Tan y Manod, Rhostryfan, 29 September 1867, the only child of Owen and Mary Williams, who later (1880) removed to Tyddyn Difyr, Moeltryfan. Upon the death of the father in a quarry accident the mother and son returned to Tan y Manod. The death of the mother soon followed and the blind and deaf son was removed to Portmadoc where he was placed under the care of an aunt. He had shown an early aptitude for poetry, and in spite of his physical disadvantages he acquired complete mastery of the rules of poesy. He won ten bardic chairs at various eisteddfodau (yr Eifl, y Ddraig Goch, Liverpool, Anglesey, Flint, etc.), and wrote much to *Cymru (O.M.E.)* and other periodicals. He published two volumes of poetry - *Lloffion yr Amddifad*, 1892, and *Ar Fin y Traeth*, 1910. Over a long period he was under the constant care and attention of his friend Eiflon Wyn. He died 19 March 1924, and was buried at Portmadoc.

Author

William Gilbert Williams, (1874 - 1966)

Sources

A biographical manuscript written by his cousin

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