

## WILLIAMS, THOMAS (Soranus, 1818-1865), physician and scientist

**Name:** Thomas Williams  
**Pseudonym:** Soranus  
**Date of birth:** 1818  
**Date of death:** 1865  
**Parent:** John Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** physician and scientist  
**Area of activity:** Medicine; Science and Mathematics  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1818, the son of John Williams, vicar of Llandyfriog, Cardiganshire. He went to London to study medicine, and in 1843 won the R.C.S. prize for an essay on ' The Structure and Functions of the Lungs '; he became a M.D. in 1845. After having spent some time at Guy's Hospital as a lecturer in anatomy, he started to practise at Swansea, where he gained a great reputation. From 1841 to 1858 he was a regular contributor to the London medical and scientific journals. In Swansea he published two monographs, A Sketch of the Relation ... between the Three Kingdoms of Nature, 1844, and The Science and Scientific Men of Wales, 1855, besides a report (1854) on the effects of the smoke of the copper works. He was elected F.R.S. in 1858. He died 23 May 1865.

### JOHN ROBERT WILLIAMS (bu farw 1852), clergyman

Brother of Thomas Williams. The first incumbent of the Welsh church established in Ely Place, London, in 1843, by the efforts of the second Society of Cymmrodorion, but later emigrated to the U.S.A., and died in New York in 1852.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

*Ceitho Manuscript at the National Library of Wales* in N.L.W. (on the two brothers)

*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1932-3, on Thomas Williams, with a list of his papers

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