

WILLIAMS, THOMAS Clwydfro (1821-1855), poet

Name: Thomas Williams
Pseudonym: Clwydfro
Date of birth: 1821
Date of death: 1855
Parent: Robert Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Glan-clwyd, Bodfari, the son of Robert Williams (below). He started to write poetry when he was very young, sending his work to the *Ceiniogwerth* (see [Jones, Lewis, 1808 - 1854](#)), the *Amserau*, and the *Beirniadur Cymreig*, (1845). He went out to Australia as a gold miner, and was in Melbourne in 1853 or 1854 (*Cymru, O.M.E.*, xxxi, 284). He died at Castlemaine, April 1855, 'aged 34.'

His father,

ROBERT WILLIAMS of Glan-clwyd, was also a poet

to whom have been attributed carols, hymns, and elegies (e.g. upon the above-mentioned [Lewis Jones](#), and upon [Richard Humphreys](#)). In 1836 he published *Casgliad o ganiadau ar wahanol destynau moesol a chrefyddol*, comprising work both by himself and others. Some people have confused him with another Robert Williams, also born at Glan-clwyd - it should be explained that 'Glan-clwyd' is the name given to two large farms together with the adjoining labourers' cottages; [Edward Williams](#), the divine (1750 - 1863), was the son of one of the farmers, but there does not appear to have been any connection between him and the two Robert Williamses, nor between the one and the other.

The second ROBERT WILLIAMS (1804 - 1855) was a Wesleyan minister; he began to preach in 1832, and died suddenly at Llandeilo 7 June 1855, at the age of 51. He contributed prose and verse to the *Eurgrawn*, and was editor of *Y Winllan*; he was one of the four ministers appointed in 1844 to revise the denominational hymn-book. He was also a musician, and in 1852 published a book of hymn-tunes, *Cydymaith yr Addolydd* (*Y Bywgraffydd Wesleyaidd*, 271-3).

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Sources

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