

## WILLIAMS, WILLIAM (Gwilym ab Iorwerth; 1800? - 1859), poet

**Name:** William Williams  
**Pseudonym:** Gwilym ab Iorwerth  
**Date of birth:** 1800?  
**Date of death:** 1859  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Enid Pierce Roberts

Born at Esgair-gadwyth-fach, in the parish of Darowen, Montgomeryshire, c. 1800. His father was a labourer and mole-catcher and he, too, followed the same occupations for a time. With the help of Pugh of Esgair (Llanbryn-mair), and the Rev. Thos. Richards and Miss Richards of Darowen, he learned a little Welsh, English, and arithmetic. He then went to Cardiganshire, where he married. Late in life he returned to Darowen and kept a school at Melinbyrhedyn. After this he was given the work of looking after the road at Carno and then at Clatter toll-gate, Pont-dol-goch. He then went to Llanidloes, then to Llawr-y-glyn to keep a day school, and finally to Ranc-y-mynydd, Dylife. He was buried at Dylife, 12 February 1859, at the age of 58. Letters which he wrote appeared from time to time in *Y Gwyllyddydd*. He sent poetry for competition on a number of occasions and some of his *awdlau* - ' Diluw,' ' Plaau'r Aipht,' and ' Heddwch ' - have been preserved in the original manuscripts.

### Author

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