

## JONES, THOMAS (Cynhaiarn; 1839 - 1916), lawyer and writer of verse

**Name:** Thomas Jones  
**Pseudonym:** Cynhaiarn  
**Date of birth:** 1839  
**Date of death:** 1916  
**Parent:** Jane Jones  
**Parent:** John Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** lawyer and writer of verse  
**Area of activity:** Law; Poetry  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 10 February 1839, son of John and Jane Jones, Pen-lôn, Pwllheli. At 13, he began working in a solicitor's office at Portmadoc, and in 1867 qualified as a solicitor; he was afterwards county-court registrar at Portmadoc and Ffestiniog, and town clerk of Cricieth. In politics he was a conservative, in religious adherence a Congregationalist. But he is best known as a writer of verse; he was at his best in short pieces, and particularly in satiric verse - a satire of his gained the prize at the national eisteddfod of 1892 at Rhyl. He was also a master of the englyn. Much of his verse was printed in periodicals; much, too, is unlikely to appear in print, being in rabelaisian vein. He was in his early days a member of the literary circle which gathered around **Ellis Owen** of Cefn-y-meusydd. In 1881 he collected and published the poetry of **Ioan Madog**. He died 22 October 1916, and was buried in Dyneio graveyard, Pwllheli.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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