

SKENE, WILLIAM FORBES (1809 - 1892), Scottish historian and Celtic scholar

Name: William Forbes Skene

Date of birth: 1809

Date of death: 1892

Gender: Male

Occupation: Scottish historian and Celtic scholar

Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages

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Born 7 June 1809 at Irvine, Inverness-shire, and died 29 August 1892 in Edinburgh. In 1868 he published *The Four Ancient Books of Wales*, containing Welsh verse from ' The Book of Aneirin ', ' The Book of Taliesin ', ' The Black Book of Carmarthen ', and part of ' The Red Book of Hergest '; the verse was translated for him by [D. Silvan Evans](#) and [Robert Williams](#). This work was an attempt at separating the historical element from the imagined and fictitious in old Welsh poetry.

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