

JONES, WILLIAM ('Gwilym Myrddin '; 1863 - 1946), poet

Name: William Jones
Pseudonym: Gwilym Myrddin
Date of birth: 1863
Date of death: 1946
Spouse: Elizabeth Jones (née Jones)
Parent: Evan Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
Author: Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

Born Llwynidinawed farm, Cil-y-cwm, near Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, 12 April 1863, son of Evan Jones and his wife. His schooldays were restricted by the needs of the farm. In 1886 he married Elizabeth Jones of Pumsaint and about the end of 1898 he left his native area and settled at Betws, Ammanford. For a time he was bailiff on a farm near Ammanford and later secured a post as lampman at the Pantyffynnon colliery. He resigned on health grounds in 1924. He was a keen eisteddfod competitor, and won the crown at the national eisteddfod held at Llanelli in 1930 for a poem on **Ben Bowen**. In 1902 he published *Pryddest a Chân*, containing two poems entitled 'Porth y Nefoedd' and 'Angladd Crist', and two other pieces, and in 1938 'Y Ferch o'r Scer', and 'Peniel', containing two poems sent to the crown competition at the national eisteddfod, Cardiff, 1938. A number of his poems were collected and published under the title of *Cerddi Gwilym Myrddin* in 1948. He died at Betws, Ammanford, 10 January 1946.

Author

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