

## WILLIAMS, JAMES (1812 - 1893), Calvinistic Methodist missionary in Brittany;

**Name:** James Williams  
**Date of birth:** 1812  
**Date of death:** 1893  
**Spouse:** Catherine Williams (née Jones)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist missionary  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Laugharne 5 November 1812; a smith by trade. He joined the Calvinistic Methodists when **Lewis Edwards** was minister there; he began to preach about 1835, and in 1837 entered the new Calvinistic Methodist college at Bala, walking every inch of the way from Laugharne to Bala. In 1842 he was sent to Brittany to open up a mission there; he resigned in 1862, but re-visited Brittany in 1877 and 1882; for details of his work there and the difficulties he encountered, see J. H. Morris's book, mentioned below. From 1869 on, he lived at Chester, where he died 1 September 1893; he had married Catherine, daughter of the Rev. Richard Jones, 1784 - 1840, of Bala, and was buried in her grave in Llanycil churchyard.

### Author

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

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