

## REES, JONATHAN (Nathan Wyn; 1841 - 1905), poet, essayist, and eisteddfodwr

**Name:** Jonathan Rees  
**Pseudonym:** Nathan Wyn  
**Date of birth:** 1841  
**Date of death:** 1905  
**Parent:** Eunice Rees  
**Parent:** James Rees  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet, essayist, and eisteddfodwr  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing; Poetry  
**Author:** James Ednyfed Rhys

Born 21 August 1841 at Puncteston, Pembrokeshire, son of James and Eunice Rees, and a brother of **Evan Rees** (Dyfed). He removed to Aberdare with his parents when 9 years of age, and then to Ystrad Rhondda in 1877. He served as a colliery official at Bodringallt for the rest of his life. He was prominent as an educationalist, and served on the Rhondda School Board for many years.

Attaining eminence as a poet in his youth, he was a very successful competitor on all metres in the national eisteddfod during the last thirty years of his life. At the Liverpool national eisteddfod in 1900 he was awarded as many as six prizes in various competitions. He published *Caniadau Nathan Wyn*, *Munudau Hamddenol*. Many of his poems and essays appeared in *Y Gwladgarwr*, *Y Geninen*, and *Cymru (O.M.E.)*. He died 13 June 1905.

### Author

Reverend James Ednyfed Rhys, (1876 - 1960)

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