

DAVIES, WILLIAM DANIEL (1838 - 1900), lecturer and author

Name: William Daniel Davies
Date of birth: 1838
Date of death: 1900
Gender: Male
Occupation: lecturer and author
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Education; Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 15 June 1838 in a cottage called Lletty, near Felindre, Penboyr, Carmarthenshire. In 1857 he began to work in the ironworks at Hirwaun and Aberdare; later he worked at Llwydcoed, where he joined the Calvinistic Methodist church of Moriah. He removed to the Rhondda valley in 1862 to work in the coal mines : he also began to preach about this time. In 1868 he emigrated to the U.S.A. and settled at Hyde Park, near Scranton. Shortly after his arrival he was one of about eighty Welsh people who combined to publish a Welsh newspaper, *Baner America*, a costly undertaking; he contributed many articles to this paper. He paid a visit to Wales in 1874; this visit he described afterwards in the *Baner*. For many years he was a travelling correspondent of the well-known Welsh-American newspaper, *Y Drych*; he also attained much popularity as a public lecturer. He died 22 March 1900 at Wrexham when he was over in Wales on a lecture tour. He published several works, including *Llwybrau Bywyd neu Haner Can Mlynedd o Oes Wm. D. Davies* (Utica, 1889), *Cartref Dedwydd ac Ysgol y Teulu*, and *America a Gweledigaethau Bywyd*, 1894.

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