

EVANS, GRUFFYDD (1866 - 1930), cleric and antiquary

Name: Gruffydd Evans
Date of birth: 1866
Date of death: 1930
Spouse: Mary Evans (née Roberts)
Child: John Gruffydd Evans
Child: Heilin Telitor Evans
Child: Edward Meldred Evans
Child: Elined Evans
Child: Merlys Evans
Child: Herber Prestyl Evans
Parent: John Gruffydd Evans
Parent: Elizabeth Evans (née Griffiths)
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 18 September 1866 at Pontardawe, son of John Gruffydd, works manager, and his wife Elizabeth (née Griffiths). After a brief period as pupil-teacher at Clydach (Swansea valley) he went to Lampeter, graduating in 1891 (B.D. 1902). Ordained deacon 1892 and priest 1894, he held curacies at Swansea, Liansadwrn, and Llandinog (Llandovery). He became vicar of Kidwelly, 1908, in 1913 vicar of Newcastle Emlyn, and died there, suddenly, on the afternoon of Sunday, 30 March 1930.

He married Mary Roberts (1873-1962) in 1899, and they had six children: John Gruffydd, Heilin Telitor, Edward Meldred, Elined, Merlys and Herber Prestyl.

He was keenly interested in folk-lore, and wrote much upon it (and upon other matters) in periodicals. But he will be more worthily remembered for his substantial antiquarian papers in the journals of the Cymmrodorion Society: 'The Story of the Ancient Churches of Llandovery' (*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1911-12), 'Carmarthenshire Gleanings - Kidwelly' (*Y Cymmrodor*, xxv), and 'The Story of Newcastle Emlyn and Atpar' (*Y Cymmrodor*, xxxii).

Authors

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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