

EVANS, SAMUEL (1859 - 1935), chairman of the Crown Mine, Johannesburg, educational pioneer

Name: Samuel Evans
Date of birth: 1859
Date of death: 1935
Spouse: Katherine Evans (née Manson)
Parent: Richard Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: chairman of the Crown Mine, Johannesburg, educational pioneer
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Education
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born 10 February 1859, son of Richard Evans, farmer, Pant-y-garn, Ruabon, Denbighshire, he was educated at the Brookside School, Wrexham. After a period as proof-reader in the office of Hughes and Son, the Wrexham publishers, he joined the staff of *Yr Herald Cymraeg* in 1878 as a reporter; in 1880 he joined the staff of *The Sheffield Independent*, and in November 1883 became private secretary to Sir Edgar Vincent (lord D'Abernon), financial adviser to the Egyptian Government. In 1887 he became chief controller of the Egyptian Coast Guard Service, and in 1890 inspector-general of the Ottoman Bank. In 1897, as Sir Edgar Vincent's representative, he went to Johannesburg; in 1898 he became a partner in Eckstein and Co., retiring in 1902 to become chairman and managing director of the Crown Mine. During the South African War he was attached to lord Roberts's staff and civil commissioner of Johannesburg after the occupation. He worked for the improvement of the conditions under which native workers at the mines lived, and for the establishment of Witwatersrand University. He contributed articles on his Eastern experiences to *Y Traethodydd* and to *O. M. Edwards's Llenor*. He was a Commander of the Mejidieh and of the Osmanieh Order; he was also honorary LL.D. of the University of Wales (1930) and of the Witwatersrand University. He married, 1903, Katherine Manson, and had one son and two daughters. He died at Johannesburg 10 October 1935.

Author

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