



HUGHES, JOSEPH TUDOR (Blegwryd; 1827 - 1841), boy harpist

Name: Joseph Tudor Hughes
Pseudonym: Blegwryd
Date of birth: 1827
Date of death: 1841
Parent: David Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: boy harpist
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 27 October 1827 at Bala (?). A musical prodigy, he is said to have shown considerable talent before he was even 3 years of age. Before he was 8 years of age he had been given the bardic name 'Blegwryd' in the eisteddfod held at Llannerch-y-medd, Anglesey, 9 June 1835, and when he was about twelve he published *British Melodies*, with arrangements made by him for harp and piano. He astounded all manner of audiences by his skill as a performer on the harp and concertina. He accompanied his father and brothers on a concert tour in various parts of the United States in 1840, performing in the White House (Washington), and in New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc.

He died by drowning in the river Hudson, 12 May 1841.

His brother, [David Edward Hughes](#), is separately noticed.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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