

JONES, EDWARD (Iorwerth Ceitho; 1838? - 1930), carpenter and eisteddfodwr

Name: Edward Jones
Pseudonym: Iorwerth Ceitho
Date of birth: 1838?
Date of death: 1930
Parent: Eleanor Jones
Parent: Thomas Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: carpenter and eisteddfodwr
Area of activity: Business and Industry; Eisteddfod
Author: Evan David Jones

Born c. 1838, the youngest of six children of Thomas and Eleanor Jones of Ffos-dwn, Dihewyd, Cardiganshire. When he was about 5 years old the family moved to the tenement of Bryn Haidd in Nantcwnlle. He was apprenticed as a carpenter with David Davies, Brynhyfryd, Bwlch-y-Illan, who specialized in the making of threshing machines. He migrated to London to serve in a milk-walk and to tend cattle for a widowed Englishwoman and her daughter. He married the daughter and came into considerable wealth. His name appears in the earliest printed reports of Jewin (C.M.) church, and continues there till his death. At first, he resided in Fitzroy Road, Regent's Park, and, from 1896, in Barforth Road, Peckham. He spent his leisure writing essays for competition at local eisteddfodau. He won some of the principal awards for essays in Welsh at national eisteddfodau, beginning in 1901 with an essay on 'The Trend of philosophical and theological thought in Wales at the present time'; a 'List with short notes, of Notable Welshmen, 1700-1900,' in 1906; and an essay on 'The Influence of the Romans on the language, civilization, and physical constitution of the Welsh,' which shared the prize, in 1910. His 'List of Notable Welshmen' has been a valuable source for the present Dictionary, though only a part of it (A - H) was published [in 1908; the manuscript of the remainder is at N.L.W., except the entries under J and K, which are lost. The work contains more entries than any other Welsh biographical dictionary covering its period.] He was buried at Forest Hill, 2 November 1930.

Author

Evan David Jones, (1903 - 1987)

Sources

Jewin church reports

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