

JONES, WILLIAM OWEN (Eos y Gogledd; 1868 - 1928), musician

Name: William Owen Jones Pseudonym: Eos Y Gogledd Date of birth: 1868 Date of death: 1928 Spouse: Margaret Jones (née Jones)

Parent: Owen Jones Gender: Male Occupation: musician

Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts

Author: John William Jones

Born in Llanbedr, in the Conway Valley, 29 December 1868, the son of Owen Jones and his wife; they moved in 1877 to Dolrhedyn, Blaenau Ffestiniog. He went to Tanygrisiau elementary school and afterwards started to work as a quarryman in Cwmorthin slate quarry; he worked later in Maenofferen slate quarry. In 1901 he married Margaret Jones, Capel Garmon. He went to Cardiff University College to study music under Joseph Parry. From 1907 to 1927 he lived in Glamorgan - at Cilfynydd and afterwards at Merthyr Tydfil, being choir-master of Soar Chapel in the latter place. He conducted choirs and composed songs (e.g., 'Telynau'r Saint') and anthems. But he is best remembered in connection with his work for penillion -singing - both as a singer, exponent, and adjudicator. He returned to Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1927 but died on 10 February 1928 and was buried in Bethesda cemetery in that town.

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