

OWEN, EDWARD HUMPHREY (1850 - 1904), of Tŷ Coch, Caernarvon, book-collector and local historian

Name: Edward Humphrey Owen
Date of birth: 1850
Date of death: 1904
Parent: Elizabeth Owen
Parent: John Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: book-collector and local historian
Home: Tŷ Coch
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages
Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born 20 December 1850, son of John Owen, timber merchant, etc., and Elizabeth his wife. E. H. Owen's interest in local and family history led him to accumulate a large library, mainly (but not entirely) of Welsh interest; that library was acquired by the National Library of Wales in 1910 and is kept intact as a 'foundation collection.' A short description of the printed works appears in the *Annual Report* of the National Library for the years 1909-10. The manuscripts, now [NLW MS 815-68](#), are described in *N.L.W. Handlist of MSS.*, i, 61-7; they include several volumes containing pedigrees and poems, seven volumes from the library of [Sir Richard Colt Hoare](#); two volumes compiled by [William Williams](#), Llandygâi; and volumes which had belonged previously to Jonathan Jones, surveyor of taxes, Caernarvon. He died 22 April 1904, and was buried in the family vault at Llanfair-is-gaer church.

Author

[Sir William Llewelyn Davies](#), (1887 - 1952)

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