

ROBERTS, ISAAC (1829 - 1904), astronomer

Name: Isaac Roberts Date of birth: 1829 Date of death: 1904 Spouse: Ffrances Roberts
Parent: William Roberts Gender: Male Occupation: astronomer

Area of activity: Science and Mathematics; Space and Aviation

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Born 27 January 1829, son of a small-farmer named William Roberts, Groes-bach, Groes, near Denbigh. In 1844 he was apprenticed with a building firm at Liverpool, and later became himself a very prosperous builder; he retired from business in 1888. His real interests, however, were in science - at first in geology but after 1878 in astronomy

He moved (1882) from Rock Ferry to Maghull, and thence in 1890 to Crowborough in Sussex - each move for the sake of a larger telescope and a clearer atmosphere. He photographed thousands of stars and of nebulae.

He was elected F.R.S. in 1890, received an honorary D.Sc. of Trinity College, Dublin, in 1892, and was awarded the R.A.S. gold medal in 1895. He died suddenly, 17 July

He had directed that on the death of his widow Ffrances who he had married in 1901 a fellow- astronomer, his wealth should be divided between the University of Liverpool and the University College of North Wales, for the establishment of scholarships.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, 1932-3 (with a list of his papers)

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