

## 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  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

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 1904.

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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