

MORGAN, OWEN (Morien; 1836? - 1921), journalist and miscellaneous writer

Name: Owen Morgan
Pseudonym: Morien
Date of birth: 1836?
Date of death: 1921
Parent: Margaret Morgan
Parent: Thomas T. Morgan
Gender: Male
Occupation: journalist and miscellaneous writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
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who died on 16 December 1921 (*Western Mail*), was then said to have been over 80, and to have been a son of Thomas T. Morgan and his wife, Margaret, of Pen-y-graig, Rhondda. He had sedulously concealed his age. But the bishop's transcripts for Ystradyfodwg parish record the christening on 23 February 1836 of ' Owen, son of Thomas and Margaret Owen of Dinas [Rhondda], collier ', and it seems pretty certain that this is our man, for Dinas adjoins Pen-y-graig. He asserted connection with the families of **Morgan** of Llantarnam and **Thomas** of Llanmihangel, Glamorganshire. As a journalist, he worked chiefly for the *Western Mail*, from 1870 to 1899, when he retired. His books, such as *Pabell Dovydd* (on Druidism), *Kimmerian Discoveries* (on the 'Chaldean origins' of the Kymry), *A Guide to the Gorsedd*, etc., reflect the influence of **Iolo Morganwg**'s fictions, and more immediately Morien's close association with **Myfyr Morganwg**, on whose death he assumed the title of ' archdruid,' in succession. His *History of Pontypridd and the Rhondda Valleys* (Pontypridd, 1903), an odd jumble of 'Druidism,' mythology, topography, local history and biography, is yet not without value, for its information on the 19th century development of the valleys.

Author

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Sources

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