

## DAVIES, MARGARET SIDNEY (1884 - 1963), art collector and benefactress

**Name:** Margaret Sidney Davies

**Date of birth:** 1884

**Date of death:** 1963

**Parent:** Mary Davies (née Jones)

**Parent:** Edward Davies

**Gender:** Female

**Occupation:** art collector and benefactress

**Area of activity:** Art and Architecture; Philanthropy

**Author:** Glyn Tegai Hughes

sister of [Gwendoline Elizabeth Davies](#); born Llandinam, 14 December 1884. Although many of her activities were joint ones with her sister, she was herself an amateur painter of ability. ' Miss Daisy ', as she was generally called, was rather more conventional in her tastes than her sister, but after the latter's death she developed her collection of paintings to include Bonnard, Kokoschka, Sisley, Utrillo and others. She purchased work by contemporary British painters with the intention of laying the foundations of a travelling exhibition following their bequest to the National Museum.

She received an hon. LL.D. of the University of Wales in 1949, and in 1960 she made the major gift of her home Gregynog and its estate to the University for use as a residential conference and artistic centre. She herself remained in the hall as a tenant until her death in London on 13 March 1963. Her ashes were buried at Llandinam.

### Author

Glyn Tegai Hughes

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