

HOOSON, ISAAC DANIEL (1880 - 1948), solicitor and poet

Name: Isaac Daniel Hooson
Date of birth: 1880
Date of death: 1948
Parent: Harriet Hooson
Parent: Edward Hooson
Gender: Male
Occupation: solicitor and poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Law; Poetry
Authors: Thomas Parry, Arwyn Lloyd Hughes

Born 2 May 1880, at Rhosllannerchrugog, Denbighshire, son of Edward and Harriet Hooson. His father's family originally came from Cornwall. I. D. Hooson was educated at the Rhos board school and Ruabon grammar school. In 1897 he entered the service of Messrs Morris and Jones in Liverpool, where he stayed until 1904 when his father died. He was afterwards articled to a Wrexham solicitor and he remained there until the beginning of World War I. In the course of that war he served in the navy. On demobilisation in 1919 he settled as a partner in a firm of solicitors in Wrexham. From 1920 to 1943 he was Official Receiver in Bankruptcy in the Chester and North Wales area. He was a patron of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, and was a very useful member of the council of the National Eisteddfod and its committees. He wrote a good deal of poetry between 1900 and 1914 and his poems are found here and there in *Cymru*. Then he abandoned poetry for years and when he took it up again he was immediately recognised as one of Wales's premier poets. His favourite forms were lyrics and ballads and all his poetry is characterised by a sureness of touch and by charm of vision and expression.

He published *Y Fantell Fraith* (1934), an adaptation of the '*Pied Piper of Hamelin*', *Cerddi a Baledi* (1936), *Y Gwin a Cherddi Eraill* (1948). He was awarded an hon. M.A. by the University of Wales in 1948. He died 18 October 1948.

Authors

Sir Thomas Parry, (1904 - 1985)

Arwyn Lloyd Hughes

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Further Reading

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Wikipedia Article: Isaac Daniel Hooson

Sound and Film

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