

HUGHES, ARTHUR (1878 - 1965), writer

Name: Arthur Hughes
Date of birth: 1878
Date of death: 1965
Spouse: H.M. Hughes
Child: Irma Hughes
Parent: Annie Harriet Hughes (née Jones)
Parent: John Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: Richard Bryn Williams

Born 2 January 1878 at Bryn Melyn near Harlech, Meirionnydd, the son of John Hughes Jones, a physician, of Clwt-y-Bont, Caernarfonshire (who dropped the surname Jones) and his wife, **Annie Harriet (née Jones)**; Gwyneth Vaughan, novelist. He became a 'Welsh scholar' at St. David's College, Lampeter, where he graduated. He edited two anthologies of poetry which in their day were extremely useful to students, viz. *Cywyddau Cymru*, 1908 and *Gemau'r Gogynfeirdd*, 1910. His translation of one of Drummond's works, *Y ddinas heb ynddi deml*, appeared in 1904; the second volume of Drummond's works was edited by **Gwyneth Vaughan**.

His mother died in 1910, and the following year he emigrated to the Welsh colony in Patagonia under the patronage of **Eluned Morgan**, mainly because of a nervous complaint. He was given a home for a long period at the home of Barbara Llwyd (Mrs. J.O. Evans) and maintained his own 'batch', i.e. a bachelor's cottage, until his marriage, 10 January 1918, to a widow, Mrs. H.M. Durrouzet, daughter of Erw Fair farm, and grand-daughter of W.E. Williams, founder of the district of Treorci in Chubut. They had 3 daughters, two of them good poets, one of whom, Irma, became a chaired bard of the colony and editor of *Y Drafod*.

When he became deaf, he retired from public life and lived a hermit's life among his books. His influence on the Welsh mind and culture in the colony as a scholar, writer, poet and harpist was considerable, but his chief contribution was as a literary critic. He died 25 June 1965.

Author

Reverend Richard Bryn Williams, (1902 - 1981)

Sources

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