

LLOYD, HENRY ('Ap Hefin '; 1870 - 1946), poet and printer

Name: Henry Lloyd
Pseudonym: ap Hefin
Date of birth: 1870
Date of death: 1946
Spouse: Sarah Ann Lloyd (née Gravell)
Parent: Margaret Lloyd
Parent: David Lloyd
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and printer
Area of activity: Poetry; Printing and Publishing
Author: Gwilym Richard Tilsley

Born 23 June 1870 in Tyddyn Ifan, Islaw'r Dref, Dolgellau, Merionethshire, to David and Margaret Lloyd. He received some education in Arthog school, but more, he claimed, from the literary societies of the churches and the Good Templars. In 1878 he moved to Cwm Bwlchcoch, Dolgellau. After being an apprentice printer in the office of *Y Dydd*, he went to Aberdare in 1891 as a compositor in the office of *Y Darian*. In 1893, he moved to Merthyr, to the office of *Y Tyst*, and in 1902 returned to Aberdare, to the office of *Y Darian*, and the *Aberdare Leader*. Later, he established his own printing business where he remained until his retirement in 1940. He was editor of *Y Darian* for a while. He edited the poetry column of *Y Darian* for two years; he was a teacher of poets and an unfailing supporter of every Welsh and literary movement in his district, a local preacher (Wesleyan) for more than half a century, and a popular lecturer. He was an extremely able poet, and writer in the strict Welsh metres, and won the chair in many eisteddfodau, and hundreds of other prizes. He published 18 books - biographies, sermons, short stories, but chiefly of his own poetry. His *englyn*, 'Lliwiau'r Hydref', became famous, as did some of his hymns, such as 'Arhosaf yng nghysgod fy Nuw', and 'I bob un sy'n ffyddlon'. In 1896 he married Sarah Ann Gravell, and they had 4 children. He died on 14 September 1946 in Aberdare.

Author

Gwilym Richard Tilsley, (1911 - 1997)

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