

# ROWLAND, Sir JOHN (1877 - 1941), civil servant

Name: John Rowland Date of birth: 1877 Date of death: 1941

Spouse: Mair Rowland (née Lewis)
Parent: Margaret Rowland Parent: John Rowland Gender: Male

Occupation: civil servant

Area of activity: Education; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration

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Born 1 June 1877, at Penbont-fach, Tregaron, Cardiganshire, son of John Rowland and Margaret, his wife. He was educated at the Technical College, Cardiff, and the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. On leaving college in 1904 he taught at Cardiff, and identified himself with Welsh religious and cultural movements there. He attracted the notice of David Lloyd George and after serving as one of his private secretaries from 1905 to 1912 he was appointed a member of the Welsh Insurance Commission in 1911. He became Chairman of the Welsh Board of Health in 1930, retiring in 1940. He died on 2 January 1941, in Cardiff, and was buried there.

Rowland married, 1902, Mair, daughter of David Lewis of Llanafan, Cardiganshire; they had three sons. He received the M.V.O. in 1911, C.B.E. in 1918, C.B. in 1922, and a knighthood in 1938

### **Author**

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

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