

DAVIES, JOHN (Gwyneddon; 1832-1904), printer and journalist

Name: John Davies
Pseudonym: Gwyneddon
Date of birth: 1832
Date of death: 1904
Child: Robert Gwyneddon Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: printer and journalist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born at Bangor in 1832. He was apprenticed as printer in the *North Wales Chronicle* office and afterwards became a reporter on the staff. When *Cronicl Cymru*, a weekly paper, was published in 1866, he was appointed editor. In 1868 he established himself as a printer in Caernarvon; on 30 October 1869 the first number of *Y Goleuad* was published from his office, and for a time he was the editor as well as the printer and publisher. After some years he sold the printing business and became manager of the Caernarvon branch of Pugh and Jones's Bank. He took an active part in municipal matters and was once mayor of Caernarvon. For a period he wrote leading articles for *Y Genedl Gymreig*. He was a capable journalist; his editorial notes in *Y Goleuad* were notably good. He will be remembered as the author of a popular harvest thanksgiving hymn which begins 'Anfeidrol Dduw rhagluniaeth.' He died at Caernarvon 30 January 1904.

His son, ROBERT GWYNEDDON DAVIES, solicitor, who died 17 April 1928, aged 58, was the author of an English translation of *Y Bardd Cwsc* (1st ed. 1897, 2nd ed. 1909). Many of the manuscripts which he collected are now in the library of the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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