

DAVIES, RACHEL (Rahel o Fôn; 1846 - 1915), lecturer and preacher

Name: Rachel Davies
Pseudonym: Rahel O Fôn
Date of birth: 1846
Date of death: 1915
Spouse: Edward Davies
Child: Joseph Edward Davies
Parent: Jane Mary Paynter (née Williams)
Parent: William Cox Paynter
Gender: Female
Occupation: lecturer and preacher
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born in Anglesey (?), daughter of William Cox Paynter, of the parish of Llanfihangel-y-pennant, Caernarfonshire, and his wife Jane Mary (Williams), Cae Eithin Tew, Cwmystradllyn, Caernarfonshire. (Some of the forebears of her father had been customs officers at Minffordd and Llanfrothen, Merioneth, and at Portmadoc, Caernarfonshire). When she was young she lived for a time at Brynsiencyn, Anglesey. She began to preach with the Baptists. About the year 1865 she came into some prominence as a public lecturer in various parts of Wales on the subject of religious unbelief; she also caused concern among some Baptists because she, a woman, preached from their pulpits. Shortly after 1866 she emigrated to the U.S.A., and whilst she lived in Ixonia she joined the Calvinistic Methodist connexion (**Blackwell** says 'the Independents'). She preached often in various places in the state of Ohio c. 1871. She returned to Wales for a period and lived at Dwyran, Anglesey; at this time she gave some assistance to **David Lloyd George** in his electoral campaign. She married, in the U.S.A., Edward Davies, a native of Cardiganshire; and died 29 November 1915.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

Sources

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