

DAVIES, HENRY REES (1861 - 1940), antiquary

Name: Henry Rees Davies Date of birth: 1861 Date of death: 1940 Parent: Anne Davies (née Rees) Parent: Richard Davies

Gender: Male Occupation: antiquary

Area of activity: History and Culture; Scholarship and Languages

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son of Richard Davies (1818 - 1896), and (as his name suggests) grandson of Henry Rees, was born at Menai Bridge 5 December 1861, and graduated in the natural sciences tripos from Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1884. He became a figure in the public life of Anglesey (county councillor, J.P., D.L., sheriff) and also in the affairs of the University College at Bangor, of which he was vice-president 1916-21 and chairman of council 1927-35; to that college, and especially to its library and museum, he was a considerable benefactor, and in 1931 the University of Wales conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. But with all his public activities, he was a man of retiring and scholarly bent, and his chief interest lay in the study of the history of the Menai Straits and their approaches. A chapter by him on this subject appeared in the Anglesey Inventory, 1937, of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments; his larger work, bearing the characteristically modest title A Review of the Records of the Conway and the Menai Ferries, was published posthumously by the University of Wales in 1942.

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