

## 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.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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