

EVANS, SAMUEL JAMES (1870 - 1938), schoolmaster, educationalist, and author

Name: Samuel James Evans
Date of birth: 1870
Date of death: 1938
Spouse: Annie Evans (née Griffiths)
Parent: Margaret Evans (née Jones)
Parent: David Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: schoolmaster, educationalist, and author
Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing
Author: Gildas Tibbott

Born 4 August 1870 at Llandysul, Cardiganshire, the second son of David Evans, currier, and Margaret Jones. He was educated at the Tyssul grammar school, Llandysul, and at Aberystwyth University College, graduating B.A. (Lond.) in 1892 and M.A. in 1894. He married Annie, daughter of Thomas Griffiths, Aberystwyth (agent to the Nanteos estate), and had two sons. He was appointed in 1895 the first headmaster of the County School for Boys, Welshpool, and in 1897 the first headmaster of the County School, Llangefni, a position which he held until he retired in 1935. He afterwards lived at Menai Bridge, where he died on 2 April 1938; he was buried in the adjacent churchyard of Llandysilio.

For over forty years S. J. Evans was a prominent figure in the educational life of Wales. From 1934 to 1937 he was the secretary of the committee of the new hymnary, *Emynau'r Eglwys*, published in 1941. In addition to articles in periodicals, a series of textbooks on Welsh grammar, and a translation of the *Short Summary of the Constitution of the Church in Wales* by Frank Morgan (1920), he published for the Guild of Graduates of the University of Wales an annotated ed. (1902) of *Drych y Prif Oesoedd* (by [Theophilus Evans](#)).

Author

Gildas Tibbott, (1900 - 1979)

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