

## HAINES, WILLIAM (1853 - 1922), local historian and bibliographer

**Name:** William Haines  
**Date of birth:** 1853  
**Date of death:** 1922  
**Spouse:** Mary Haines (née Nicholas)  
**Spouse:** Clara Ann Haines (née Rutherford)  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Haines  
**Parent:** Thomas Haines  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** local historian and bibliographer  
**Area of activity:** History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** William Llewelyn Davies

Born 24 May 1853, at Bryn, Penpergwm, Monmouthshire, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Haines. Educated at the grammar school, Abergavenny, he became a solicitor's clerk. He married (1) 1876, Clara Ann Rutherford (died 1880), of Rockhampton, Gloucestershire, and (2) Mary Nicholas (died 1944) of Llangibby, Monmouth, who shared her husband's literary interests. Haines collected an extensive library of books, manuscripts, documents, etc., relating to Monmouthshire; the bulk of this collection was acquired by Sir Garrod and lady Thomas and presented to the Newport borough library in January 1924. He also compiled a bibliography of printed and other literature relating to Monmouthshire. This work was submitted for competition at the Pontypool national eisteddfod in 1933 but remains unpublished, being now preserved in the National Library of Wales in ten manuscript volumes (N.L.W. MSS. 7541-50) the gift of his widow. With this material are preserved six other Haines manuscripts (N.L.W. MSS. 9551-6), containing letters received by him from other bibliographers and men of letters (for a list of the writers see *N.L.W. Handlist of MSS.*, xi) when he was compiling the bibliography. He died 12 January 1922 and was buried at Llangattock-juxta-Usk, near Abergavenny.

### Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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