

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 This work was submitted for competition at the Pontypool national eisteddfod in 1933 but remains unpublished, being now preserved in the National Library of Wales in ten manuscript volumes (NLW MS 7542E, NLW MS 7543E, NLW MS 7543E, NLW MS 7545E, NLW MS 75548, NLW MS 7555B, NLW MS 7556B), 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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