

HOLLAND, SAMUEL (1803 - 1892), a pioneer of the North Wales slate industry and chief promoter of the establishment of Dr. Williams's school for girls at Dolgelley

Name: Samuel Holland

Date of birth: 1803

Date of death: 1892

Spouse: Caroline Jane Holland (née Burt)

Parent: Katherine Holland (née Menzies)

Parent: Samuel Holland

Gender: Male

Occupation: a pioneer of the North Wales slate industry and chief promoter of the establishment of Dr. Williams's school for girls at Dolgelley

Area of activity: Business and Industry; Education

Author: William Llewelyn Davies

Born 17 October 1803 in Duke Street, Liverpool, son of Samuel Holland (who was interested in lead and copper mines and slate quarrying in North Wales) and Katherine (Menzies). Educated in various schools in England and in Germany, he started to work in his father's office in Liverpool. His connection with Wales, which was to remain unbroken until his death, began in 1821 when he was sent by his father to supervise work at his new slate quarry at Rhiwbryfdir in the parish of Ffestiniog. In his autobiography in N.L.W. MS. 4983 (see also the other manuscripts named below) Samuel Holland gives details of his slate quarrying and other industrial activities in Wales; the autobiography, for such it is, sketches Holland's other activities; e.g. it explains how he came to be interested in Dr. Williams's School, Dolgelley. Holland represented Merioneth in Parliament (as a Liberal) from 1870 to 1885. He lived for years at Plas Penrhyn, near Penrhyndeudraeth and, for some years before his death, at Caer-deon, between Barmouth and Dolgelley. He died 27 December 1892; his widow Caroline Jane (née Burt) died in 1924.

Author

Sir William Llewelyn Davies, (1887 - 1952)

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