

HUGHES, JOHN JAMES (Alfardd; 1842 - 1875), journalist

Name: John James Hughes
Pseudonym: Alfardd
Date of birth: 1842
Date of death: 1875
Gender: Male
Occupation: journalist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born at Garreg-lefn, Llanbadrig, Anglesey, 1842, he began life as a farm labourer. He went to Bangor, where he found work as a stone mason's labourer and came into contact with [Gweirydd ap Rhys](#) (R. J. Pryse), who took an interest in him and encouraged his efforts to educate himself. In 1866 he joined the Caernarvonshire police force, but resigned about 1869, on his appointment as sub-editor of Yr Herald Cymraeg at Caernarvon, where he soon won a reputation as a trenchant writer on the Liberal side. He took a prominent part in the campaign for the appointment of county court judges with a knowledge of Welsh, and worked for the reform of the national eisteddfod and the 'Gorsedd.' He died 8 January 1875, and was buried in Glanadda cemetery, Bangor. Short as his career was, he impressed his contemporaries as a man of unusual ability and energy.

There is a biography, by Owen Jones.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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