

HUGHES, WILLIAM JOHN (1833 - 1879), musician and schoolmaster

Name: William John Hughes
Date of birth: 1833
Date of death: 1879
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Education; Music
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born December 1833 in a farmhouse called Penuwch-Roe, near S. Asaph. He received a good education. He taught in a grammar school at Enniskillen, Ireland, for some years and afterwards at Harleston, Norfolk, where also he was organist at the parish church. About the year 1855 he went to Llanrwst to teach at the grammar school. After some years there he moved to Rhyl where he started a grammar school and where he spent the remainder of his life. Many anthems and hymn-tunes by him were published in such collections as *Y Ceinion* ([Hafrenydd](#)), *Caniadau y Cysegr a'r Teulu* ([Gee](#), Denbigh), *Llyfr Tonau ac Emynau* ([Stephen](#) and [Jones](#)), *Udgorn Seion* ([Dewi Wyllt](#)), and *Aberth Moliant* ([J. Ambrose Lloyd](#)). He arranged some old anthems for publication in *Y Cerddor Cymreig*, edited *St. Asaph Tune Book*, and assisted [John Roberts](#) of Henllan with his collection of hymn-tunes called *In Memoriam*. He died June 1879 at Rhyl.

Author

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