

HUGHES, ROBERT OWEN (Elfyfyn; 1858 - 1919), journalist and poet

Name: Robert Owen Hughes
Pseudonym: Elfyfyn
Date of birth: 1858
Date of death: 1919
Spouse: Elizabeth Hughes (née Roberts)
Parent: Elizabeth Hughes
Parent: Charles Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: journalist and poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Literature and Writing; Poetry; Printing and Publishing
Author: John William Jones

Born 8 October 1858 in Plough Street, Llanrwst, son of Charles and Elizabeth Hughes. After attending the British School at Llanrwst he was apprenticed to the banking firm of Pugh Jones and Co. Afterwards he began to prepare for the Calvinistic Methodist ministry; later, however, he went to London to work for Kirby and Endean, publishers. In 1883 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Roberts, member of the publishing firm of Hughes and Son, Wrexham; seven children were born of the marriage. In 1885 he was appointed sub-editor of *Gwalia*, a newspaper; in 1888 he went to Blaenau Ffestiniog to edit another newspaper, *Y Rhedegydd*; in 1899 he became editor of *Y Glorian*, another local newspaper; he also served, for a time, as librarian of the local public library. He edited the prize compositions of an eisteddfod held at Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1891 and, in 1898, those of the national eisteddfod held in that town. He won several prizes at eisteddfodau, including the chair at the national eisteddfod held at Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1898. A monthly periodical called *Cyfaill y Plant* edited by him and started in January 1890, proved to be short-lived. He was a frequent contributor to *Y Geninen* and *Cymru (O.M.E.)*; [Sir Owen M. Edwards](#), editor of the latter, included *Hanes Bywyd Capelulo*, written by Elfyfyn, in '*Cyfres y Fil*'. A selection of his poems was issued under the title of *Caniadau Elfyfyn* (n.d.). He died 14 June 1919 and was buried in Llan Ffestiniog churchyard.

Author

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