

HUGHES, WILLIAM (died 1794?), clock-maker in London

Name: William Hughes
Date of death: 1794?
Gender: Male
Occupation: clock-maker
Area of activity: Business and Industry
Author: Thomas Mardy Rees

A native of Llanfflewin, Anglesey, he proceeded to London before 1755 and had a business at 119, High Holborn. He was elected a honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers in 1781. A musical watch which he made for the Emperor of China was discovered during the sacking of Pekin in 1860. He was in business until 1794 at the Dial near King Street, High Holborn, and also at Lower Grosvenor Street.

Hughes was a member of the Cymmrodorion Society from the very start, and a vice-president in 1759. He was a friend of [Robert Hughes](#) (1744 - 1785). See *Cymm.*, 1951, 65 (and appendices) and *B.B.C.S.*, vi, 234.

Author

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