

JONES (later BRYNMOR-JONES), Sir DAVID BRYNMOR (1852 - 1921), lawyer and historian

Name: David Brynmor Jones
Date of birth: 1852
Date of death: 1921
Parent: Thomas Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: lawyer and historian
Area of activity: History and Culture; Law
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the eldest son of [Thomas Jones](#) (1819 - 1882). Born in London and educated at University College School and at University College. He was called to the Bar in 1876 from the Middle Temple (of which he became Bencher in 1899 and Reader in 1911). He practised for several years on the South Wales circuit, and in 1885 became a County Court judge in England; he resigned in 1892, took silk, and entered public life, becoming M.P. for Stroud in 1892 and afterwards (1895) for Swansea District, resigning that seat in 1914 on being appointed a Master in Lunacy. He was recorder of Merthyr Tydfil in 1910 and of Cardiff in 1914 : was knighted in 1906 and raised to the Privy Council in 1912. Though he was not a fluent Welsh speaker, he took great interest in the social and more especially the legal history of Wales. He took part in the drafting of the charter of the University of Wales, was a very important member of the Welsh Land Commission of 1893, and was placed on the Welsh Church Commission of 1907. With [Sir John Rhys](#) he produced a useful book, *The Welsh People* (1900), based on the knowledge acquired by the authors during their work on the Land Commission. But he also published contributions to Welsh legal history, such as 'Early Social Life in Wales' (The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, 1898-9), 'The Brehon Laws and their relation to the Ancient Welsh Institutes' (ibid., 1904-5), and 'Foreign Elements in Welsh Mediaeval Law' (ibid., 1916-17). The University of Wales conferred an honorary LL.D. upon him in 1919. He died 5 August 1921, at Ilfracombe.

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Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources


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