

JONES, ERASMUS (1817 - 1909), novelist

Name: Erasmus Jones
Date of birth: 1817
Date of death: 1909
Gender: Male
Occupation: novelist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born 17 December 1817 in the parish of Llanddeiniolen, Caernarfonshire. He attended school at Pentir, near Bangor, emigrated in 1833 with one of his brothers, and settled for a time in New York. He spent some time in Trenton, then back in New York, and afterwards in Remsen, Oneida County, New York State. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, c. 1848. In 1852 he paid a visit to Wales, preaching, etc. Returning to America he served as a chaplain in the army, afterwards ministering to several churches in Oneida County, and elsewhere, settling eventually in Utica. He published *The Higher Law Triumphant: The Captive Youths of Judah*, 1856; *The Adopted Son of the Princess* (a novel which was awarded the prize at the Utica 'eisteddfod' of 1870); *The Welsh in America* (1876; it appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*); *Gold, Tinsel, and Trash ...* 1890; and *Llangobaith: A Story of North Wales*, 1886. He also competed at eisteddfodau, e.g. at the World's Fair (Chicago) eisteddfod, 1893, at Pittsburg, etc. He died 9 January 1909.

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Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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