

JONES, WILLIAM GARMON (1884 - 1937), professor of history and librarian of Liverpool University

Name: William Garmon Jones
Date of birth: 1884
Date of death: 1937
Spouse: Eluned Jones (née Lloyd)
Parent: Jane Jones (née Jones)
Parent: William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: professor of history and librarian of Liverpool University
Area of activity: Education; History and Culture; Literature and Writing
Author: John John Williams

Born 15 November 1884 at Birkenhead, son of William Jones of Birkenhead (of the firm of Jones, Burton and Co., engineers, Liverpool) and Jane Jones of Mold. He was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, his intention being to qualify for a business career. He actually worked in a Liverpool office for two years and in 1903 went to Liverpool University to study for a degree in engineering. He completed his 'Intermediate' in 1905, but by that time had come under the influence of Prof. J. M. Mackay, which led him to his chosen field - history and literature. He abandoned engineering and in 1905 started reading in the faculty of arts. In 1908 he graduated with first class honours in history and was awarded the Charles Beard Fellowship. In 1909 he became M.A. and was made a Fellow of the University.

Thereafter his whole life was spent in the service of Liverpool University, and it is acknowledged that, thanks to his organizing ability, he played an important part in its development. He was a lecturer in history (1913-19) and an associate professor from 1924 until his death; in 1928 he was also appointed librarian of the university.

He published 'A Welsh Sunday epistle' (*Mackay Miscellany*); 'Bosworth Field, an episode of Welsh history' (*Trans. Liverpool Welsh National Society*), 1912; York and Lancaster (*Bell's 'Source Books of English History'*); 'Welsh Nationalism and Henry Tudor' (*The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1917-18).

In 1923 he married Eluned, only daughter of (Sir) John Edward Lloyd of Bangor. He died 28 May 1937 and was buried in the family grave at Flaybrick cemetery, Birkenhead. A memorial carved by Tyson Smith was set up in the Cohen library, University of Liverpool.

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