

OWEN, HUGH (1832 - 1897), musician

Name: Hugh Owen
Date of birth: 1832
Date of death: 1897
Spouse: Mary Owen
Child: Richard Griffith Owen
Child: John Jones Owen
Child: Owain Llewelyn Owain
Parent: Mary Owen
Parent: Richard Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts
Author: Robert David Griffith

Born 15 January 1832 at Botwnnog, Caernarfonshire, the son of Richard and Mary Owen. After a period spent in Botwnnog grammar school he became a tailor and settled at Tal-y-sarn in the Nantlle valley. After marriage he lived in a house called Pen-yr-yrfa and afterwards in one called Bryn-y-coed. He was precentor at the Tal-y-sarn C.M. chapel for over forty years; he started the Tal-y-sarn Glee Society, and he was one of the founders of the Eryri music festival ('Gwyl Gerddorol Eryri'), 1866. He was a noted vocalist and his services were much in demand as conductor and adjudicator. He composed many hymn-tunes. His song, 'Deigr yn ar fedd Mam,' which took the prize at an eisteddfod held at Portmadoc in 1871, was popular for many years. He died 4 June 1897, and was buried in Salem burial ground, Llanllyfni.

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