

ROBERTS, THOMAS FRANCIS (1860 - 1919), principal, University College, Aberystwyth

Name: Thomas Francis Roberts
Date of birth: 1860
Date of death: 1919
Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Roberts (née Davies)
Parent: Anne Roberts
Parent: Thomas Roberts
Gender: Male
Occupation: principal, University College, Aberystwyth
Area of activity: Education
Author: Thomas Iorwerth Ellis

Born at Aberdyfi, 25 September 1860, eldest son of Thomas Roberts, sergeant of police, and Anne his wife. He was educated at Towyn and the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. From there he went, in 1879, as a scholar to S. John's College, Oxford, where he obtained 1st classes in classical honour moderations (1881), and *litterae humaniores* (1883). He took his B.A. in 1883, and in the same year was appointed the first professor of Greek at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cardiff. He took his M.A. in 1886, and in 1891 returned to Aberystwyth as principal, succeeding [T. C. Edwards](#). He held this post till his death at Westcliff-on-Sea, on 4 August 1919. He was buried at Aberystwyth. Roberts took an active part in the early development of the University of Wales and of the Welsh intermediate school system. His quiet, devoted, and scholarly nature endeared him to generations of students and colleagues. He married, 1893, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Davies, Cardiff, who, with one son, survived him.

Author

Thomas Iorwerth Ellis, (1899 - 1970)

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