

WILKINS, CHARLES (Catwg; 1830 - 1913), writer

Name: Charles Wilkins
Pseudonym: Catwg
Date of birth: 1830
Date of death: 1913
Parent: William Wilkins
Gender: Male
Occupation: writer
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing
Author: Edward Ivor Williams

Born at Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 1830, son of William Wilkins, who left Stonehouse to settle in Merthyr Tydfil as a bookseller. In 1851, William Wilkins became postmaster of Merthyr Tydfil, and his son Charles served him as a clerk. Twenty years later the son succeeded the father as postmaster and retired pensioned in 1898, after forty-six years service in all. Charles Wilkins was librarian of Merthyr Tydfil Subscription Library for twenty years from its commencement in 1846. [Thomas Stephens](#) (Gwyddon) was secretary. He died at his residence, Springfield, Merthyr Tydfil, 2 August 1913.

Wilkins wrote prolifically, and mostly for the weekly newspapers of Merthyr Tydfil and Cardiff. His chief works are: *The History of Merthyr Tydfil*, 1867 and 1908; *The History of the Literature of Wales from 1300 to 1650*, 1884 - an expansion of 'The History of the Literature of Gwent and Morganwg', the winning essay at the national eisteddfod, 1880; *The History of the Coal Trade of South Wales*, 1888; *The History of the Iron, Steel, Tinplate and other Trades of Wales*, 1903. He edited the magazine *The Red Dragon*, 1882-7.

Author

Edward Ivor Williams, (1885 - 1958)

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Further Reading

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