WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER DAVID (1873 - 1934), R.B.A., artist

Name: Christopher David Williams
Date of birth: 1873
Date of death: 1934
Spouse: Emily Williams (née Appleyard)
Parent: Mary Williams
Parent: Evan Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: artist
Area of activity: Art and Architecture
Author: Megan Ellis

Born at Maes-teg, Glamorganshire, 7 January 1873, the only son of Evan and Mary Williams. Destined for the medical profession, he eventually overcame parental opposition, and after leaving Oswestry high school and attending art classes at Neath was awarded a scholarship at the Royal College of Art, South Kensington. After three years he entered the Royal Academy schools, where he studied under Sargent and Clausen and where he was awarded the Landseer prize for a portrait head. After his marriage to Emily Appleyard in 1904 he travelled extensively in Italy, Switzerland, Spain, and Morocco. He died in London, 19 July 1934.

Christopher Williams was primarily a painter of portraits and allegorical pictures, but he also painted landscapes and landscapes with figures. He was commissioned to paint the Investiture of the prince of Wales at Caernarvon in 1911 and ' The Charge of the Welsh Division at Mametz Wood ' in 1916. Among his portraits are those of Sir John Williams, Sir Henry Jones, Sir John Rhys, David Lloyd George (later 1st earl Dwyfor), Sir John Morris-Jones, and Hwfa Mon. Several of his pictures were shown at the Royal Academy exhibitions and his work is represented in the collections of the National Museum of Wales at Cardiff, the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth, and the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery at Swansea, and at Caernarvon, Maes-teg, and Coleg Harlech.

Author

Megan Ellis, (1906 - 2001)

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