

WILLIAMS, RICHARD HUGHES (Dic Tryfan; 1878? - 1919), journalist and short story writer

Name: Richard Hughes Williams
Pseudonym: Dic Tryfan
Date of birth: 1878?
Date of death: 1919
Gender: Male
Occupation: journalist and short story writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born at Rhosgadfan, Caernarfonshire, c. 1878. The son of a quarryman, he, too, worked in the quarry as a boy, later becoming a pupil at J. Lewis Jones's private school at Caernarvon. On leaving school he became a clerk in the office of *Y Genedl*, and later followed various occupations, including journalistic work in England, returning to Caernarvon about the beginning of the century as sub-editor on the staff of the *Herald* series of newspapers. In 1913 he was appointed editor of the *Aberystwyth Observer*; he left Aberystwyth to edit a local paper at Llanelly in 1915. During some part of the war years he worked in a Burry Port factory. His health deteriorated and he returned to Aberystwyth where, for a short time, he worked for the *Cambrian News*. But there was no permanent improvement in his health and he died at the Tregaron hospital 26 July 1919. He was a pioneer of the short story in Welsh and a serious student of the art of short story writing generally. In his lifetime two volumes of his stories were published - *Straeon y Chwarel* (not dated), and *Tair Stori Fer*, 1916. In 1932 a selection of his stories, *Storiâu gan Richard Hughes Williams*, was published by Hughes and Son, Wrexham. All his best stories deal with the life and work of the Caernarvonshire quarrymen.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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