

HUGHES, WILLIAM MELOCH (1860 - 1926), colonist and writer

Name: William Meloch Hughes
Date of birth: 1860
Date of death: 1926
Gender: Male
Occupation: colonist and writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Travel and Exploration
Author: Richard Bryn Williams

Born 9 April 1860 at Pen-sarn, Betws Gwerfyl Goch, but the family moved to Melin Meloch, near Llandderfel, about 1868. He was educated at Bala grammar school, at the same time as [T. E. Ellis](#), [O. M. Edwards](#), [J. Puleston Jones](#), Mihangel and Llwyd ap Iwan. Trained as a photographer, he set up in business at Newtown, where he also started preaching with the intention of entering the Congregational ministry, but emigrated to Patagonia in 1881 because of ill-health; there he became a prominent member of the Welsh settlement, as teacher, farmer, tradesman, and preacher. Returning to Wales after forty years abroad, he died at Rhyl 28 March 1926, and was buried at Brithdir. His book *Ar Lannau'r Camwy* was published in 1927, and it contains his reminiscences and valuable material relating to the history of the Welsh Colony during 1880-1920.

Author

Reverend Richard Bryn Williams, (1902 - 1981)

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