

JONES, THOMAS (Cynhaiarn; 1839 - 1916), lawyer and writer of verse

Name: Thomas Jones
Pseudonym: Cynhaiarn
Date of birth: 1839
Date of death: 1916
Parent: Jane Jones
Parent: John Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: lawyer and writer of verse
Area of activity: Law; Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 10 February 1839, son of John and Jane Jones, Pen-lôn, Pwllheli. At 13, he began working in a solicitor's office at Portmadoc, and in 1867 qualified as a solicitor; he was afterwards county-court registrar at Portmadoc and Ffestiniog, and town clerk of Cricieth. In politics he was a conservative, in religious adherence a Congregationalist. But he is best known as a writer of verse; he was at his best in short pieces, and particularly in satiric verse - a satire of his gained the prize at the national eisteddfod of 1892 at Rhyl. He was also a master of the englyn. Much of his verse was printed in periodicals; much, too, is unlikely to appear in print, being in rabelaisian vein. He was in his early days a member of the literary circle which gathered around **Ellis Owen** of Cefn-y-meusydd. In 1881 he collected and published the poetry of **Ioan Madog**. He died 22 October 1916, and was buried in Dyneio graveyard, Pwllheli.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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