

DAVIES, ROBERT HUMPHREY ('Gomerian '; 1856 - 1947), correspondent of Welsh and English newspapers in U.S.A.;

Name: Robert Humphrey Davies
Pseudonym: Gomerian
Date of birth: 1856
Date of death: 1947
Spouse: Annie Davies (née Evans)
Parent: Janet Davies (née Hughes)
Parent: Humphrey R. Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: correspondent of Welsh and English newspapers
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing
Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

Born at Penygogydd, near Dinorwig, Caernarfonshire, son of Humphrey R. Davies and Janet (née Hughes). He was taken as a child by his parents to America, and lived for some years at Dam, near Slatington, Pa. When he was sixteen he was apprenticed as a compositor in the offices of *Y Wasg*, Pittsburgh, Pa., where, apart from fifteen months in New York and Utica, he spent the remainder of his long life. He married, 2 February 1887, Annie Evans of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

'Gomerian' was connected with many Welsh and English newspapers published in the U.S.A., and developed into a fluent writer in both languages. He wrote much to *Y Drych*; when *The Druid* began publication at Scranton, Pennsylvania, he soon became one of its chief correspondents. He was very active in Welsh circles in Pittsburgh; for fourteen years he was secretary of the St. David's Day Society and he was twice elected its president. He arranged several eisteddfodau and visited Wales to invite **David Lloyd-George** to attend the international eisteddfod to be held in the U.S.A. At the suggestion of **Lloyd George** he formed the American Gorsedd of Bards of which he became the recorder; he served, e.g. as recorder, of the Gorsedd held at San Francisco in 1915. He also was mainly responsible for the publication of the *Royal Blue Book* which contains an account of the proceedings of the international eisteddfod held at Pittsburgh in 1913. He died at Pittsburgh in 1947.

Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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