

## DAVIES, DAVID JOSHUA (1877 - 1945), dramatist

**Name:** David Joshua Davies  
**Date of birth:** 1877  
**Date of death:** 1945  
**Spouse:** Annie Davies (née Davies)  
**Parent:** Mary Davies (née Evans)  
**Parent:** John Davies  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** dramatist  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Gwilym Richard Tilsley

Born in Troedyrhiw, Llanwenog, Cardiganshire, 26 December 1877, son of John Davies and Mary (née Evans) his wife. He was educated in Mydroilyn elementary school and the tutorial school in New Quay. He almost lost his sight there, but after recuperating he became an apprentice in an ironmonger's store in Swansea. He returned to manage the co-operative store at Llannarth. In 1910 he took a smallholding and later a shop and post office in Pontrhyd-y-groes, where he spent the rest of his life. He held important offices in his denomination (Meth.), and in the county council, where he became chairman of the education committee. He wrote a great deal to the local press on political topics, but his greatest distinction was to win the prize at the National Eisteddfod in Neath in 1918 for his very popular play *Maes y Meillion*. His play *Owen Glynd r* remains unpublished. He married Annie Davies, New Quay, 6 April 1904, in St. Paul's, Aberystwyth, and they had four children. He died 8 January 1945, and was buried in New Quay.

### Author

Gwilym Richard Tilsley, (1911 - 1997)

### Sources

Information from his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Owen  
personal knowledge

### Further Reading

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