

DAVIES, HUGH THOMAS (1881 - 1969), musician, writer, and one of the pioneers of Cymdeithas Cerdd Dant Cymru

Name: Hugh Thomas Davies

Date of birth: 1881

Date of death: 1969

Spouse: Margaret Davies (née Jones)

Parent: Eunice Davies (née Williams)

Parent: Richard Davies

Gender: Male

Occupation: musician, writer, and one of the pioneers of Cymdeithas Cerdd Dant Cymru

Area of activity: Art and Architecture; Literature and Writing; Music; Performing Arts

Author: Aled Lloyd Davies

Born 5 April 1881 at Y Felin Uchaf, Glanconwy, Denbighshire, son of Richard Davies and his wife Eunice (née Williams). He married, 4 September 1909, Margaret, daughter of Griffith R. Jones, minister (B) of Ffordd Las, Glanconwy, and they had five children, all of whom became interested in Welsh traditional cultural activities. As the surveyor for Conwy, H.T. Davies lived for some time in Liverpool and then at Glanconwy, but moved in 1919 to Tywyn, Meirionnydd, where he spent the rest of his life as an architect, surveyor and health officer. His chief interests were religion and music, and he made a significant contribution in his immediate circle and nationally in both fields. He was one of the founders of Cymdeithas Cerdd Dant Cymru on 10 November 1934, and served as president of the Society and was its treasurer for 12 years. He was a national adjudicator, a prolific 'setter' of words and a composer of airs to which words could be set for penillion singing. He taught many parties, soloists and choirs in the art of singing to the harp (cerdd dant) who came to the fore at national eisteddfodau and cerdd dant festivals. His contribution in this field was appreciated by the members of the Society of which he was made an honorary life member. He died 14 March 1969.

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Sources

Information from his daughter, Margaret Eunice Williams, Aberystwyth.

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