

DIVERRES, POL (1880 - 1946), linguist, Celtic scholar, and sometime Keeper of manuscripts in the National Library of Wales

Name: Pol Diverres
Date of birth: 1880
Date of death: 1946
Spouse: Elizabeth Diverres (née Jones)
Child: Armel Hugh Diverres
Parent: Pauline Diverres (née Chauvlon)
Parent: Henri Diverres
Gender: Male
Occupation: linguist, Celtic scholar, and sometime Keeper of manuscripts in the National Library of Wales
Area of activity: History and Culture; Literature and Writing; Scholarship and Languages
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Born 12 December 1880 at Lorient, Brittany, the son of Henri Diverres, lawyer and Breton folklorist, and Pauline Chauvlon. He was educated in the University of Rennes where he took his 'doctorat' in Celtic. He had almost completed his examination in medicine (a course which he had pursued at the specific request of his parents), when he decided to change to Celtic, which he studied at the Collège de France, (under Joseph Loth), the Sorbonne, and the École des hautes études, Paris. Coming to Wales in 1911 (as a member of the Breton Gorsedd of Bards) to attend the Carmarthen national eisteddfod, he shortly afterwards began his residence in this country which was to continue until his death. After taking his M.A. degree in the University of Liverpool in 1914 and after a short period as French master at Lewis' School, Pengam, Glamorgan, he was appointed Keeper of manuscripts and sub-librarian in the National Library of Wales (9 September 1919); he relinquished this post in 1923 to join the French department in the newly-established University College of Swansea. He had a good Celtic library. His widow and son arranged for much of it, especially the Breton books and journals, to come to the National Library. His most important publications were *Le plus ancien texte de Meddygon Myddveu ...* (Paris, 1913) and *Le Siège de Lorient par les Anglais en 1746 ...* (Rennes, 1931); articles in *Revue Celtique* and *Les Annales de Bretagne*.

Diverres married, in 1913, Elizabeth Jones ('Telynores Gwalia'), daughter of Hugh Jones ('Trisant'), Liverpool; they had one son. Diverres died 25 December 1946 at Swansea, and was buried in Sketty churchyard.

Author

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Sources

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