

EVANS, JOHN DANIEL (1862 - 1943), a pioneer in Patagonia

Name: John Daniel Evans

Date of birth: 1862

Date of death: 1943

Gender: Male

Occupation: a pioneer in Patagonia

Area of activity: Travel and Exploration

Author: Richard Bryn Williams

Born in Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire, 1862. He accompanied his parents who went out to the Welsh colony with the first batch of emigrants in 1865 and became one of the finest horsemen in the country, a daring adventurer, and an able leader, so much so, that he was known as ' The Baceano '. He went out several times to explore the pampas, the most celebrated occasion being in 1883 when his party was attacked by Indians in the Kel-Kein valley and his three companions were killed before he himself miraculously escaped on his Malacara pony. He led a party to the Andes in 1885, when Cwm Hyfryd was discovered; he was one of the first settlers there in 1891.

He spent the remainder of his life in Cwm Hyfryd and died there 6 March 1943 in his 81st year.

Author

Reverend Richard Bryn Williams, (1902 - 1981)

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