

JONES, HUMPHREY ('Bryfdir ' ; 1867 - 1947), poet and 'compère' of eisteddfodau

Name: Humphrey Jones
Pseudonym: Bryfdir
Date of birth: 1867
Date of death: 1947
Spouse: Mary Eleanor Jones (née Williams)
Parent: Mary Jones (née Roberts)
Parent: John Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet and 'compère' of eisteddfodau
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
Author: William Emrys Jones

Born 13 December 1867, in Cwm Croesor, Merionethshire, son of John Jones a smallholder and Mary (née Roberts) and grandson of Robert Roberts of Erw Fawr who founded the Sunday school at Llanfrothen. He lived practically the whole of his life in Blaenau Ffestiniog. After leaving school at the age of 12 he became a quarryman and eventually attained an official position. He learned the rudiments of poetry during his youth from [Richard Jones Owen](#) ('Glaslyn ' ; 1831 - 1909) and before he was 20 yrs of age he had won several prizes. He was admitted to the Gorsedd of Bards in 1890. He won over 60 bardic chairs, and contributed regularly to *Y Geninen* and *Cymru*. He was a very successful eisteddfod 'compere' for many years, noted for his ready wit and control of large audiences. Two volumes of his poetry were published - *Telynu'r Wawr* and *Bro fy Mebyd a Chaniadau eraill*. He married in 1893 Mary Eleanor Williams and they had 5 children. He died 22 January 1947.

Author

William Emrys Jones, (1894 - 1985)

Sources

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