

JONES, RICHARD ('Dofwy '; 1863 - 1956), folk poet

Name: Richard Jones
Pseudonym: Dofwy
Date of birth: 1863
Date of death: 1956
Gender: Male
Occupation: folk poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Gwilym Richard Tilsley

Born at Fron-goch, Cemais, Montgomeryshire, 3 May 1863. He received his only formal education at Dol-y-clwyd school, Cemais. He was apprenticed as a carpenter, but when he was twenty he and his brother went to farm Cwmeidrol, Cwmlline, where he remained for the rest of his life, with his wife and four children. Although a good musician and singer, he was primarily regarded locally as a poet. He mastered the rules of *cynghanedd* at an early age, and although no volume of his work was published, hundreds of his *englynion* and verses appeared in contemporary periodicals. He won his first prize for an *englyn* when he was twenty years old, and the last when he was ninety. He was a 'character' in his own locality. He died 18 February 1956 and was buried in Cemais cemetery.

Author

Gwilym Richard Tilsley, (1911 - 1997)

Sources

Personal knowledge

Further reading

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