

LLOYD, ROBERT ('Llwyd o'r Bryn'; 1888 - 1961), eisteddfodwr, entertainer and farmer

Name: Robert Lloyd
Pseudonym: Llwyd o'r Bryn
Date of birth: 1888
Date of death: 1961
Spouse: Annie Lloyd (née Williams)
Child: Dwysan Rowlands (née Lloyd)
Parent: Winifred Lloyd (née Roberts)
Parent: John Lloyd
Gender: Male
Occupation: eisteddfodwr, entertainer and farmer
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Nature and Agriculture; Performing Arts
Author: David Tecwyn Lloyd

Born in Penybryn, Bethel, Llandderfel, Merionethshire, 29 February 1888, the youngest son of John and Winifred Lloyd. He was baptized by **Michael Daniel Jones**. He was educated at Sarnau school and after working for a period with his father on the farm, he married in 1913 Annie Williams, Derwgoed, Llandderfel. Thereafter he farmed Derwgoed until he retired in 1944. In this connection, he was one of the first in Wales to stimulate interest in the experimental immunisation of cattle against tuberculosis (see Richard Phillips, *Pob un a'i gwys* (1970), 86).

Throughout most of his life he acted as compère and adjudicator at countless *eisteddfodau* in north and mid- Wales; he was one of the promoters of the first national eisteddfod held by Urdd Gobaith Cymru at Corwen in 1929. Between 1938 and 1950 he was the witty compère of Parti Tai'r felin (see **Robert Roberts below**), a group which held concerts in all parts of Wales and for Welsh societies in England. He also frequently took part in radio and television programmes.

He had the true story-teller's gift of narrating or writing a tale. This is evident in his autobiography *Y Pethe* (1955), the title of which later came to stand for the values and traditions that are associated with Welsh life at its best. In 1966 a volume of his letters was published, *Diddordebau*, which was edited by his nephew **Trebor Lloyd Evans**, and a collection of his articles for *Welsh Farm News* and other periodicals were published in *Adlodd Llwyd o'r Bryn* by his daughter, Dwysan Rowlands, in 1983. After retiring he visited many places to give lectures on country life and culture. There are descriptions of him by Robin Williams in *Y tri Bob* (1970) and in *Portreadau'r Faner* (n.d.). He died 28 December 1961 and was buried in Cefnddwysarn cemetery. In 1963 a 'Llwyd o'r Bryn prize' for recitation was established at the National Eisteddfod in memory of him.

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Sources

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