

OWEN, DAVID SAMUEL (1887 - 1959), minister (Presb.)

Name: David Samuel Owen
Date of birth: 1887
Date of death: 1959
Spouse: Gracy Owen (née Jones)
Parent: Harriet Owen
Parent: Samuel Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: minister (Presb.)
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 12 March 1887 at Ruthin, Denbighshire, son of Samuel and Harriet Owen. He was educated in the elementary schools at Ruthin and Abergelge; Abergelge county school; University College, Bangor (where he graduated B.A.); and Aberystwyth Theological College. He began to preach in 1905 in Bethlehem chapel, Colwyn Bay; he was ordained in 1913, and served as minister of Siloh, Llanelli (1913-15) before receiving a call to Jewin church, London, where he had a successful career and where he remained for the rest of his life. To his deep distress the beautiful chapel of Jewin was destroyed by bombs during World War II, and many of his church members returned to Wales; nevertheless, he continued to labour diligently among those who remained, though he did not live to see a new place of worship built on the site of the old. In 1913 he married Gracy Jones, Glan Conwy and they had two sons and three daughters. He died 26 March 1959, and was buried in Bron-y-nant cemetery, Colwyn Bay.

A powerful and popular preacher, there was great demand for his services in Wales, where he served as Moderator of the North Wales Association (1954). From an early age he excelled as an elocutionist at *eisteddfodau*, and he adjudicated recitation competitions regularly for many years at the National Eisteddfod.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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