

THOMAS, WILLIAM (1891 - 1958), under-secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government

Name: William Thomas
Date of birth: 1891
Date of death: 1958
Spouse: Mary Olwen Thomas (née Davies)
Parent: Catherine Thomas
Parent: James Thomas
Gender: Male
Occupation: under-secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government
Area of activity: Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
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Born 27 November 1891, son of James and Catherine Thomas, Cymer, Rhondda,. He was educated at Porth Secondary School and the University College at Cardiff where he graduated B.Sc. in 1911 and was demonstrator in physics there for a while. During World War I he served with the South Lancashire Regiment, and was on the General Staff (Intelligence) of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He was called to the bar at Inner Temple, 1928. He had joined the Civil Service in 1914, and eventually became a member of the Welsh Board of Health, 1945-51, and under-secretary in charge of the Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in Cardiff, 1951-54, when he retired. He contributed articles to *Y Fflam*, 1947, and the Welsh column of *The Western Mail* (e.g. 25 November 1954) and was one of the editors of *Bro*, 1954. In 1925 he married Mary Olwen Davies, Ynyshir, Rhondda and moved from Cymer in 1938 to 27 Maesycoed Road, The Heath, Cardiff. He died 20 April 1958.

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