

WILLIAMS, DANIEL JENKINS (1874 - 1952), minister (MC/Presb.) and official historian of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church of America

Name: Daniel Jenkins Williams

Date of birth: 1874

Date of death: 1952

Child: Robert Hugh Williams

Parent: Jane Mary Williams (née Jenkins)

Parent: Robert H. Williams

Gender: Male

Occupation: minister (MC/Presb.) and official historian of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church of America

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Born Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, USA, 22 December 1874, the son of Robert H. Williams (born near Gwalchmai, Anglesey, 1844), and Jane Mary (née Jenkins; born Wisconsin, daughter of Welsh immigrants). Education: A.B. (U. Wis.), 1899; M.A. (U. Wis.), 1900; B.D. (Union Theol. Sem.), 1903; Ph.D. (Ohio State University), 1914; D.D. (Carroll Col., Wis.), 1918; student of Celtic Literature, Oxford, 1904-05. Ordained by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Synod of Wisconsin, 1906. Pastor of churches: Arbor Vitae, Wis., 1905-07; Welsh CM, Columbus, O., 1907-11; 1st Presby., Oshkosh, Wis., 1911-15; 1st Presby., Wausau, Wis., 1915-20; 1st Presby., Cedar Rapids, Ia., 1920-23; Miami Ave. Welsh Presby., Columbus, O., 1923-33; retired to write official history of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church of America, 1933-37; supply minister in Florida (winters) and in Wisconsin (summers), 1937 till death; moderator of the Presby. Synod of Wisconsin, 1915. Fluent in Welsh, he preached in Wales during recesses while attending Oxford, and preached in both English and Welsh throughout his career as a minister in the U.S. He was the author of: *The Welsh of Columbus, Ohio; A Study in Adjustment and Assimilation*, Oshkosh, Wis., 1913; *The Welsh Community of Waukesha County, Wisconsin*, Columbus, O., 1926; and *100 Years of Welsh Calvinistic Methodism in America*, Philadelphia, 1937. All three are valuable contributions to the history of the Welsh in the United States, and the latter is the official history of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church of America from its beginnings until its merger with the American Presbyterian Church in 1920. He died in Milwaukee, Wis., May 29, 1952.

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