WILLIAMS, DAVID JOHN (1886 - 1950), schoolmaster and author

Name: David John Williams Date of birth: 1886 Date of death: 1950 Spouse: Lena Williams (née Williams) Parent: Sarah Williams Parent: H. Williams Gender: Male Occupation: schoolmaster and author Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing Author: John Lloyd

Born at Corris 22 August 1886, son of H. Williams ('Ap Idris') and Sarah, his wife. Educated at Corris Board School, Towyn County School, Hull Municipal Training College (1913-15), 'D.J.' started teaching at Corris as monitor, afterwards pupilteacher. He taught as Uncertificated Assistant at Newbridge, Monmouth 1905-08, Uncertificated Head at Cwm Abergeirw (1908-10), Bronaber (1910-13), as Qualified Assistant at Corwen (1919), as Qualified Head at Llawrybetws (1919-20), Llandderfel (1920-31), Llanbedr (1931-48). He retired 31 August 1948. He married Lena Williams of Llanuwchllyn in 1922. He died suddenly at a meeting of Meirionethshire Education Committee at Dolgellau 1 February 1950 and was buried at Llanuwchllyn 4 February 1950.

He published a large number of books for use in schools, such as *Cyfres Chwedl a Chân* (6 vols.); *Llyfrau Ysgrifennu Cymraeg* (6 vols.) He also made a comprehensive collection of books for children. He was co-editor of *Meirionnydd*, a magazine for the Merioneth branch of Urdd Gobaith Cymru; founder and editor of *Hwyl*, a Welsh comic for children. He won several prizes for literary work in the national eisteddfod, and he was a member of the Eisteddfod Council.

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