

## HUMPHREYS, RICHARD MACHNO (1852 - 1904), Baptist minister

**Name:** Richard Machno Humphreys  
**Date of birth:** 1852  
**Date of death:** 1904  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** William Joseph Rhys

Born 14 March 1852 at Tal-y-bont, Cardiganshire, the son of a man from Halkin, Flintshire, who had married at Tal-y-bont. **Benjamin Humphreys**, Felin-foel, was a brother of his. After working for some years at Tal-y-bont, as a lead miner, he moved to Dylife, Montgomeryshire, where he began to preach. Afterwards he worked in a coal-mine at Gilfach Goch, Glamorganshire, and it was from here that he went to the Baptist College, Llangollen, in 1875. He ministered at Siloam, Cardiff (1877-84), Rhosddu, Wrexham (1884-91), and Calfaria, Llanelly (1891-1904). When he was at Llanelly he edited the Welsh column in the *Llanelly Mercury*. He began to write verse when he was quite young and won chairs at eisteddfodau - Wrexham (1884), Rhosllanerchrugog (1887), Newcastle Emlyn (1888), Pontyberem (1901), Felinfoel (1901); he also won the crown in the Rhyl national eisteddfod, 1904. He died 30 November 1904.

### Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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