

## JERMAN, HUGH (1836 - 1895), artist and musician

**Name:** Hugh Jerman  
**Date of birth:** 1836  
**Date of death:** 1895  
**Spouse:** Elizabeth Jerman (née Salter)  
**Child:** Richard Henry Jerman  
**Parent:** Mary Jerman  
**Parent:** Richard Jerman  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** artist and musician  
**Area of activity:** Art and Architecture; Music  
**Author:** Edward Ronald Morris

Born Church Street, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire, 28 September 1836, son of a carpenter, Richard Jerman and his wife Mary. He was educated in local schools and the National School before becoming a student at Battersea Training College, 1854-55, and then becoming a teacher. He taught in Lincolnshire, Connah's Quay, Kerry, Kirkby Fleetham and Wells in Yorkshire. In 1877 he returned to Llanidloes and established a private school, Severn Grove Academy, where he taught the sons of the richer town and country folk until 1890.

He was a talented musician who won many prizes at *eisteddfodau*. In the Conway national eisteddfod of 1861 he won first prize for an anthem, 'Deus Misereatur'. He conducted an accomplished choir in the town. He taught himself the violin and piano. But he became best known as an artist, skilled in oils and water-colours, and many of his pictures are in private collections. His best-known is 'The Glanyrafon Hunt', painted for Edward Bennett, brother of **Nicholas Bennett** in 1885. There are three of his paintings in the National Library. He was also a very effective portrait painter.

In 1859 he married Elizabeth Salter of Kerry, and they had two sons and five daughters. One son, Richard Henry Jerman, 1866 - 1951, was also a gifted artist. His brother-in-law, Edward Salter, born 1831, was a schoolmaster and artist and father of E.H. Langford Salter, 1870 - 1949, who established a music business in Neath and manufactured organs. He died May 8, 1895 and was buried in the parish cemetery at Llanidloes.

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