

DAVIES, JOHN (1795 - 1858), Unitarian minister and schoolmaster

Name: John Davies
Date of birth: 1795
Date of death: 1858
Parent: David Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: Unitarian minister and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Thomas Oswald Williams

Born in 1795, son of [David Davies](#) (1764? - 1828) of Llan-y-bri. He was educated at home, at the local grammar school, and at Carmarthen Academy (1815-19). While at college he became a Unitarian and began to preach in the Unitarian chapel in the town. In January 1820, when [David Davis](#) of Castellhywel (1745 - 1827) retired, he was invited to minister to his churches - Llwyn-rhyd-Owen, Pen-rhiw, Alltyblaca, and Bwlchfadfa. For a time he was an assistant at [Davis's](#) school, but before long started schools of his own at Gelli-gron, Tyssul Castle, Blaenbydernyn (Pencarreg, Carmarthenshire), and Tre-fach; in 1830 he opened an academy at Adpar, Newcastle Emlyn, which flourished until his death. Many of his most distinguished pupils have testified to his ability as a teacher. He wrote some hymns and edited for James Evans, stonemason and bookbinder of Pentre-nax, Bwlchfadfa, the 3rd impression of the hymn-book of [Josiah Rees](#) (1744 - 1804). In this new edition he included some additional hymns written by [T. J. Griffiths](#) (1797? - 1871) and by himself. He died 19 April 1858 and lies in the graveyard of the old chapel at Llwyn-rhyd-Owen.

Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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