DAVID, JOHN (1701? - 1756), Independent minister

Name: John David
Date of birth: 1701?
Date of death: 1756
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

he lived at Cilast near Manordivy, Pembrokeshire, and was a well-to-do farmer. He seems to have begun preaching c. 1736, and in 1745 succeeded Lewis Thomas (of Bwlch-sais) as pastor of the churches of Rhydyceisiaid, Carmarthenshire, and Glandŵr, Pembrokeshire. He itinerated over a wide area, reaching as far north as S. Dogmaels; in 1747-8 he had the assistance of Evan Williams (1719 - 1748), of Cwmllynfell. He is pretty certainly the John David who joined Henry Palmer and Rees Davies, in a letter (Trevecka letter 231) to Howel Harris, 22 March 1740. He died 22 July 1756, and was buried at Manordivy. There is an elegy (printed in the work mentioned below) upon him by Morris Griffiths. A record in the Moravian archives at Haverfordwest speaks in very high terms of John David.

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Sources

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