

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
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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 Glandwr, 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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