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DAVIES, JOHN (1799? - 1879), known as 'John Davies of Nerquis' a Calvinistic Methodist minister

**Name:** John Davies  
**Pseudonym:** John Davies of Nerquis  
**Date of birth:** 1799?  
**Date of death:** 1879  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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renowned in his day for his wit and originality. There is a 'biography' of him, by George Jones (Wrexham, 1907), very deficient in dates and other particulars. It would seem that he was brought up at Mold, though his family hailed from Nerquis, Flintshire; he was received into Mold Methodist society in 1815 'when 16 years of age' (G. Owen, *Methodistiaeth Sir Fflint*, 323), and according to his mourning-card he was '79' when he died (Y Cylchgrawn, 1879, 135), so he must have been born in 1799 or 1800, and not in 1808 as some have it. He began preaching in 1822 and was ordained in 1834; he was a very remarkable preacher, and published, 1869, a commentary on the Book of Proverbs, which had a great vogue. One fact should be mentioned, which suggests that his political views were more advanced than were those of many Methodist ministers before the middle of the 19th century — he favoured the agitation in 1841 for the repeal of the Corn Laws (see Cylchgrawn Rhyddid, 1 January 1842). He died 5 March 1879.

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Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

## Sources

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## Further Reading

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