

DAVIES, JOHN (1843 - 1917), 'of Pandy,' Calvinistic Methodist minister and antiquary

Name: John Davies
Date of birth: 1843
Date of death: 1917
Parent: Rees Davies
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister and antiquary
Place: Pandy
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages

His father was Rees Davies (1804 - 1891), a minister, who was born at Ysgubor Fawr, Myddfai, Carmarthenshire, while Jeffery Davies of Llangammarch was his uncle. John Davies was educated at the school kept by Morgan Jones at Myddfai and at the British school, Cefnarthen. He had a year's schooling at Brecon and then went to Merthyr Tydfil grammar school, where he came under the influence of [Thomas Stephens](#), about whom he later wrote several articles to Y Geninen. When he was about 19 years of age he began to preach at Y Babell church in the Beili-du circuit of Brecknock. In September 1865 he went to Trevecka College, which had just been opened for the second time. He left Trevecka at the end of 1865 and received a call to the churches at Pandy and Forest coal pit near Abergavenny, where he began his ministry in January 1870. He was ordained at Llandilo, August 1870. He was an outstanding figure in all the public life of the Pandy district: chairman of the parish council, an alderman of the Monmouthshire county council, J.P., and F.S.A. He was elected moderator of the South Wales Association in 1905 and of the General Assembly in 1916. He assisted [Sir Joseph Bradney](#) in the preparation of his *History of Monmouthshire* and wrote extensively for Y Geninen, Y Traethodydd, Y Drysorfa, Y Lladmerydd, Y Goleuad, *Archæologia Cambrensis*, The Hereford Times, Red Dragon, Old Welsh Chips, *The History of Brecknockshire* ([Edwin Poole](#)), etc. He died 6 February 1917 and was buried in Pandy chapel graveyard.

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Sources

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