

## DAVIES, REES (1694? - 1767), Independent minister

**Name:** Rees Davies  
**Date of birth:** 1694?  
**Date of death:** 1767  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Independent minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in Cardiganshire; according to a letter of his (Trevecka letter 100, 20 August 1737) to [Howel Harris](#), he was 'kinsman' to [Evan Davies](#) (1694? - 1770), tutor of Carmarthen. At a date unknown to us, he transferred his church membership from Crug-y-maen, Cardiganshire, to Abergavenny. In [Dr. John Evans](#)'s lists of 1718, a 'Rice Davies' appears as minister of an unidentified place called 'Cromindee,' but by 1724 Rees Davies was minister of the congregation at Goitre which in 1744 removed to a new chapel in Llanover parish, patriotically called 'Hanover.' [The 'Cromindee' ('Comb du') Congregation and the later (1744) 'Hanover' Congregation were one and the same (Isaac Thomas in *Y Cofiadur*, 1958, 12-13).] Davies is said to have been well-to-do (he certainly married well) and well educated. His letter to [Howel Harris](#) shows kindly feeling towards [Harris](#) and towards [Griffith Jones](#) of Llanddowror; but the frequent (and acid) references to him in the diaries of [Philip David](#) of Penmain show clearly that he was no 'enthusiast,' indeed was an exceedingly 'dry' man, and on indifferent terms with his fellow-ministers. In [Philip David](#)'s words, 'he preached his chapel empty' but he endowed it well. He died September 1767, aged 73; [Philip David](#) officiated at his funeral at Hanover, 22 September

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### Sources

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