

EVANS, HENRY (fl. 1787-1839), Arminian Baptist minister

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The very little that is known of him is set down here for the convenience of students. He was born in Carmarthen town, was a member of Dark Gate church, and began preaching in 1787. From 1788 till 1791 he was at Bristol Baptist Academy. In 1791 he was living at Merthyr Tydfil, whether as a pastor is uncertain, but he certainly had a chapel there later, and Merthyr Tydfil General Baptist church appears in [Titus Lewis](#)'s list, 1810, printed by [David Peter](#) in his *Hanes Crefydd yng Nghymru*. However, on 5 December 1792 Evans was ordained pastor of Craig-y-fargod General Baptist church (see under [Charles Winter](#)), by [David Saunders I](#) of Aberduar and [Morgan John Rhys](#) (Rippon, *Baptist Register*, i, 523) - a renewal of contact between that church and the Baptists. Evans signs the minutes of the General Baptist Assembly at its meeting at Craig-y-fargod in 1809 (*Monthly Repository*, 1809, 695). It is still not clear that he had removed from Merthyr. In 1814, a 'W. Rees' appears at Craig-y-fargod (*Monthly Repository*, 1814, 64 - note that these are minutes of the Unitarian Assembly). The church waned; the chapel was closed by 1830 and sold to the Independents in 1833 (*Hanes Egl. Ann.*, ii, 311-12). Evans's Merthyr church also faded out; its chapel was bought by the Particular Baptists in 1812-13 ([D. Jones](#), *Hanes y Bedyddwyr yn Neheubarth Cymru*, 592 - [Jones](#), who was at the time a printer in the town, had a hand in the purchase). What became of Henry Evans afterwards is not known, but he was alive in 1839 (*Hanes y Bedyddwyr yn Neheubarth Cymru*, 440).

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