

EVANS, THOMAS (1625 - 1688), Baptist minister

Name: Thomas Evans
Date of birth: 1625
Date of death: 1688
Child: Thomas Evans
Child: Caleb Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born at Pentre, Llanafan-fawr, Brecknock. He had had a good education and was granted a preacher's licence by the Commissioners for the Propagation of the Gospel, 16 May 1653. He was in charge of the parish church of Maesymynys until 1662. He was a Baptist of the free-communion school - that is why his daughter joined Broadmead and not the General Baptist church at Bristol. It was not he, as [Spinther](#) seems to think, who attended the Aberafan assembly (1654) but Thomas Evans of Dyffryn-ffrwd. In spite of the fact that under Charles II he was thrown into prison at Brecon and grievously persecuted, two of his sons and many of his descendants entered the ministry, among them being [Hugh](#) and [Caleb Evans](#) of Bristol, [John Evans](#) of Islington, etc. [see under [Hugh Evans](#) (1712 - 1781)]. He continued to minister to his people at Pentre and the surrounding districts until his death in 1688.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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