

## FRANCIS, ABEL (died c. 1743), Arminian Baptist minister

**Name:** Abel Francis  
**Date of death:** c. 1743  
**Parent:** Francis Thomas Francis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Arminian Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

son of Francis Thomas Francis and second-cousin of the more famous [Enoch Francis](#), was for many years assistant-pastor of 'Tivy-side church,' probably labouring mainly around Pencarreg, Carmarthenshire, where he lived - in the record of his marriage in 1733 (printed in *Trafodion Cymdeithas Hanes Bedyddwyr Cymru*, 1948-9, 52) he is described as 'of or nigh Llanybydder.' In 1729 he adopted Arminian views, and in 1735 or 1736 left the Baptists and joined the Presbyterian-Independents; he is said (*Geiriadur Bywgraffyddol o Enwogion Cymru*, i, 372) to have become a member of Esgairdawe (today known as Ffald-y-brenin) Independent church, Carmarthenshire

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

Joshua Thomas, *Hanes y Bedyddwyr ymhlith y Cymry: o amser yr Apostolion, hyd y flwyddyn hon: yn ddwy ran* (1778), 375, 377-9

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