

GRIFFITHS, JAMES (1782 - 1858), Independent minister

Name: James Griffiths
Date of birth: 1782
Date of death: 1858
Spouse: Sarah Griffiths (née Phillips)
Child: Henry Griffiths
Parent: Margaret Griffiths
Parent: David Griffiths
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Ebenezer Curig Davies

Born 2 August 1782 at Clun-gwyn, Mydrim, Carmarthenshire, the son of David and Margaret Griffiths, members of Bethlehem church, St Clears. He went from school at St Clears to Carmarthen grammar school, and passed into the Presbyterian Academy in 1802. He was ordained at Machynlleth in March 1807. His churches increased in membership; Aberhosan and Penuel were under his care, and he had oversight of Towyn, Llanegryn, and Llwyngwrl. In 1811 he married Sarah Phillips. In 1841 he moved to Rhodiad and S. Davids where he laboured until his death on 11 April 1858; he was buried at Ebenezer, S. Davids. He published *Trefn Eglwys dan y Testament Newydd*, 1811. Together with [John Roberts](#) of Llanbryn-mair (1767-1834), and others, he was responsible for what was called the 'new system.' Their views were considered heterodox; he suffered on this account, and ministers of orthodox views wanted to excommunicate him.

Author

Reverend Ebenezer Curig Davies, (1895 - 1981)

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