

HARRIS, JOHN (1704 - 1763), 'of S. Kennox ' (Llawhaden, Pembrokeshire), Methodist and Moravian exhorter -

Name: John Harris
Date of birth: 1704
Date of death: 1763
Spouse: Esther Harris (née Davies)
Child: Anne Davies (née Harris)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Methodist and Moravian exhorter
Area of activity: Nature and Agriculture; Religion
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not to be confused with [John Harries](#) (1728 - 1788), 'of Ambleston '; born at Newport, Pembrokeshire, on Good Friday, 1704. His wife was Esther Davies (died 1766), daughter of Llewelyn Davies of Clynyfw, Manordivy - it was her sister Letitia, wife of James Bowen of Dygoed, Clydey, who in 1739 invited [Howel Harris](#) to visit Pembrokeshire for the first time. Harris was early a Methodist; it was he who welcomed [Howel Davies](#) to the county; and he had charge of a group of societies in Little England.' But by 1747 he was at variance with the Methodists; they doubted his orthodoxy, and he disliked their enthusiastic transports. He ceased to attend Association meetings, and on 1 August was excommunicated by [Howel Harris](#). According to a Moravian record (see *Cymm.*, xlv, 34), he was then offered the pastorate of Albany Independent church at Haverfordwest, but preferred (c. 1750-3) to associate himself with the brothers [Relly](#). In 1753, under the influence of the Moravian missionary John Cennick, he joined the Brethren. He died 21 October 1763, and was buried at S. Thomas's, Haverfordwest. A sister of his was married to [George Gambold](#). Harris's daughter Anne (Davies) kept school at Haverfordwest; she was still alive in 1806, for 'Widow Ann Davies, late Harris ' appears in the Congregation catalogue of that year.

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Sources

'Account of John Harris,' and other manuscript Moravian records at Haverfordwest

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