

HUMPHREYS, RICHARD (1790 - 1863), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: Richard Humphreys
Date of birth: 1790
Date of death: 1863
Spouse: Humphreys
Spouse: Ann Humphreys (née Griffith)
Child: Elizabeth Thomas (née Humphreys)
Child: Jennette Griffith Morgan (née Humphreys)
Parent: Humphrey Richard
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born in June 1790, son of Humphrey Richard, Gwern-y-cynyddion, Dyffryn Ardudwy, Meirionnydd. His father moved to Faeldref, another farm in the district, about 1800, and it was in Faeldref that Richard Humphreys spent the greater part of his life, farming, preaching, and, for a period, also keeping a shop at Dyffryn. He went to school at Shrewsbury and began to preach in 1819. He was ordained in 1833, but he held no formal pastorate. He was noted for his strong common sense and wit; he took an active part in denominational matters and in the temperance and educational movements of his time. He was a member of the committee summoned, in 1854, by [Sir Hugh Owen](#) to consider the establishment of a Welsh university. He wrote for *Y Traethodydd* and *Y Methodist*, and counted [Dewi Wyn](#) and [Eben Fardd](#) amongst his friends. Although he took no very prominent part in politics he is believed to have been one of the first ministers of his denomination to support Liberalism.

He married in 1822, Ann, daughter of captain William Griffith, Y Cei, Barmouth; they had two daughters, one, Jennette, being the wife of the [Rev. Edward Morgan](#), Dyffryn (1817 - 1871). His first wife died in 1852 and he married in 1858 Mrs. Evans, Gwerniago, Pennal, and went to Pennal to live. There, on 15 February 1863, he died; he was buried at Dyffryn. There was one daughter, Elizabeth, of the second marriage; she married the Rev. William Thomas, Llanrwt.

Author

Edward Morgan Humphreys, (1882 - 1955)

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