

JAMES, PHILIP (1664 - 1748), early Baptist minister

Name: Philip James
Date of birth: 1664
Date of death: 1748
Gender: Male
Occupation: early Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born near Pontardulais, and educated (so it is said) in the school kept by **Robert Morgan** (1621 - 1711). His parents resented his Dissent, and c. 1685 he went to Liverpool, in service to a Baptist medical man named Ebenezer Fabius (died 1691); he then practised medicine, and also preached, near Lichfield. According to **David Jones** (*Hanes y Bedyddwyr yn Neheubarth Cymru*, 524), he was for a while minister of the Swansea Baptist church, but **Joshua Thomas** (*A History of the Baptist Association in Wales*, 29-30) furnishes no ground for this statement. From 1704 to 1718 he was minister at Warwick, and from 1718 at Hemel Hempstead, where he died in 1748, aged 84. Some give him an M.D. degree, but all that **Joshua Thomas** says (*A History of the Baptist Association in Wales*, 30) is 'he had such knowledge and skill in physic that his common title was Dr. James.' He preached the Association sermon at Llanwenarth in 1705. Among the 'Rhual Papers' at N.L.W. is a letter (108) to **Thomas Edwards** (1649 - 1700), written by James on 5 November 1698 at 'Beguilly' (Bugeildy, Radnorshire, or Begelly, Pembrokeshire?).

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