

JAMES, OWEN WALDO (1845 - 1910), Baptist minister

Name: Owen Waldo James
Date of birth: 1845
Date of death: 1910
Parent: Margaret James
Parent: John James
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born at Llanfachraeth, Anglesey, son of John and Margaret James, and brother of [Edward James](#), Nevin. His family were Congregationalists, but he himself joined the Baptists at Pontyrrarw during the ministry of [John Jones](#) (Mathetes, 1821 - 1878), and he was one of the first six students to enter Llangollen Baptist College. He was ordained at Hebron, Dowlais, 1865, and moved to the Tabernacle, Merthyr, 1872, Ebenezer, Aberavon, 1878, Edwardsdale, Pa., U.S.A., 1887, Rhosllannerchrugog, 1890, and Blaenclydach, 1893. He was appointed secretary and superintendent of the Welsh Baptist Home Missionary Society in 1900, but the Society did not prosper and he resigned. He ministered for a short while to the churches at Barry and Godre-aman and in 1905 accepted the pastorate of Bethania, Porth, but his health broke down and he moved to Pen-coed, near Bridgend, where he died 18 July 1910. He was a frequent competitor at eisteddfodau, and his name 'Waldo' is said to have originated as a pseudonym. He was responsible for a South Wales edition of *Yr Herald Gymraeg*, and published *Adnodau Dyrys y Testament Newydd*, 1887; *Blinder Diweddaraf yr Eglwysi ... Anerchiad ...*, 1883; and *Esboniad y Bobl: Yr Efengyl yn ol Marc*, 1895.

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