

## JONES, DANIEL (1771 - 1810), who described himself as ' General Unitarian Free-communion Baptist minister, ';

**Name:** Daniel Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1771  
**Date of death:** 1810  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** General Unitarian Free-communion Baptist minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

was born at Dre-fach (Llangeler, Carmarthenshire) in 1771. As he showed mechanical aptitudes, he was apprenticed to a clock and watch maker. A member of Pant Teg Baptist church (near Newcastle Emlyn), he began preaching and went to Bristol Baptist Academy, 1788-92. He was then called to the pastorate of Pant Teg, but preferred to accept a call from Back Lane, Swansea. Though that church originated in a Calvinistic secession from Swansea Old Meeting, Jones soon developed anti-Calvinistic views which ultimately led him into Unitarianism. He took a leading part in the controversies of 1794-9 among West Wales Baptists, and seems to have been the ablest and also the fairest debater on the anti-Calvinist side. He left Back Lane in 1800, and was succeeded by [Joseph Harris](#), Gomer to become pastor of the General Baptists of Trowbridge, where he died 14 March 1810 in his 40th year.

### Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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