

## JONES, DAVID (1793 - 1825), minister in the countess of Huntingdon's connexion, an able linguist, and one of the joint authors (with Thomas Keyworth) of Principia Hebraica, 1817

**Name:** David Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1793  
**Date of death:** 1825  
**Parent:** Thomas Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** minister in the countess of Huntingdon's connexion, an able linguist, and one of the joint authors (with Thomas Keyworth) of Principia Hebraica, 1817  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
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he was the son of [Thomas Jones](#) (1761 - 1831) of Carmarthen, and was born at Cwmcraigiau-fach in the parish of Llanfihangel Iorath, Carmarthenshire, 11 February 1793. He received a good education, privately to begin with and then at [David Peter's](#) school, Carmarthen, the Presbyterian Academy in the same town, and Cheshunt College, Hertfordshire; he studied Arabic, Syriac, and Persian in addition to Hebrew and the classical languages. He was ordained in 1814, and in 1821, after being at Hereford for a period, succeeded W. Kemp as minister at Swansea. His health gave way and he was advised to spend the winter of 1823-4 in the South of France; on his way home he visited Brittany. Accepting an offer made by the Bible Society he returned to Brittany towards the end of 1824, began to learn Breton himself, and did much to secure the translation of the New Testament into the Breton language. He died at Cheshunt 1 September 1825, a few weeks after being appointed classical tutor there.

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