

## JONES, ISHMAEL (1794 - 1876), Independent minister

**Name:** Ishmael Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1794  
**Date of death:** 1876  
**Parent:** Elisabeth Jones  
**Parent:** Thomas Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Independent minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Tom Ellis Jones

Born in a thatched house called Plas-yn-pant, Ponciau, Denbighshire, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Jones. In his early days he was a coal-miner, but in spite of the blue scars on his face he would not admit to having been one. He fell under the spell of [William Williams](#) (1781 - 1840), of Wern, and shortly after joining the Independents began to preach. He was at Hackney College before being ordained to the ministry. His was a wandering ministry, for he was completely incapable of managing people. In 1847 he returned to his native district where he spent the remainder of his life. He died 9 September 1876 and was buried at Wern, near Wrexham. He was an unusual preacher and, at times, is said to have been as moving as [Williams](#) of Wern himself. His wit and the originality of some of his sayings made him celebrated.

### Author

Reverend Principal Tom Ellis Jones, (1900 - 1975)

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