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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