

JONES, JOHN (1802 - 1863), Unitarian minister and schoolmaster

Name: John Jones
Date of birth: 1802
Date of death: 1863
Spouse: Anne Jones (née Rees)
Child: Rees Jenkin Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: Unitarian minister and schoolmaster
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Thomas Oswald Williams

Born 20 July 1802 at Pantlluest, Llanarth, Cardiganshire. He was educated at [David Davis](#) of Castellhywel's school and at Carmarthen Academy (1825-1827). In 1831 he opened, in conjunction with the Rev. Rees Davies, a school at Cribin, and meantime preached occasionally at Pantydefaid. In February 1833 he was appointed minister of the Old Meeting House, Aberdare, and opened a grammar school in Heol-y-felin. He was a good linguist, had a sound knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Welsh, and his school was celebrated for two generations. He married Anne Rees of Gilgellisaf; [Rees Jenkin Jones](#) was their son. He was probably the first person to conceive of a Welsh Unitarian denominational magazine, and that as early as 1835. He was a disciple of Priestley's and entirely opposed to war. He published *Llythyr ar y Drindod*, 1834; *Llyfr Ysgol Sul*, 1839; *Edifeirwch Gwely Angeu*, 1836; *Galwad ar leuenctyd i droi at Dduw*, 1840; *Pechod yn erbyn yr Ysbryd Glan*, 1846; (ed.) *Crwth Dyffryn Clettwr* ([Amnon](#)), 1848; *Traethawd y Sabbathau*, 1859; *Chwech o Bregethau*, 1865; and *Casgliad o Salmau a Hymnau*, 1857. He died 19 December 1863.

[Rees Jones](#), (1797 - 1844) was his brother.

Author

Reverend Thomas Oswald Williams, (1888 - 1965)

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