

JONES, ROBERT (1706? - 1742), country gentleman

Name: Robert Jones
Date of birth: 1706?
Date of death: 1742
Spouse: Mary Jones (née Forrest)
Parent: Robert Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: country gentleman
Area of activity: Land Ownership; Royalty and Society
Author: Moelwyn Idwal Williams

Born at Fonmon Castle, Glamorganshire, son of Robert Jones (1681 - 1715?), M.P. for Glamorgan (1710, 1713, and 1714), and great-grandson of [colonel Philip Jones](#). He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he was a contemporary of Charles Wesley (matriculated 24 April 1724), but returned to his estate at Fonmon without graduating. He was sheriff of Glamorgan in 1729. In 1732 he married Mary, daughter of Robert Forrest, of Minehead, Somerset; there were five children, one son and four daughters. From time to time he received both [Howel Harris](#) and Charles Wesley at Fonmon Castle, but his leanings towards Arminianism made him a devoted friend and active follower of Wesley, on behalf of whom he exercised his influence to enable him to preach in various churches in the Vale of Glamorgan. He died 8 June 1742 and was buried at Penmark, Glamorganshire.

Author

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