

MORGAN, THOMAS (1737 - 1813), Unitarian minister

Name: Thomas Morgan
Date of birth: 1737
Date of death: 1813
Gender: Male
Occupation: Unitarian minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 2 November 1737 in Llan-nonn parish, Carmarthenshire. Extremely little is known about the first thirty years of his life, and what is said of him by **William Williams** (Carw Coch) in his *Gweddillion Llenyddol*, 68-86, is inconsistent and also counter to some known facts. At first, Morgan was a weaver [at Cwm Taf Fechan, Brecknock] and a schoolmaster; he had also some repute as a herbalist and country physician - later on, we are told that he was the first to practise vaccination in Glamorgan. **Walter J. Evans**, in *Ymfynydd*, 1900, held that he was the Thomas Morgan who was at Carmarthen Academy, and in receipt of a grant, from mid-1769 till mid-1772. But we have no record of the provenance of this Thomas Morgan (not an uncommon name), and further, the Board in those years made no grants to students over 23. Still [**Iolo Morganwg** says he was at Carmarthen, and], the dates would fit; and **Dr. Jenkin Jenkins**, the tutor, was certainly present at Morgan's ordination as pastor at Blaen-gwrach (in the Vale of Neath), 1 July 1772. That church had long turned its back on Calvinism, and was then Arian, and we know that Morgan himself had become a Unitarian by 1802 at least - he was then a member of the ' South Wales Unitarian Association ' Morgan also supervised Craigyfargod (see **Winter, Charles**) at times. He kept a school at Blaen-gwrach. In 1809 he was paralyzed, and in 1810 he went to live with a relation at Pontardawe, where he died 17 October 1813; he was buried in the graveyard of Gellionnen Unitarian chapel.

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