

## OWEN, JOHN (1616 - 1683), Puritan (Independent) divine

Name: John Owen  
Date of birth: 1616  
Date of death: 1683  
Parent: Henry Owen  
Gender: Male  
Occupation: Puritan (Independent) divine  
Area of activity: Religion  
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Who 'with Baxter and Howe, stands in the front rank of Puritan divines'. Born in 1616, died 24 August 1683. His career is recounted in the *D.N.B.*, and has nothing to do with Wales, except that generations of Wales's most famous Calvinistic preachers were nurtured on Owen's works. But he was of Welsh blood. He was the son of Henry Owen, vicar of Stadhampton, Oxfordshire, and thus grandson of [Griffith Owen](#) of Talhenbont, Llanegryn, Meirionnydd, and great-grandson of 'baron' [Lewis Owen](#) (died 1555). He was also first cousin to the mother of [Hugh Owen](#) of Bronclydwr (1639-1700) - see [J. E. Griffith](#), *Pedigrees*, 323. These facts have been rather fancifully embroidered by some who have claimed that [Hugh Owen's](#) Dissent resulted from his 'uncle's' influence upon him during his Oxford career; but the cold fact is that [Hugh Owen](#) did not go to Oxford until the middle of 1660, when John Owen had already left it. There is indeed no proof that the great divine was in any contact with his relations in Wales. Yet, contemporary Welsh Dissenters certainly knew of the relationship, for [Henry Maurice](#) (1634-1682) refers to it.

### Author

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