

PARRY, JOSHUA (1719 - 1776), Nonconformist minister, and writer

Name: Joshua Parry
Date of birth: 1719
Date of death: 1776
Child: Caleb Hillier Parry
Gender: Male
Occupation: Nonconformist minister, and writer
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Authors: Robert Thomas Jenkins, Emyr Wyn Jones

Born 17 June 1719 at Llan-gan, Pembrokeshire, of a family that had once been well-to-do, but the father was one of twenty-one children. Parry was educated at Haverfordwest under [Evan Davies](#) (1694? - 1770), but before [Davies](#) opened the Academy there; he was afterwards at Moorfields under John Eames. He became pastor at Midhurst (1741-2), and then at Cirencester, where he died 6 September 1776. He was a literary (and a social) figure, rather than a theologian, and [Edmund Jones](#) in 1770 speaks slightly of him. He is noticed in *D.N.B.*, in an article based mainly on the *Memoir* (1872) written by his grandson Charles Henry Parry.

Joshua Parry had notable descendants. His eldest son, CALEB HILLIER PARRY (1755 - 1822), was a physician of great repute at Bath [he is repeatedly mentioned in Jane Austen's letters]. Caleb was a distinguished physician on account of his work on angina, and on exophthalmic goitre (of which he provided the first description). He was a great friend of Edward Jenner.

The physician's son, Sir WILLIAM EDWARD PARRY (1790 - 1855), F.R.S., and rear-admiral, was a very famous Arctic explorer; and the admiral's son, EDWARD PARRY (1830 - 1890), became bishop-suffragan of Dover. The *D.N.B.* has articles on all three.

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