
PETER, DAVID (1765 - 1837), Congregational minister and academy principal

Name: David Peter
Date of birth: 1765
Date of death: 1837
Spouse: Sarah Peter (née Lewis)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Congregational minister and academy principal
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: John Dyfnallt Owen

Born 5 August 1765 at Aberystwyth. He was educated at Troed-y-rhiw and Castellhywel schools, Cardiganshire. Under the influence of [Benjamin Evans](#), Tre-wen, he leaned towards Congregationalism. He became a member at Penrhiwgaled, was at Carmarthen Academy (at Rhyd-y-gors) in 1783, and kept school in S. Ismael's, Pembrokeshire - in 1783. He decided to join the Congregational ministry and began to preach at Penrhiwgaled. He became an assistant tutor at Swansea Academy under [William Howell](#) in 1789, received a call from Lammas Street (Carmarthen) church, 9 December 1791, and was ordained there 8 June 1792; among those who signed the call were Sarah Lewis, who afterwards became his wife, and [John Ross](#), the well-known Carmarthen printer and publisher. He was senior tutor of the Presbyterian Academy from 1795 to 1835. His first task at Lammas Street was to institute the Congregational system there; the church soon became one of the largest Congregational churches and the chapel was enlarged twice - in 1802 and 1806. Although he did not possess the eloquence of the popular preacher he was esteemed a substantial, practical, and evangelical preacher, and he stood in the first rank of the leaders of various movements in his time. His *Hanes Crefydd yng Nghymru* remained for a long time the main source-book for the history of religion in Wales. He died 4 May 1837.

Author

Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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