


## PHILLIPS, DANIEL (fl. 1680-1722), Independent minister

**Name:** Daniel Phillips  
**Spouse:** Anne Phillips  
**Spouse:** Elin Maurice (née Glyn)  
**Child:** Dorothy Thomas (née Phillips)  
**Child:** Anne Maurice (née Phillips)  
**Child:** Sarah Morgan (née Phillips)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Independent minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
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a Carmarthenshire man, associated by tradition with the [Philipps](#) family of Picton. His sister Dorothy married Timothy Quarrell of Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire, of a family prominent in the history of Merionethshire and Montgomeryshire Independency (see *Hanes Eglwysi Annibynnol Cymru*, i, 260, and [Jenkins](#), *Hanes ... Hen Gapel Llanuwchllyn*, 70-2); her daughter married John Kenrick of Wynne Hall, Denbighshire (see the article [Kenrick](#)), and was the mother of Timothy Kenrick of Exeter. According to [Thomas Rees](#), Phillips was taught by [Samuel Jones](#) of Brynllwarch, but his name does not appear in Walter Wilson's list (copy in N.L.W. Add. MS. 373) of [Jones](#)'s pupils; it is however certain that he was taught by [Stephen Hughes](#). He kept school for a while at Ynysdderw, Llangyfelach. In 1684 he went up to preach in Ll n, residing at Gwynfryn, Pwllheli, the heritage of Elin (Glyn), widow of [Henry Maurice](#) (1634 - 1682); he afterwards married her, and thus became owner of Gwynfryn. He was ordained, 3 July 1688, at Swansea, in the presence of [James Owen](#) - the certificate of ordination, preserved among the papers of [Thomas Morgan](#) (1720 - 1799) in N.L.W., is printed in *Y Cofiadur*, 1923, 19-20. Phillips received £4 per annum from the ' Common Fund ' for itinerating during 1690-3; from 1711 till 1722 he received £6 per annum from the Presbyterian Fund, 'for Carnarvon ' - probably the county. He is regarded as the founder of the Independent church at Pwllheli, and in a sense of the church at Caernarvon town as well, and he took out licences on houses in Anglesey. [Robert Jones](#) of Rhos-lan (*Drych yr Amseroedd* , 25-6), though he miscalls him ' W. Phillips ' tells us of his troubles at Pwllheli. His wife died and he married a certain ' Anne ' from near Carmarthen - [Thomas Morgan](#) tells us that [Milbourn Bloom](#) was a tenant of hers. Of this marriage, two sons and four daughters were born; the two eldest daughters married Independent ministers at Denbigh; the elder of these, wife of David Williams, was the mother-in-law of Rees Harries, who was minister at Pwllheli 1761-88. Daniel Phillips's third daughter, Dorothy, married Richard Thomas, minister at Pwllheli 1751-61, and the fourth was the first wife of [Thomas Morgan](#) (above). Phillips died in 1722, and his widow married his successor (1722-48) John Thomas. It will be seen, thus, that the house of Gwynfryn was inhabited by four successive Independent ministers of Pwllheli, covering between them a period of more than 100 years.

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### Sources

Family tree by Walter J. Evans inserted in *NLW MS 5453*

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*Hanes Eglwysi Annibynnol Cymru* iii, 165-6

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