

## POWELL, THOMAS (1781 - 1842), Congregational minister and author

**Name:** Thomas Powell  
**Date of birth:** 1781  
**Date of death:** 1842  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Congregational minister and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** John Dyfnallt Owen

Born 1781 at Trecastle, Brecknock. He received a good education and for a time he himself kept a school in Lanelli, Brecknock. During that time he joined the congregation at Llangatock, Brecknock. He was at the Wrexham Academy (under [Jenkin Lewis](#)) from 1804 until 1808. He was ordained at Denbigh, 27 October 1808; during his time at Denbigh he took part in the founding of Congregational causes at S. Asaph. In 1814, after he had married into a prosperous Brecon family, he went to that town to take charge of the Plough church. He moved to Usk, Monmouth, in 1825, spent the remainder of his life there, and died there 4 February 1842. He published *Ym Mhlaid y Gymdeithas Genhadol, Y Cristion fewn ychydig, Bedydd Babanod, Cyfieithiad Calvin ar y Salmau, a Gair Duw*, 1821. He was a gifted preacher and a well-liked personality.

### Author

Reverend John Dyfnallt Owen, (1873 - 1956)

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