PUGH, HUGH (1779 - 1809), Independent minister

Name: Hugh Pugh
Date of birth: 1779
Date of death: 1809
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Richard Griffith Owen

Born 22 November 1779 at Ty-nant Bach, Brithdir, near Dolgelley. He was brought up in better circumstances than usual. His father had no religious beliefs but his mother was a member at Rhyd-y-main and possibly went as far as Llanuwchllyn for communion. The family moved to Perthi Llwydion, and he was educated at Dolgelley and High Ercall, Salop. At the age of 16 he was admitted by Dr. George Lewis to membership at Brithdir and, two years later, began to preach. At the age of 20 he went to Wrexham Academy where he stayed for a year. On returning home, he took charge of the churches at Brithdir and Rhyd-y-main and was ordained at Brithdir in October 1802. The field of his labours was still further extended and he began to preach at Dolgelley where he bought the old Methodist chapel for the use of his denomination. He started a church at Llanelltyd and used to visit Ganllwyd and Cutiau, Barmouth, Dyffryn, Llwyngwril, Llanegryn, and Towyn. He was the first regular Independent minister in the region around Dolgelley. He was regarded as far above his contemporaries in ability and preaching gifts. He died 28 October 1809, and was buried in Dolgelley cemetery.

Author

Reverend Richard Griffith Owen, (1890 - 1973)

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