

## QUARRELL, THOMAS (died 1709), Puritan preacher, free-communion Baptist

**Name:** Thomas Quarrell  
**Date of death:** 1709  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Puritan preacher, free-communion Baptist  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Thomas Richards

He was probably of the same family as the first husband of the first wife of [Vavasor Powell](#) (Paul Quarrell), as [James Quarrell](#) of Shrewsbury, and as the two Quarrells who appear in the records of the Llanfyllin congregation. At first he was usher of the Puritan school at Montgomery and remained there until the Restoration. In 1669 he was living at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, and breaking the penal laws by preaching in secret conventicles at Eglwysilan, Llanedern, Marshfield, and Bedwas. In 1670 he (and two others) received a letter from [Vavasor Powell](#) a little before his death enclosing a small gift of money. In 1672, on 25 July, he received a licence to preach in the house of John Maurice at Shirenewton; in 1675 [Henry Maurice](#) assigns an important place to Quarrell amongst the Dissenters of Monmouthshire. It is clear from [Maurice's](#) account that he was a Baptist, a free-communionist, pastor of the flock, once attended by [William Thomas](#) (died 1671) before his death in 1671, with its headquarters at Llantrisant. Quarrell represented this extensive church in the London Assembly of 1689, an assembly open to all Baptists, 'free' as well as 'close.' He died in 1709.

### Author

Thomas Richards, (1878 - 1962)

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