

REES, GABRIEL (1757 - 1807), Baptist minister

Name: Gabriel Rees
Date of birth: 1757
Date of death: 1807
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born near Llanglydwen, Carmarthenshire, early in 1757. He was baptized in 1778 at Rhydwylym, began to preach immediately afterwards, and was ordained in June 1789. Although he lived in Pant-hywel, Tre-lech, he ministered to the congregations at Rhydwylym and its branches, asking for no salary except a wage for his man-servant. He preached often in the assemblies of his denomination; he travelled also as a missionary. He belonged to the group of revivalist preachers who were nicknamed 'the people of the strange fire.' With others he was appointed to support moderate Calvinism at Carmarthen in 1799. Although he was not accounted a great thinker, hardly any one was received with a warmer welcome than he by various congregations. He died 21 May 1807. [Joshua Watkins](#) composed an elegy on his death.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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