

REES, RICHARD (1707 - 1749), Arminian Independent minister

Name: Richard Rees
Date of birth: 1707
Date of death: 1749
Gender: Male
Occupation: Arminian Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1707 on his family freehold, Gwernllwyn Uchaf, Dowlais, Glamorganshire, and educated at Carmarthen under [Thomas Perrott](#). At the end of his course there (1732) he was ordained co-pastor with [James Davies](#) (died 1760) of the Independent church at Cwm-y-glo, Merthyr Tydfil; the congregation was a mixture of Calvinists and Arminians, [Davies](#) (the senior pastor) being a Calvinist. Concord endured no longer than 1747, when Rees and his fellow-Arminians seceded and formed a new church at Cefncoed-cymer - it has long since become Unitarian. Rees died in August 1749. Three of his sermons were published by [Philip Charles](#) in 1754; he was also a hymn-writer.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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