

RICHARD, EBENEZER (1781 - 1837), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: Ebenezer Richard
Date of birth: 1781
Date of death: 1837
Spouse: Mary Richard (née Williams)
Child: Henry Richard
Parent: Hannah Richard
Parent: Henry Richard
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born 5 December 1781 at Tre-fin, Pembrokeshire, son of HENRY RICHARD (1730 - 1813) and Hannah, his second wife. The father had been a circulating schoolmaster and a Methodist preacher for sixty years. The son had also been a schoolmaster at Brynhenllan where, in 1801, he experienced a powerful conviction of sin; he began to preach in 1802, about the same time as his brother, **Thomas Richard**. In 1806 he went to Cardigan, where he was employed as a private tutor in the family of one of the **Bowen**'s of Llwyn-gwair. In 1809 he married Mary Williams of Tregaron and went to live in his wife's home. He was ordained to the ministry in the first Methodist ordination at the Llandeilo Association, 1811. He died 9 March 1837 and was buried in Tregaron churchyard. He was a very powerful preacher, but is remembered chiefly as one of the principal organizers of his denomination in the beginning of the 19th century. He was for a very long time secretary of the Cardiganshire monthly meeting and of the South Wales Association, and left his mark on the whole organization of the denomination. He was one of those who drew up the Calvinistic Methodist confession of faith, 1823, and was the chief supporter of the Sunday school movement in South Wales. **Henry Richard**, the politician, was his son.

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