

ROBERTS, THOMAS (died c. 1775), the first Baptist convert in Anglesey

Name: Thomas Roberts
Date of death: c. 1775
Gender: Male
Occupation: first Baptist convert in Anglesey
Area of activity: Religion
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His first home was Y Myfyrian Uchaf, but he spent the latter part of his life at Trehwfa-fawr near Rhos-tre-hwfa in Cerrig Ceinwen. He was originally a Congregational member and lay preacher at Rhos-y-meirch, but he came under the influence of David Jones, Baptist minister at Wrexham, and in 1763 (1768 according to [Frimston](#)), with the approbation of his fellow-members, he went there to be baptized and joined the Wrexham Baptist church, though he continued to reside in Anglesey. He died c. 1775, without seeing the addition of a single convert to the Baptist cause in the island, and was buried at Rhos-y-meirch. A treatise entitled *Traethawd am Enaid ac Yspryd yn ôl yr Ysgrythyr*, published in 1785, is ascribed to him.

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