

## ROWLAND, NATHANIEL (1749 - 1831), Methodist cleric

**Name:** Nathaniel Rowland  
**Date of birth:** 1749  
**Date of death:** 1831  
**Spouse:** Margaret Rowland (née Davies)  
**Parent:** Elinor Rowland (née Davies)  
**Parent:** Daniel Rowland  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Methodist cleric  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born in Llangeitho parsonage, son of [Daniel Rowland](#). He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1771, and M.A. 1774. He was ordained deacon at Oxford. 26 May 1771, and a priest in London 21 September 1773. He was curate of Stock (Essex) from 1771 until his marriage in 1776 to Margaret, daughter of [Howel Davies](#) and went to live at Parcau, Henllan Amgoed, on the borders of Pembrokeshire and Cardiganshire.

He was a Methodist like his father and appears to have officiated as secretary of the Calvinistic Methodist Association, 1778-97. He was for years the mainstay of Methodism in Pembrokeshire, ministered to the societies formed by his father-in-law, and had charge of Tabernacle, Haverfordwest. [William Williams](#) of Pantycelyn called upon him to take his father's place as leader of the Association, and he played a leading part in the excommunication of [Peter Williams](#).

His chief failing was his pride, and he tended to arrogate authority over his brethren. In 1807, at the Newcastle Emlyn Association, he too was excommunicated, for drunkenness. He died 8 March 1831, and was buried at Henllan Amgoed. His will was published in *Cylchgrawn Cymdeithas Hanes y Methodistiaid Calфинаidd*, 1954, 11-13.

### Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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