

WILLIAMS, DAVID (1717 - 1792), Methodist exhorter, afterwards Independent minister

Name: David Williams
Date of birth: 1717
Date of death: 1792
Spouse: Elizabeth Williams (née Prichard)
Parent: William Dafydd
Gender: Male
Occupation: Methodist exhorter, afterwards Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born at Is-coed, Llandyfaelog, Carmarthenshire, son of William Dafydd. [Richard William Dafydd](#), the exhorter, was his brother. As a young man he came to Glamorgan to work for [Christopher Bassett, junior](#) of Aberthaw, and began to exhort in the Methodist societies c. 1742. It is not certain whether he was the David Williams who was appointed a 'private exhorter' at the Watford Association, 1743, but it is known that he subsequently preached a great deal in North Wales. 'He was a kindly man,' says [John Evans](#) of Bala, 'and the freshness of the dew was on his sermons'; [Robert Jones](#) of Rhos-lan adds that he was an able theologian. He went to live at Llyswyrny ('Lisworney') village, near Cowbridge, where he was in charge of the small local societies and where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Evan Prichard of Collennau. On the advice of [Daniel Rowland](#), it is said, he was ordained minister at Aberthyn, in the same manner as [Morgan John Lewis](#) and [Thomas William](#). That was probably during the Methodist Disruption (1750-62). For all that, he maintained his connection with the Methodists, attended their Associations and societies, and preached to them regularly. At Aberthyn he was troubled in turn by Antinomianism, Sandemanianism, and Sabellianism. He died 5 May 1792 aged 75, and was the first to be buried by [David Jones](#) of Llan-gan (1736 - 1810) in the Salem, Pen-coed, burial ground.

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