

WILLIAMS, ROGER (1667 - 1730), Independent minister

Name: Roger Williams
Date of birth: 1667
Date of death: 1730
Child: John Williams
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

He was a member of the Cefnarthan church, Carmarthenshire and was probably educated at [Rhys Prydderch](#) of Ystradwallter's academy. He was ordained minister of the churches of Cefnarthan and Cwm-y-glo, Merthyr Tydfil, in 1698. He was an Arminian and his tenets caused trouble between him and the Calvinistic element in the churches. After his time, the churches were, in fact, rent asunder (see [Davies, James](#), died 1760). He died 25 May 1730 at the age of 63, and John and David Williams were ordained ministers of Cefnarthan. John is known to have been his son and David probably belonged to the same family. The Williamses were a powerful clan in Cefnarthan, and other members of the family were Morgan Williams of Ty'n-coed, the able secretary of the church and one of the most prominent Dissenting laymen in Carmarthenshire, and William Williams of Tredwstan (Brecknock), his brother; and John Williams of Cefn-coed, father of [William Williams](#) of Pantycelyn.

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