

JONES, REES CRIBIN (1841 - 1927), Unitarian minister and teacher

Name: Rees Cribin Jones
Date of birth: 1841
Date of death: 1927
Spouse: Mary Ann Jones
Spouse: Mari Jones
Child: Watcyn Samuel Jones
Parent: David Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: Unitarian minister and teacher
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: David Elwyn James Davies

Born at Talgarreg Mill, Cardiganshire, 9 September 1841, one of four children. David Jones, his father, was from Rhandir, Talgarreg, and his mother was from Caer-foel, Ystrad. At one time a shepherd, he was educated at [Dewi Hefin's](#) school, Cribyn, John Davies's school at the Three Horse Shoes, Cribyn, Pont-siân school (1860-63), and the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen (1863-67). He conducted services occasionally at Cefncoedycymer Unitarian church and he was minister of the churches at Bridgend and Betws (1867-68), Cribyn (1869-76), Caeronnen (1871-1915), Ty'nrheol and Brondeifi (1874-1915) - the last three churches in the Lampeter district. During the period of his ministry (1867-1915) he was instrumental in founding the church at Ty'nrheol (1874) and building the chapel there and at Brondeifi (1876), together with a house and a schoolroom. He prepared eight young men for the ministry: J. Hathren Davies, D.J. Williams, T.J. Jenkins, E.O. Jenkins, D. Rhoslwyn Davies, J. Carrara Davies, J.E. Jones, D. Cellan Davies. Until 1879 he ran a school as well as ministering at Newton Nottage, at Cribyn and at Lampeter. He was a 'public figure' at Lampeter, serving as a member of the Local Board, School Board and the Board of Guardians. He was interested in spiritualism. [Watcyn Samuel Jones](#) (1877 - 1964) was a child of his first marriage to Mari Jones (10 January 1873). She died on 11 March 1898. His second wife, Mary Ann, died on 8 February 1945 and he himself died on 11 August 1927. His son dedicated his book, *Helyntion hen bregethwr a'i gyfoedion*, 1940, to his stepmother.

Author

Dr David Elwyn James Davies, (1926 - 1997)

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