

JONES, THOMAS (1777 - 1847), translator, schoolmaster and minister (CM)

Name: Thomas Jones
Date of birth: 1777
Date of death: 1847
Spouse: Margaret Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: translator, schoolmaster and minister (CM)
Area of activity: Education; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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Born in Llanfwrog, Anglesey, in 1777. He was fortunate enough to receive some schooling with a cleric in his home area. He and two of his brothers, Rice Jones, Pen-clawdd, Glamorganshire, and Robert Jones, Congl. minister, Corwen, Meirionnydd, were preachers. In 1803 he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Ty'nyrefail, Llanyngghenedl, Anglesey, where they had at least 8 children. He was elected an elder in Caergeiliog and began preaching with the Methodists in 1808. By 1816 he had moved to Penyrallt, Bodedern, and then to Llain-llwyd, Amlwch, where he died. He kept a school in Amlwch and published there a book on arithmetic, *Rhifiadur* (1827); he succeeded David Griffiths as master of the Nonconformists' school. During the last 20 years of his life he translated a number of English books, including some science volumes, for the monoglot Welsh reader. He published *Yr anianydd Cristionogol* (Thomas Dick, 1842), *Traethawd ar Ddaearyddiaeth* (1844) and theological works, e.g. *Scot ar y prophwydi*, and *Hanes gwaith y prynedigaeth* (1829). He died 6 July 1847 aged 70, having been a preacher for 39 years. He was buried in his native parish of Llanfwrog.

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