

## BIRCH, JAMES (died 1795?), watchmaker and sectary

**Name:** James Birch  
**Date of death:** 1795?  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** watchmaker and sectary  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

The only account of him is that by Alexander Gordon in the *D.N.B.* He appears to have been a native of Pembrokeshire who practised his craft in London. He is first heard of as a Muggletonian, in 1759, but seceded and founded a sect of his own ('Birchites') in 1778; the sect flourished in Pembrokeshire. He is last heard of in 1795.

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