

DAVIES, EDWARD (1796 - 1857), Independent minister and college tutor ▾

Name: Edward Davies
Date of birth: 1796
Date of death: 1857
Spouse: Sara Davies (née Lewis)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister and college tutor
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 13 March 1796 at Ashton, Salop, but brought up at Wrexham and educated at a grammar school at Chester; he was a protégé of **William Williams** of Wern (1781 - 1840), at whose suggestion he began preaching. Entering Llanfyllin Academy, then under **George Lewis** (1763 - 1822), in 1817, he was appointed student-assistant in 1818 and classical tutor in 1819; he married **Lewis's** daughter Sara. In 1821 the Academy was moved to Newtown, where **Lewis** died in 1822; Davies was thought too young to be placed in charge, but was made theology tutor, with **Samuel Bowen** as colleague. **Bowen** resigned in 1830, and Davies carried on alone, under great difficulties, till 1839, when the Academy was removed to Brecon and renamed 'Brecon Independent College'; even then he was not made principal. He died 25 February 1857. A man of strongly conservative views, not only in theology but also in politics, he is described as an indifferent preacher but an excellent teacher.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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