

DAVIES, JOHN (1784 - 1845), Wesleyan minister

Name: John Davies
Date of birth: 1784
Date of death: 1845
Gender: Male
Occupation: Wesleyan minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Edward Tegla Davies

Born at Halkin, Flintshire, 7 October 1784, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Davies. He joined the ministry in 1806 and was first established in the Llangollen circuit which extended from Llanarmon (Yale) to Llanidloes. After two years there and two in Beaumaris he was transferred to Lampeter and spent most of the rest of his life in various South Wales circuits. He was elected secretary of the province, which covered the whole of Wales; later he was its chairman for two years, 1827-8, and when the province was split into two parts, North and South, he became chairman of the South, 1844-5. He kept a detailed account of his labours, from which it appears that he preached, on an average, 350 times a year and covered in the course of his ministry about 181,000 miles, mostly on foot. He was one of the leaders of the temperance movement from 1836 on. He was regarded as a prudent, courageous, and wise man who excelled as an official of the church and as an organizer. He died at Merthyr Tydfil, 21 December 1845.

Author

Reverend Edward Tegla Davies, (1880 - 1967)

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