

DAVIES, JOHN (1799? - 1879), known as ' John Davies of Nerquis ' a Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: John Davies
Pseudonym: John Davies Of Nerquis
Date of birth: 1799?
Date of death: 1879
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
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renowned in his day for his wit and originality. There is a 'biography' of him, by George Jones (Wrexham, 1907), very deficient in dates and other particulars. It would seem that he was brought up at Mold, though his family hailed from Nerquis, Flintshire; he was received into Mold Methodist society in 1815 'when 16 years of age' (G. Owen, *Methodistiaeth Sir Fflint*, 323), and according to his mourning-card he was '79' when he died (*Y Cylchgrawn*, 1879, 135-6), so he must have been born in 1799 or 1800, and not in 1808 as some have it. He began preaching in 1822 and was ordained in 1834; he was a very remarkable preacher, and published, 1869, a commentary on the Book of Proverbs, which had a great vogue. One fact should be mentioned, which suggests that his political views were more advanced than were those of many Methodist ministers before the middle of the 19th century - he favoured the agitation in 1841 for the repeal of the Corn Laws (see *Cylchgrawn Rhyddid*, 1 January 1842). He died 5 March 1879.

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