

# DAVIES, RICHARD (1635 - 1708), Quaker

Name: Richard Davies Date of birth: 1635 Date of death: 1708 Child: Tace Davies
Parent: Edward Davies Gender: Male Occupation: Quaker Area of activity: Religion Author: Thomas Mardy Rees

Born at Welshpool of parents who had a small estate there, he was brought up in a little learning, and in the religion and discipline of the Church of England. At the age of about 12 or 13 he became attached to the Independents, attracted especially by Vavasor Powell; in 1657 he became a Quaker, being the first of the new sect in those parts. His autobiography, entitled *An account of the convincement, exercises, services and travels of that ancient servant of the Lord Richard Davieshas* been called a Welsh Quaker classic and has gone through at least seven editions.

Richard Davies kept open house at Cloddiau Cochion, Welshpool, for Friends, and although he suffered imprisonment and fines yet he was not embittered. As minister of the gospel he travelled in Wales and England. John ap John, Charles Lloyd, Dolobran, and his brother Thomas Lloyd and other leading Friends accompanied him in journeys to Merioneth and the counties of South Wales.

His marriage took place in 1657 at Horsleydown, Southwark. He died 22 January 1708 and was interred in the Friends' burial ground at Cloddiau Cochion.

### **Author**

Reverend Thomas Mardy Rees, (1871 - 1953)

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