

EDWARDS, JOHN (1755 - 1823), Calvinistic Methodist exhorter

Name: John Edwards Date of birth: 1755 Date of death: 1823

Spouse: Elisabeth Edwards (née Jones) Gender: Male

Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist exhorter Area of activity: Nature and Agriculture; Poetry; Religion

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Born 8 September 1755 at Ereiniog, Penmorfa, Caernarfonshire, a farm on which his ancestors had lived for many generations. When young, he was something of a poet and interludist, but about 1774-5 his thoughts were turned to religion, and in 1787 he began preaching. He married (c. 1790) Elizabeth Jones of Hafod Ifan (Ysbyty Ifan, Denbighshire). In 1795 he had to leave his farm, as the landowner would not allow him to preach; he moved first to Gelli-gynan (Llanarmon-yn-lâl), then in 1811 to Plas Coch in Llanychan, Denbighshire, and finally (1817) to Caerwys Hall, Flintshire; in all these districts he founded Methodist causes. He was a skilled farmer, and took great interest in veterinary medicine, publishing at Denbigh in 1816 Y Cyfarwyddyd Profedig i bob Perchen Anifeiliaid. He died 19 November 1823.

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