

EVANS, ARTHUR (1755 - 1837), Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: Arthur Evans
Date of birth: 1755
Date of death: 1837
Parent: Thomas Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Felindre, Penboyr, Carmarthenshire, 2 September 1755, son of Thomas Evans. Left an orphan, he was brought up as a weaver by an uncle. In 1773 he joined the C.M. society then held at Gwern-yr-hafod and later at Conwil. Intending to take orders, he went to Carmarthen Academy, but failed to obtain orders. In 1782 he began preaching, and about the same time married (he had four children). After keeping school at Conwil, he took a farm called Waun-lwyd, where he lived for twenty-seven years. He was one of the thirteen ordinands at the Llandilo association of 1811. He died 20 April 1837. He was not a notable preacher, but he had great administrative gifts, and was secretary of his county 'monthly meeting' for twenty-five years. A hymn of his, 'Dyro afael ar y bywyd,' is very well known.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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