

EVANS, JOHN (1767 - 1827), Baptist minister and head of a school at Islington

Name: John Evans
Date of birth: 1767
Date of death: 1827
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister and head of a school at Islington
Area of activity: Education; Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born at Usk, 2 October 1767. He was descended from the **Evans** family of Pentre, Radnorshire, 1712 - 1781). John Evans was educated at Bristol, where he began to preach in 1784, and at Aberdeen; he became M.A. of Edinburgh University in 1790 and was ordained at Worship Street, London, in 1792. In 1796 he opened a school in Islington for young preachers and others, which earned him renown. In 1815 his knees were paralysed, as a result of which he could neither go to the school nor ascend the pulpit without support. In 1821 he gave up the school on the death of his third son, who was to have been his successor. He continued, however, to preach until a few weeks before he died, 26 January 1827. He was regarded as an eloquent preacher and extempore speaker whose straightforward and dignified manner appealed to all classes. Writing was his principal pleasure and he published some forty works, of which the chief are: *An Address to Young People on the Necessity and Importance of Religion; A Sketch of the Denominations of the Christian World*, 1795; *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of William Richards, LL.D.*, 1819. He also edited *The Welsh Nonconformist Memorial*, 1820, by **William Richards** (1749 - 1818).

Author

Reverend **William Joseph Rhys**, (1880 - 1967)

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