

FRANCIS, ABEL (died c. 1743), Arminian Baptist minister

Name: Abel Francis Date of death: c. 1743 Parent: Francis Thomas Francis Gender: Male

Occupation: Arminian Baptist minister Area of activity: Religion Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

son of Francis Thomas Francis and second-cousin of the more famous Enoch Francis, was for many years assistant-pastor of 'Tivy-side church,' probably labouring mainly around Pencarreg, Carmarthenshire, where he lived - in the record of his marriage in 1733 (printed in *Trafodion Cymdeithas Hanes Bedyddwyr Cymru*, 1948-9, 52) he is described as 'of or nigh Llanybydder.' In 1729 he adopted Arminian views, and in 1735 or 1736 left the Baptists and joined the Presbyterian-Independents; he is said (Geiriadur Bywgraffyddol o Énwogion Cymru, i, 372) to have become a member of Esgairdawe (today known as Ffald-y-brenin) Independent church, Carmarthenshire

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Sources

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