

FRANCIS, EDMUND (1768 - 1831), Sandemanian Baptist minister

Name: Edmund Francis
Date of birth: 1768
Date of death: 1831
Parent: Lydia Francis
Gender: Male
Occupation: Sandemanian Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Probably an Anglesey man, for his mother Lydia Francis was baptized at Amlwch; he too was baptized there, 8 October 1786. He had begun preaching before 1790, and on 1 December 1795 was ordained as assistant to [Christmas Evans](#). [Evans](#) was at that time a Sandemanian; unlike him, Francis held to those views for the rest of his life. In 1799 he removed to Caernarvon, as clerk to Richard Roberts (a slate-merchant, and owner of the Cilgwyn quarry), who was like him a Sandemanian; on Roberts's death in 1815, Francis opened a flour and corn business - he was also agent for the Drws-y-coed copper-mine. In or very shortly after 1801 he had founded 'Scotch Baptist' churches at Caernarvon and Llanllyfni, under his own pastorate. He was a man of a literary turn of mind, and a friend of the poet [Robert Williams](#) (Robert ap Gwilym Ddu, 1767 - 1850); it was Francis who supervised the publication of the hymnary edited by [J. R. Jones](#) of Ramoth; and in 1829 he published Welsh translations of three of the works of Archibald McLean. He died in December 1831, on the fifth according to his tombstone at Llanllyfni, on the eighth according to the Ramoth (Llanfrothen) church book. A granddaughter of his married the historian [Alfred Neobard Palmer](#).

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