

GRIFFITHS, MORRIS (1721 - 1769), Independent minister

Name: Morris Griffiths
Date of birth: 1721
Date of death: 1769
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
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Born in 1721 at Pen-y-bryn, Llanybi, Caernarfonshire, Magdalen, wife of **Robert Jones** of Rhos-lan (1745-1829), was his brother's daughter. At one time he worked for **William Prichard** (1702 - 1773) of Glasfryn Fawr, and then began to exhort, meeting with persecution at the outset of his career. He was admitted to Carmarthen Academy in 1750 and ordained minister of Trefgarn and Rhosycaerau, Pembrokeshire, in 1757. He died 17 October 1769 and was buried in Mathry cemetery. He is often confused with **Morris Griffiths**, the hymnwriter. The writer of his elegy, however, says that he 'breathed some little life into the cold recesses of Arvon,' from which it may be gathered that he, and not the hymn-writer, was the Morris Griffiths who was born at Llanybi.

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