

GRIFFITHS, MORRIS (fl. 1766-1805) Methodist exhorter, afterwards Baptist minister, and hymn-writer

Name: Morris Griffiths

Gender: Male

Occupation: Methodist exhorter, afterwards Baptist minister, and hymn-writer

Area of activity: Poetry; Religion

Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

In 1766 he was a Methodist exhorter at Prendergast, near Haverfordwest; in 1776, when he called at Trevecka, he was a lay preacher. In 1779 he was baptized at Llangloffan and in 1788 was ordained one of the ministers of that church. He died in 1805. He is often confused with **Morris Griffiths** of Trefgarn (see the preceding article). He published: *Marwnad ... John Davies, Pregethwr yr efengyl yn Sir Benbro*, c. 1765; *Defnyddiol Hymnau i Breswylwry Graig* (Trevecka 1779); *Llythyr Caredig*, 1786; *Egwyddorion Difnyddlaeth*, 1789 - a kind of confession of faith, each point being followed by a bit of verse, and three hymns; and *Dammeg, mewn Dull o Y mddiddan rhwng Credadyn a Mr. Ewyllys-Rhydd a Satan* (Trevecka). According to **Gwilym Lleyn**, he also published *Dull o Ymddiddan rhwng Gweinidog yr Efengyl a Disgybl ieuanc dan holiad* in 1784. His hymns never achieved popularity.

Author

Reverend Gomer Morgan Roberts, (1904 - 1993)

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[See further *Cylchgrawn Cymdeithas Hanes y Methodistiaid Calfinaidd*, July 1952 on the subject of the two Morris Griffiths.]

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