

GRIFFITH, JOHN THOMAS (1845 - 1917), Baptist minister in the U.S.A. and Wales;

Name: John Thomas Griffith
Date of birth: 1845
Date of death: 1917
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born 1 January 1845 at Pen-y-parc in the Vale of Glamorgan. He was baptized 20 May 1859 at Pysgah, Pyle. He was at Mountain Ash in 1862. He was married in January 1865; he also started to preach that year. He emigrated to Scranton, U.S.A., and worked in a coal mine. Ordained by the Welsh community at Newburg, Cleveland, he subsequently served twenty churches. He was twice married. He returned from Edwardsville to Wales in 1908, had charge of an English church at Maerdy, Rhondda, for a time, and then retired to Kenfig Hill; there he founded an English cause. He was at Thomastown, Tonyrefail, from September 1912 until November 1913. He visited America in 1914 and after his return lived at Maes-teg where he was a church member at Bethania until his death on 19 June 1917.

Griffith lectured frequently on historical matters relating to the Baptist denomination. He translated *Hanes y Bedyddwyr* by James Spither James into English (presenting his translation to Crozer College, U.S.A.), and published a life of **Morgan John Rhys** - in English, 1899, and in Welsh, 1910, a history of the Baptists at Pen-y-fai, Glamorganshire, 1916; *Reminiscences*, 1913 (concerned mainly with his life in America from April 1865 until April 1908); *Brief Biographical Sketches of Welsh Baptist Ministers in Pennsylvania*, 1904; and a *History of the first Baptist Church of Wilkesbarre and Scranton*, 1905.

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