

HILEY, FRANCIS (1781 - 1860), Baptist minister

Name: Francis Hiley
Date of birth: 1781
Date of death: 1860
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

Born at Cwm, Llanwenarth, Monmouth, shortly before 16 March 1781. His father, who was of German extraction, was nominally an Anglican, while his mother was a Baptist.

One Sunday in 1803 he went to Llanwenarth chapel where he was converted; within a year he had begun to preach. After going to college at Abergavenny he returned in 1811 to Llanwenarth where he remained until his death 14 October 1860. He incorporated eight churches.

He was a mighty preacher and [Christmas Evans](#) said, on one occasion, that he would never preach after him. In the doctrinal discussions of the day he favoured the Higher Calvinism - a result of his sudden conversion - and in 1823 he published a booklet *Golwg Ysgrythurol ar lawr Crist*, because the treatise in its original form had been rejected by *Seren Gomer*.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

Sources

Seren Gomer, 1862, 62, 124, 298

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