

## HUMPHREYS, JOHN (1767 - 1829), Calvinistic Methodist minister and author

**Name:** John Humphreys  
**Date of birth:** 1767  
**Date of death:** 1829  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Calvinistic Methodist minister and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 1767 at Pant-y-ddelw, Bodfari, but his people soon removed to Penymynydd, Tremeirchion. From 1798 to 1802 he was at Chester, supervising the Welsh printing done there for **Thomas Jones** (1756 - 1820) and **Thomas Charles**. Thence he went to live at Cil-deugoed, Tremeirchion, and afterwards to Croes-wian, Caerwys, where he lived most of his life - he is usually known as 'John Humphreys of Caerwys.' He was ordained in 1816. Towards the end of his life, he removed to Cil-llwyn, Bodfari, where he died, April 1829 - 9 April according to contemporary periodicals, 13 April according to later statements; *Seren Gomer*, 1829, says he was then ninety-five, but all other evidence says sixty-two; he was buried at Caerwys. He was not a popular preacher, but a diligent author and publisher. He translated (Wrexham, 1813) Samuel Clarke's *Biblical Commentary*, republished (1802) Cole's *Sovereignty of God* in Welsh, and was jointly responsible for the first memoir of **Thomas Jones**, 1820. He was a member of the committee which drew up the Calvinistic Methodist 'Confession of Faith,' and wrote the sketch of the history of Welsh Methodism which is prefixed to it (see *Cylchgrawn Cymdeithas Hanes y Methodistiaid Calfinaidd*, 1923).

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

### Sources

The fullest source is the 2nd edition of *Y Gwyddoniadur Cymreig* (1889-96), x, 643-4, but consult also the index to D. E. Jenkins, *Life of Thomas Charles* (Denbigh 1908)

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