

JONES, DAFYDD (1711 - 1777), hymn-writer

Name: Dafydd Jones Date of birth: 1711 Date of death: 1777 Spouse: ? Jones (née Price) Spouse: Ann Jones (née Jones)

Parent: Daniel John Gender: Male Occupation: hymn-writer
Area of activity: Poetry; Religion Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born 1711 at Cwm-gogerddan, Caeo, Carmarthenshire, son of Daniel John, drover. He too was a drover, and was converted in Troed-rhiw-dalar chapel while returning home after a cattle-drove. He joined the Crug-y-bar Independent church of which he was a prominent member for the rest of his life. He married (1) Ann Jones of Llanddewibrefi, and (2) - Price of Hafod Dafolog, Llanwrda. He went to Hafod to live c. 1763 and died 30 August 1777; he was buried at Crug-y-bar.

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