

JONES, WILLIAM (1762 - 1846). Scotch-Baptist minister, editor, and author

Name: William Jones
Date of birth: 1762
Date of death: 1846
Spouse: Elizabeth Jones (née Crane)
Parent: Mary Jones
Parent: William Jones
Gender: Male
Occupation: Scotch-Baptist minister, editor, and author
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing; Religion
Author: John Idwal Jones

Born 17 June 1762, at Parkside, Gresford, son of William and Mary Jones; he spent his early youth at Poulton. He moved to Chester in 1780 and was baptized there by Archibald McLean. In 1793 he opened a bookshop at Liverpool, and was appointed elder of the new church formed there by McLean and J. R. Jones 'of Ramoth ', around 1798-9. Finally, in 1812, he became minister of Windmill Street church, Finsbury, and remained there until his death on 21 January 1846. He married Elizabeth Crane, member of a Baptist family at Chester. His literary work was intended primarily to support the Scotch-Baptist cause. He founded *The Theological Repository* in 1800, *The Christian Advocate* in 1809, *The Baptist Miscellany and Particular Baptist Magazine* in 1827, and *The Millennial Harbinger* (the result of his correspondence with Alexander Campbell) in 1835. He was editor of *The New Evangelical Magazine*, 1815-24, and *The New Baptist Magazine*, 1825, and published a number of books including *The History of the Waldenses*, 1811; *A Dictionary of Religious Opinions*, 1815; *The Biblical Cyclopaedia*, 1816; *Christian Biography*, 1829; and *Autobiography* (ed. by his son), 1846.

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