

## OLIVER, EDWARD (1720 - 1777), early Methodist and Moravian, a carpenter

**Name:** Edward Oliver  
**Date of birth:** 1720  
**Date of death:** 1777  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** early Methodist and Moravian, a carpenter  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born (according to a Moravian record) in Montgomeryshire, on Good Friday (15 April or 29 March) 1720. After working at Wrexham ( [Gomer M. Roberts](#) , [Peter Williams](#), 33), he removed to Llanbrynmair; he was an inconspicuous 'public exhorter' among the Methodists. In the disruption of 1750 he sided with [Howel Harris](#); he was on mission for [Harris](#) in North Wales and was present at several of the Harrisian Associations. In 1752 he joined the Trevecka 'Family,' but left in 1753 for Bristol, where he worked at his trade and was for a while a Whitefieldian Methodist; but in 1758 he joined the Moravian congregation. In October 1761 he was sent up to Derwen Deg, near Ruthin, to inaugurate a North-Wales Moravian mission; from that centre he itinerated, amid great difficulties, till June 1774, when he removed to Fishguard. He died at Fishguard, 3 June 1777, and was buried in the Brethren's burial-ground at Haverfordwest.

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### Sources

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