

OWEN, GRIFFITH (1647 - 1717), Quaker and medical man

Name: Griffith Owen
Date of birth: 1647
Date of death: 1717
Parent: Jane Owen (née Vaughan)
Parent: Robert Owen
Gender: Male
Occupation: Quaker and medical man
Area of activity: Medicine; Religion
Author: Thomas Mardy Rees

son of **Robert** and Jane Owen, Dolserau, Dolgelley. He served as a medical man in Lancashire for some time before he emigrated in 1684, with his aged parents, to Pennsylvania, where he settled in Merion ('Welsh Tract'). He travelled much on behalf of his faith and it would seem that William Penn had a high opinion of him. He returned in 1695, in which year he published *Our Ancient Testimony*, to controvert the views of George Keith. With his son he discovered a remedy for the 'Barbadoes distemper.' [He died in 1717, 'aged 70' - see **J. E. Griffith**, *Pedigrees*, 201.]

Author

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