

PHILLIPS, DANIEL (fl. 1680-1722), Independent minister

Name: Daniel Phillips
Spouse: Anne Phillips
Spouse: Elin Maurice (née Glyn)
Child: Dorothy Thomas (née Phillips)
Child: Anne Maurice (née Phillips)
Child: Sarah Morgan (née Phillips)
Gender: Male
Occupation: Independent minister
Area of activity: Religion
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a Carmarthenshire man, associated by tradition with the **Phillipps** family of Picton. His sister Dorothy married Timothy Quarrell of Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire, of a family prominent in the history of Merionethshire and Montgomeryshire Independency (see *Hanes Eglwysi Annibynnol Cymru*, I, 260, and **Jenkins**, *Hanes ... Hen Gapel Llanuwchllyn*, 70-2); her daughter married John Kenrick of Wynne Hall, Denbighshire (see the article **Kenrick**), and was the mother of Timothy Kenrick of Exeter. According to **Thomas Rees**, Phillips was taught by **Samuel Jones** of Brynlllywarch, but his name does not appear in Walter Wilson's list (copy in N.L.W. Add. MS. 373) of **Jones**'s pupils; it is however certain that he was taught by **Stephen Hughes**. He kept school for a while at Ynysdderw, Llangyfelach. In 1684 he went up to preach in Llŷn, residing at Gwynfryn, Pwllheli, the heritage of Elin (Glyn), widow of **Henry Maurice** (1634 - 1682); he afterwards married her, and thus became owner of Gwynfryn. He was ordained, 3 July 1688, at Swansea, in the presence of **James Owen** - the certificate of ordination, preserved among the papers of **Thomas Morgan** (1720 - 1799) in N.L.W., is printed in *Y Cofiadur*, 1923, 19-20. Phillips received £4 per annum from the 'Common Fund' for itinerating during 1690-3; from 1711 till 1722 he received £6 per annum from the Presbyterian Fund, 'for Carnarvon' - probably the county. He is regarded as the founder of the Independent church at Pwllheli, and in a sense of the church at Caernarvon town as well, and he took out licences on houses in Anglesey. **Robert Jones** of Rhos-lan (*Drych yr Amseroedd*, 25-6), though he miscalls him 'W. Phillips' tells us of his troubles at Pwllheli. His wife died and he married a certain 'Anne' from near Carmarthen - **Thomas Morgan** tells us that **Milbourn Bloom** was a tenant of hers. Of this marriage, two sons and four daughters were born; the two eldest daughters married Independent ministers at Denbigh; the elder of these, wife of David Williams, was the mother-in-law of Rees Harries, who was minister at Pwllheli 1761-88. Daniel Phillips's third daughter, Dorothy, married Richard Thomas, minister at Pwllheli 1751-61, and the fourth was the first wife of **Thomas Morgan** (above). Phillips died in 1722, and his widow married his successor (1722-48) John Thomas. It will be seen, thus, that the house of Gwynfryn was inhabited by four successive Independent ministers of Pwllheli, covering between them a period of more than 100 years.

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Sources

Family tree by Walter J. Evans inserted in [NLW MS 5453C](#)

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