

## REES, RICHARD (1707 - 1749), Arminian Independent minister

**Name:** Richard Rees  
**Date of birth:** 1707  
**Date of death:** 1749  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Arminian Independent minister  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1707 on his family freehold, Gwernllwyn Uchaf, Dowlais, Glamorganshire, and educated at Carmarthen under **Thomas Perrott**. At the end of his course there (1732) he was ordained co-pastor with **James Davies** (died 1760) of the Independent church at Cwm-y-glo, Merthyr Tydfil; the congregation was a mixture of Calvinists and Arminians, **Davies** (the senior pastor) being a Calvinist. Concord endured no longer than 1747, when Rees and his fellow-Arminians seceded and formed a new church at Cefncoed-cymer - it has long since become Unitarian. Rees died in August 1749. Three of his sermons were published by **Philip Charles** in 1754; he was also a hymn-writer.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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