

RICHARDS, JOHN (fl. 1778-1808), Baptist minister

Name: John Richards
Gender: Male
Occupation: Baptist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Joseph Rhys

The date of his death is unknown but it is known that he dwelt in Blaengwyddon and that he was ordained at Newcastle Emlyn at the close of 1778. It was he who started to preach at Lwyndafydd, Cardiganshire, in 1778 and urged the brethren there to raise a chapel in 1779. It was he also who baptized the first seven persons meeting at the 'Engine' (Landore, Swansea) and incorporated them into a church in 1780. He ministered at Soar, Llandyfân, 1793-5. At the quarterly meeting held in February 1796 he submitted a scheme for the education of young preachers. In 1797 he wrote an elegy on the death of David Powell, Nottage. He was for seven years with the General Baptists but he reverted in 1807 and died before the Association of 1808.

Author

Reverend William Joseph Rhys, (1880 - 1967)

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