

ROWLAND(S), BENJAMIN (fl. 1722-1763), Methodist exhorter

Name: Benjamin Rowland (S)
Spouse: Beti Rowland
Parent: Thomas Rowland
Gender: Male
Occupation: Methodist exhorter
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Gomer Morgan Roberts

Born c. 1722, son of Thomas Rowland of Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire. He was a member of the Llandinam Methodist society in 1744, and is mentioned as being an exhorter at the Tyddyn Association, 1745. He was one of the leading members of **Howel Harris's** party, and toured Montgomeryshire, Denbighshire, and Anglesey on its behalf. He and Betty, his wife, joined the 'Family' at Trevecka, and his property, Cefn-croes-llwybr, Llanidloes, was transferred to that institution with the proviso that after **Harris's** death a Rowland was to be director and trustee. On the death of **Mrs. Sidney Griffith** his wife became 'mother' of the 'Family' but, becoming too dictatorial, was relieved of her post. Both of them took umbrage at this, the gift of the property was cancelled, and they turned their backs on Trevecka [1753]. They went to London where, in 1763, he is mentioned as one who preached the doctrines of the **Relly brothers**. What became of him after that is not known.

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