

ROWLAND, DAVID (' Dafydd Rolant '; 1795 - 1862), an eccentric Calvinistic Methodist minister

Name: David Rowland
Date of birth: 1795
Date of death: 1862
Spouse: Jane Rowland (née Jones)
Parent: Jane Rowland (née Roberts)
Parent: David Rowland
Gender: Male
Occupation: eccentric Calvinistic Methodist minister
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born at Bala in 1795 (christened 11 June), son of David Rowland, a trumpeter, and his wife Jane Rowlands of Cwmtlylo, Llanycil, Meirionnydd. His mother died when David was but a child, and he was brought up at Cwmtlylo by his grandmother. He had only fitful schooling, and spent most of his time on the farm. He was brought to religion by **Dafydd Cadwaladr**, who became a firm friend of his. After preaching to the cattle and sheep on the farm, he ventured forth as an exhorter in the latter part of 1815 - he was not ordained till 1831 - and attempted, with little success, to acquire a little knowledge under **John Hughes** (1796 - 1860) at Wrexham. He was a noted eccentric, in dress, manners, and preaching, but itinerated far and wide (e.g. in London for some months in 1853), and was very popular. He had married (1822) Jane Jones of Nant-fudr, Trawsfynydd, but after living awhile there and at Faen Filtir in the same parish, he took the holding of Pentre, Llanycil, which he held for the rest of his life - in his absences on his itineraries, his wife and his serving-man managed the farm. His wife died in 1857, and he married again at the end of 1858. He died 24 February 1862, and was buried in the ground attached to Llidiardau Calvinistic Methodist chapel.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

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