

THOMAS, RICHARD (1718 - 1807), the first Methodist exhorter from Anglesey

Name: Richard Thomas
Date of birth: 1718
Date of death: 1807
Gender: Male
Occupation: Methodist exhorter
Area of activity: Religion
Author: William Griffith

Christened at Llanfechell, 31 July 1718. Owing to some 'irregularity' - probably debts, which he afterwards fully repaid - he escaped to South Wales. From a letter written to **Howel Harris**, 27 July 1746, we gather that he was converted there c. 1739. He returned in September 1746, and continued his work as an exhorter in Anglesey. The story of his life afterwards is obscure: it is recorded that he preached in Caergeiliog twenty-five times between 1790 and 1799, and superintended the societies of Llanrhyddlad and Llannerch-y-medd. He was buried at Llanflewlyn from Tŷ'n Llwyn, Llanfechell, 29 January 1807.

He has been wrongly identified with RICHARD THOMAS, South Wales exhorter (died 1751).

Author

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