

## Tracing Your Welsh Nonconformist Ancestors

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#### **NONCONFORMIST**

# 'one who does not conform to the beliefs of the established church'

## also known as dissenters



## Hardwicke's Marriage Act 1754

All marriages between 1754 and 1837, except for those of Jews and Quakers had to take place within the established church.

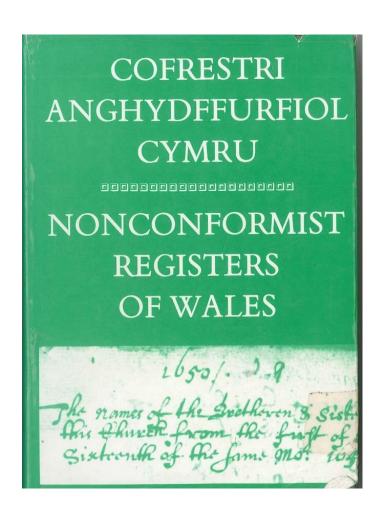


## **Pre-1837 nonconformist registers**

- Civil Registration Act of 1836 Registrar General collected nonconformist registers of England and Wales
- They can be found in classes RG4, RG6 and RG8 at The National Archives, Kew
- Access is available online through https://bmdregisters.co.uk and other sites



## **Survival of registers**



- Name of Chapel
- Denomination
- Location
- Dates of surviving registers
- Where surviving registers held



#### **Nonconformist Denominations**

- Baptist
- Calvinistic Methodist
- English Presbyterians
- Methodist Free Church
- Mormons
- Quakers
- United Free Methodist
- Wesleyan Methodist

- Bible Christian
- Congregationalists
- Independents
- Moravian
- Primitive Methodists
- Unitarian
- United Reformed



#### Post 1837

- No obligation to continue to keep baptism and burial registers
- A chapel had to apply for a licence in order to hold a marriage in the chapel
- Not all chapels had their own graveyards if not members buried in the parish church



## **Burials**



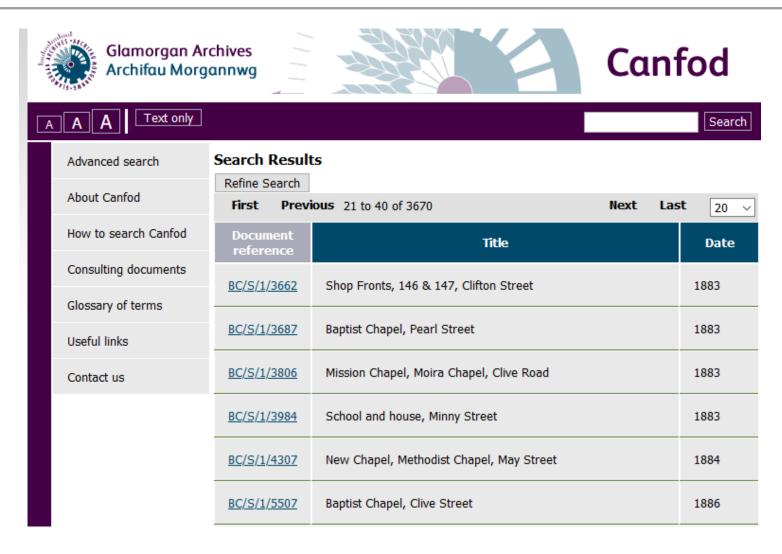


#### **Other Nonconformist Records**

- Registers
- Denominational magazines
- Sunday school registers
- Members list
- Contribution books
- Annual reports
- Chapel histories

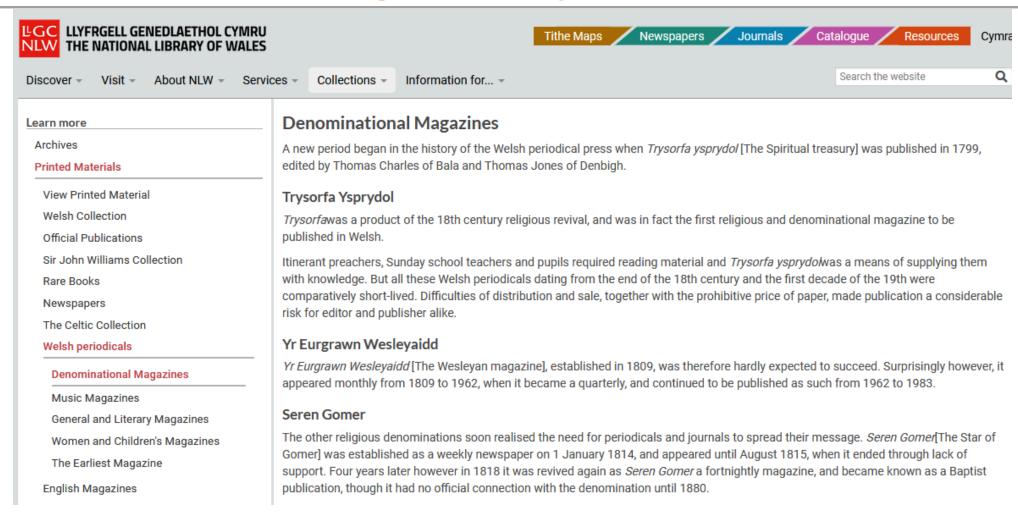


## **County Archive Offices**



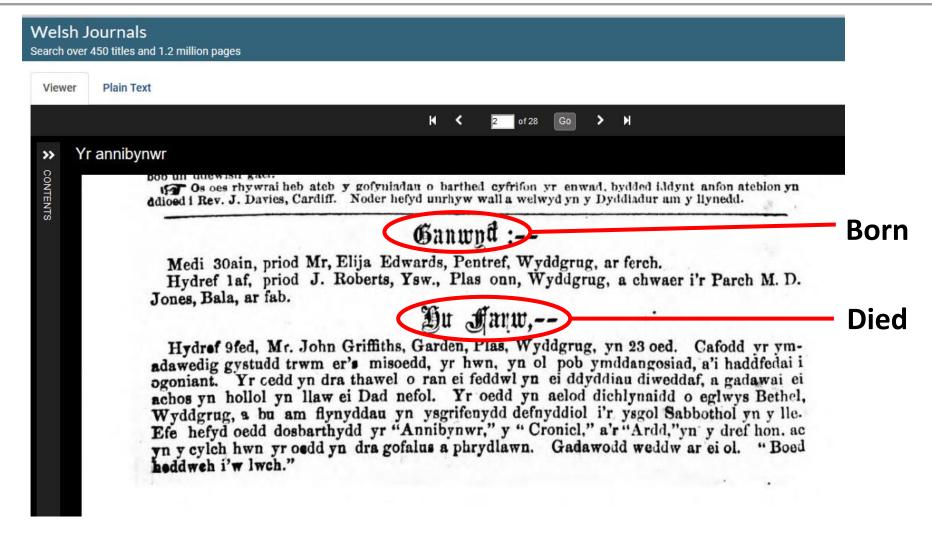


## Denominational magazines/periodicals



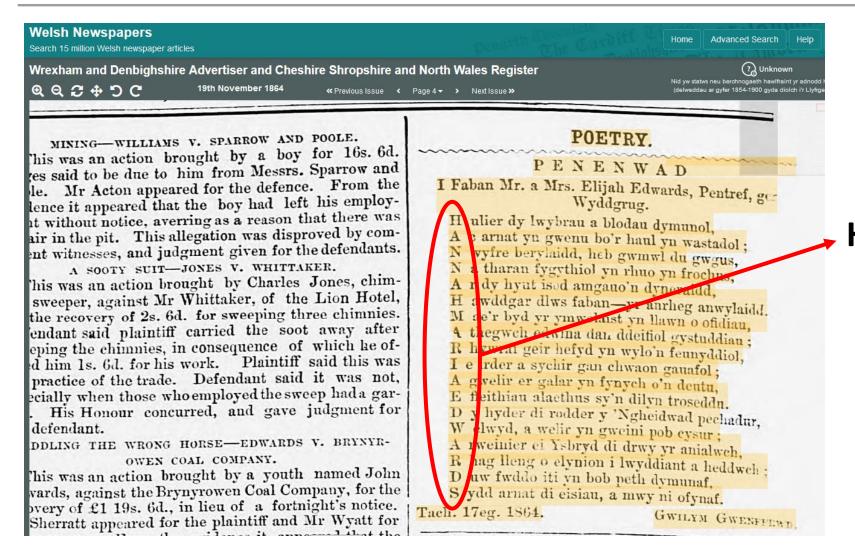


#### **Welsh Journals**





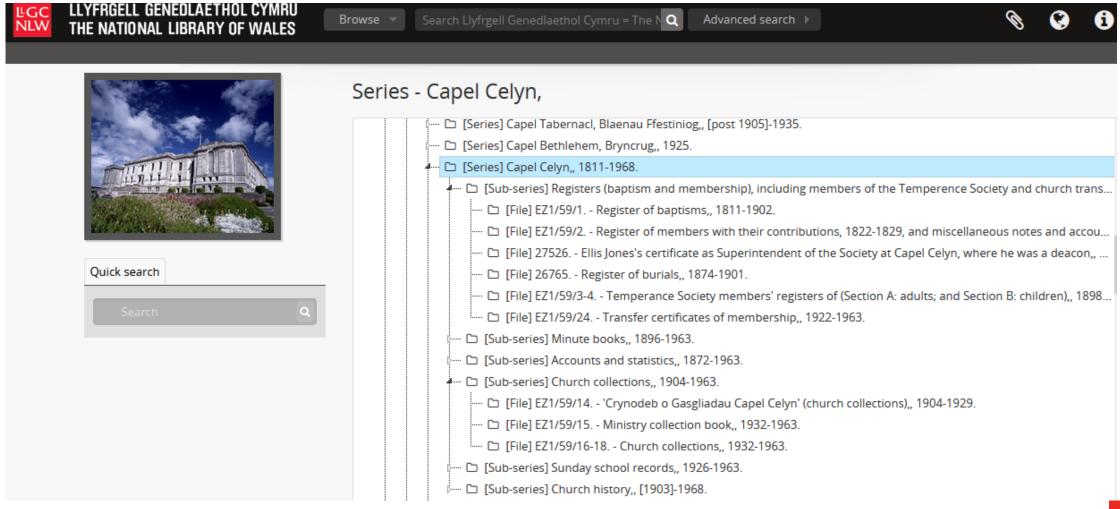
## Welsh Newspapers



#### **Hannah Maria Edwards**

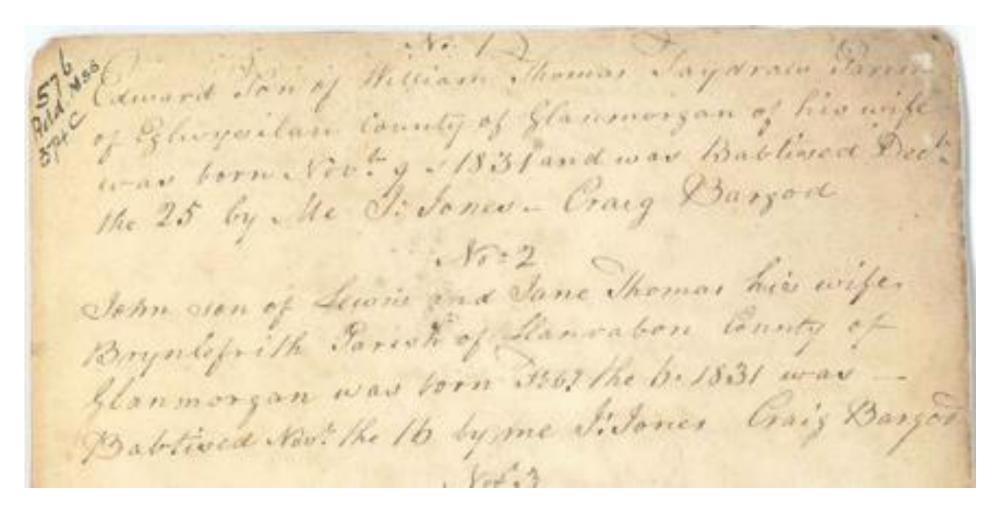


## **Chapel records**





## **Baptism register**



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## **Baptism register**

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Baptism register Rhiwbwys Chapel, Llanrhystud Haminiog (speaker's own photo)



## **Baptism Register**

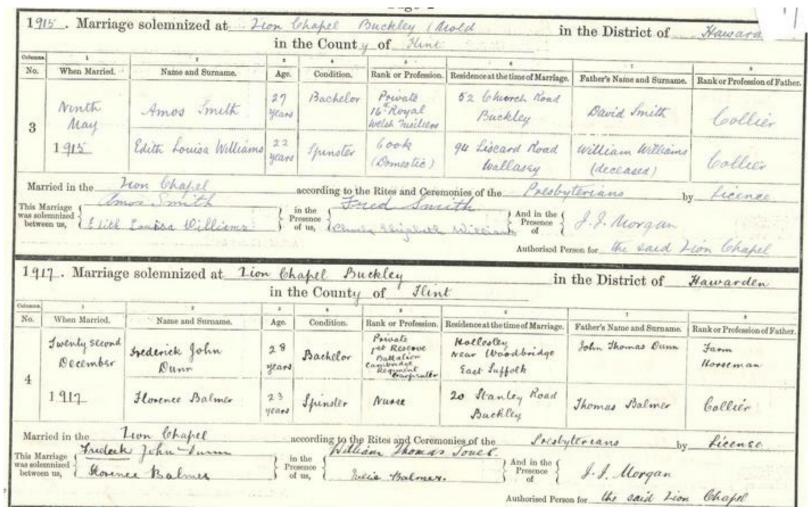
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NLW CMA EZ1/59/1 Baptism register Capel Celyn, Llanycil



## Marriage register





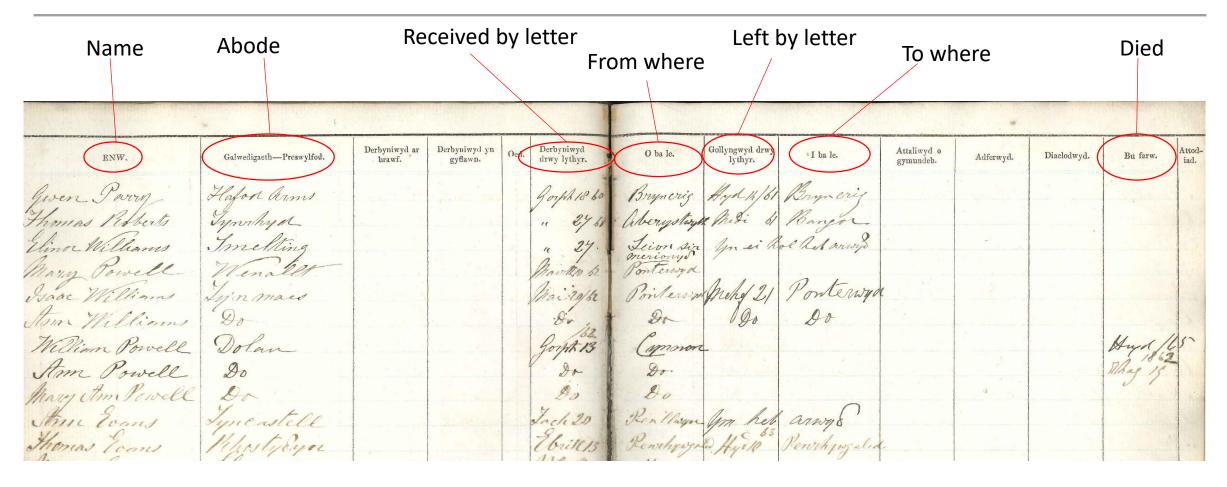
## **Burial registers**

Register of Burials, In the Burial Ground of Capel Celyn					Parish of Llangeil Count				
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NLW CMA 26765 (Capel Celyn, Llanycil, burial register)



#### **Members list**



NLW CMA EZ1/149/1 Register of members, Capel Mynach, Pontarfynach (Devil's Bridge)



#### **Pew rents**

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### Welsh chapels outside of Wales

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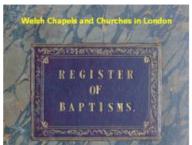




Our current project is to locate the records of the more than 50 Welsh chapels and churches which once existed in London, and to transcribe those which are likely to be of interest to family historians.

**a** A working list of Welsh chapels and churches in and around London

Baptisms at Jewin Welsh Chapel are available on CD.



#### JEWIN WELSH CHAPEL (CALVINISTIC METHODIST)

The first Welsh chapel in London was built at Wilderness Row, east of Clerkenwell Green, EC1, moving in 1828 to Jewin Crescent. Rebuilt following wartime bombing at Fann Street (EC1Y 0SA), the chapel is now known as Jewin Welsh Church.

The information on this CD covers baptisms for the period 1837 to 1920.



#### **Further Information**

- Bibliography
- Websites
- The National Library of Wales Enquiry Service and online catalogue
- County Archive Offices Enquiry Service and online catalogue



#### **Enquiries**

