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## Baptist Ministers in England about 1750 A.D.

THE middle of the eighteenth century saw, not only the birth of the Evangelical Revival and Methodism, but also a purging of the older Free Churches from the spirit of Socinianism. It gave to the Baptists a New Connexion, and a new spirit to churches which were decaying. What was the position before this development? There are materials upon which we can base our judgments.

### I. The Particular Baptists.

The Rev. J. Ivimey, in his "History of the Baptists," refers twice to a manuscript written by the Rev. John Collett Ryland, in 1753, giving an account of the Baptist Churches in London, etc. This is to be found in the Warwick Church Minute Book, written by Ryland himself while pastor of the church at Warwick. A transcript of this has been taken and is now presented with annotations. There were some made by Ryland and these are indicated by italics. The present editor's notes are in square brackets, thus [ ]. There is no attempt to correct the geographical classification of Ryland's list. It reads as follows:—

A List of the Calvinist Ministers of the Baptist Denomination in England, and the present state of the Ministry amongst the Particular Baptists.

January 9th, 1751. Warwick.

I. In London and the East and South of England.

1. John Gill, D.D. [1697-1771. Goat St. Horsleydown 1720-71. Most prolific author. Something from his pen was published each year from 1724 to 1740 without fail. His works include "Expositions of the Holy Scriptures;" "A Body of Divinity;" "Dissertations on the Antiquity of the Hebrew Language." Altogether 45 works. D.D. of Aberdeen University 1748. Lecturer at Great Eastcheap 1729-56].
2. John Brine [1703-65. Currier's Hall, Cripplegate 1730-65. Formerly of Kettering and Coventry. Succeeded Dr. Gill at Great Eastcheap. Author of many works].
3. Joseph Stennett [1692-1758. Little Wild St. 1737-58. Formerly of Abergavenny, Leominster and Exeter. D.D. of Edinburgh on the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Duke of Cumberland, of Culloden fame, 1754. Author of 8 works.].
4. Benjamin Wallin [1711-82. M.A. Maze Pond, Southwark 1740-82. Published 41 vols., one of which was "Evangelical Hymns on Various Views of the Christian Life."].
5. William Anderson [1700-67. Grafton St. 1749-67. He was ordained pastor in Glass House St. 1743. In 1749 the church moved to their new meeting house in Grafton St., towards the cost of which the pastor was a large contributor, being a person of some property. Author.].
6. Samuel Dew [Great Eastcheap 1731-60. Formerly of Weston, near Ross, in Herefordshire. An Antinomian author, published a funeral sermon 1735.].

7. William Townsend [Christian name Edmund. Currier's Hall, Cripplegate. Sabbatarian 1727-63].
  8. Thos. Llewelin [1720-83. L.L.D. Prescot St, Not pastor but occasional preacher. Treasurer of the Baptist Fund. It was said of him that he "had more classical learning than any minister among Protestant Dissenters." Tutor at Bristol and bequeathed the College the whole of his splendid library, valued at £1,500. Published an "Historical account of the British or Welsh Versions and Editions of the Bible," 1768; prominent in establishing a Baptist Mission for North Wales in 1776.]
  9. Josiah Thompson, Senr. [1691-1780. Kingston-upon-Thames, educated at Edinburgh University. Removed to London 1746].
  10. Josiah Thompson, Junr. [1724-1806. Unicorn Yard 1746-61. It is said that three times he presented addresses to the throne, on behalf of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers. To him we owe the valuable survey of English Nonconformity in 1773, known as Thompson's List, which is among the MS. treasures of the Dr. Williams' Library.]
  11. Samuel Stennett [1728-1795 Little Wild St. Assistant 1753-8. Pastor 1758-95. D.D. of Aberdeen University 1763. Author of 28 works, collected and republished 1824.]
  12. [John] Stephens [or Stevens. 1722-78. Devonshire Square 1750-60. Removed to a new meeting house built for him in Red Cross St. Mr. Brine's colleague as Lecturer at Great Eastcheap. Author 7 vols.].
- [William Collins settled at Petticoat Lane 1748. It admitted of mixed communion and united with the church in Angel Alley, Whitechapel, for a time, but is back at Petticoat Lane in 1755.]

[Andrew Gifford 1700-84. Native of Bristol. Little Wild St., 1730-5. Formerly assisted Rev. G. Eaton at Nottingham. Eagle St. 1735-84. During a visit to Edinburgh was honoured with the freedom of the city. D.D. of Aberdeen 1754. Assistant librarian of the British Museum 1757-84. Numismatist. His collection of coins purchased by George II; left books, manuscripts, and pictures to Bristol College. Interred at Bunhill Fields, upwards of 200 ministers present on the occasion. Published 5 vols.]

[. . . Russell. White St. Refused admission as a member of the Baptist Board 1742. Still he was pastor when he died in 1758. Church dissolved 1765.]

[Prescot St., the oldest church, had lost Samuel Wilson by death in October 1750. The church, meeting in the morning, at Devonshire Square, dissolved in 1751, Clendon Dawkes going to Hemel Hempstead. The church at Pinners' Hall under James Foster D.D. was mixed in communion and Socinian in doctrine. The church at Angel Alley, lately under Edward Ridgeway, had apparently not united with Petticoat Lane, under William Collins. The church at Church Lane, Limehouse, had lately lost Aaron Spurrier and was about to call Aaron Blount, one of its own members, who was received as an approved minister by the Baptist Board, April 23, 1751. The church meeting at Pinners' Hall in the afternoon, under John Weatherley, who died May 31st, 1752, was evidently reckoned Socinian.]

The above in London.

13. [John] Sterne. Norwich [Stearne died July 1755].
14. [George] Simpson. Cambridge [1745-58. M.A. Founded a cause at Soham 1752. Followed Stearne at Norwich, then went to Warwick 1764-74.].

15. [Thomas] Palmer. Hull [1740-52. Published a work on "Baptism," an edition of which appeared at New York the same year 1750.]
16. Vaughan. Chesham.
17. [Samuel] James. Hitchin [Succeeded his father at Hemel Hempstead 1751. Then moved to Hitchin, which was mixed communion, where he remained until 1773. Published 2 works.]
18. [Clendon] Dawkes. [Hemel] Hempstead. [Formerly of London, died Dec. 12th, 1758.]
19. Daniel Turner. Abingdon. [1710-98. M.A., Providence College, R.I. & P.P. Formerly school master at Hemel Hempstead, and minister at Reading 1741-48. Removed to Abingdon 1748 where he was pastor until his death. Hymn Writer and Author.]
20. [James] Fanch in Hampshire. [1704-68. Romsey. Visited also Lockerley and Southampton. Author of 4 vols.]
21. [John] Voiccy. Limington, Hants. [1746-64. Should read Voysey.]
22. [John] Beazley. Wantage. [Should be Bosley, 1745-55.]
23. Jos. Stennett. Coate. [Should read Coate. Son of, and at one time assistant to, Dr. J. Stennett, at Little Wild St. Settled at Coate 1742. Published a funeral sermon of his predecessor, Joseph Collett. Leader of Western Association. Moderator at Bratton 1752, and signed first printed minutes. Wrote Circular Letters for 1753 and 56. Died 1768.]
24. Thos. Bennett. St. Albans.
25. Thos. Craner? [1716-73. Blunham, Beds 1733-55. Formerly at Birmingham. Later in London at Red Cross St. Published several sermons.]
26. [John] Auther. Waltham Abbey. [Died 1762. A poet. Published 2 vols.]

27. Guy Medley. Warwick. [This name does not occur in any of the church books of Warwick other than this one entry.]
  28. Mr. [Francis] Lewis. Newbury. [From Llanwenarth. Died 1780.]
  29. Mr. Thomas Whitewood, Reading. [1749-66. Formerly of Portsea and later of Curriers Hall. Sabbatarian. Died 1767.]
  30. Mr. [N.] Mynty. Salisbury.
  31. Mr. [John] Nick. Downton. [Succeeded Fanch at Romsey 1774-1802.]  
*Mr. Munn, Lyme.*  
[Benjamin Messer, 1727-72, settled at Lyme Regis in 1753, and remained there until he removed to Grafton St., London, Sept 1763.]
  32. Mr. [John] Mercer. [Newport] Isle of Wight.
  33. Mr. [John] Lacy. Portsmouth. [Lacey, of Portsea, pastor nearly 50 years, died April 13th, 1781. Published 3 works.]
  34. Mr. Dan<sup>l</sup> Whitewood [Portsmouth. Assistant and deacon 1733-1765].
  35. Mr. Miles. Guilford [has been erased].
  36. Mr. ~~Blake~~ Blake. Salisbury.
  37. Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup> Parsons. Bath. [Published a work in 1774. Died February 1790.]
  38. Mr. [Thomas] Chesterton. Colnbrook.  
*Mr. Pope. Bradford.* [But compare 10, in Section II, which is correct.]  
*Mr. Weston, at Bratton* [1747-66].
- [Michael Bligh. Sevenoaks. Had been G.B. pastor at Bessel's Green, but his preaching on John iii. 7 gave great offence, and he was censured by the church. New cause began 1748. Board asked to help to build 1767. He died between 1794 and 98. Published 2 works.]
- [John Chamberlain. 1723-92. Guilford. Funeral sermon preached by Dr. Rippon.]

- [David Chapman. Colchester. 1753.]  
 [Joseph Clayton. 1710-90. Stevington. Settled in 1751.]  
 [John Dunkhorn. Great Ellingham. 1724-56. Baptised here Robert Robinson.]  
 [David Evans. Great Sansden 1749-51.]  
 [James Fall. Watford 1736-63. Published 3 works.]  
 [Nicholas Gillard. Collumpton.]  
 [George Green. Ashford 1753-61.]  
 [Hopkins. Whitchurch, Hants till 1757.]  
 [John Kent. 1707-96. Broughton, Hants. Baptised by Mr. Henry Steele and became assistant to him and his successors 1732-85.]  
 [William Knowles. Rushden 1749-94.]  
 [Samuel Marson. Luton.]  
 [Joseph Palmer. Bildeston, Suffolk 1746-75.]  
 [Richard Rist. Harlow, Essex.]  
 [Charles Rogers. Rye 1750-58.]  
 [Samuel Sleaf. Chesham. Died 1774.]  
 [Jonas Thurrowgood. 1678-1753. New Mill, Tring 1717-53, who was known for his medical skill, and through it helped Rev. B. Wallin, M.A., when a boy, who preached his funeral sermon.]  
 [Edward Trivett. Worstead 1734-92. During his ministry baptized 391 persons, and of these eleven were called to the work of the ministry. In 1752 obtained leave to preach in the G.B. meeting house at Yarmouth, there being at that time no church in existence there. Church formed July 21st, 1754. He published "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," in two books 1755.]  
 [Francis Walker. Olney.]  
 [Thomas Wanstall. Folkestone 1750-59.]  
 [Henry Utting. Claxton. Norfolk 1750-92. Church formed 1750.]  
 II. In Bristol and West of England. Dec. 27th, 1753.



1. Bernard Foskett [1685-1758. Practised physic in London. Joined Little Wild St. Helped Beddome at Alcester. Broadmead 1720-58. Tutor at the Academy. Some 64 students sat at his feet. 32 from England and 32 from the Principality.]
  2. John Beddome [Formerly of Henley and Alcester. Pithay, Bristol 1723-57. Father of B. Beddome, M.A.]
  3. Hugh Evans. [1712-81. M.A., helping Foskett 1733 whom he succeeded at the Church in 1753 and as tutor 1758. The Academy was reconstituted by him in 1770 as the Bristol Education Society. Father of Dr. Caleb Evans. Wrote Circular Letters of the Western Association 1754 and 70. Published 3 sermons. Funeral procession covered half a mile in length.]
- Mr. Thomas* [John Tommas 1724-1800. Native of Barnoldswick. Sent forth as a preacher 1745. Settled at Gildersome 1747 in response to call signed by 53 members. In 1752 invited to become co-pastor with Revs. J. Beddome and J. Needham, at Pithay, Bristol, but there was some trouble and he did not settle until August 1753 when Needham was at Callowhill. Published 2 works and wrote Circular Letter for the Western Association in 1760. Preached at the ordination of Caleb Evans 1767.]
- Mr. Austie* [Joseph Anstie assisted Beddome at Pithay. He was formerly at Devizes.]
4. John Needham [Co-pastor with Beddome, at Pithay, until 1752 when he went to Callowhill Street. Died 1786.]
  6. Edw<sup>d</sup> Jones. Exeter. [1741-65. Should be Edmund. Wrote at least 3 Circular Letters for Western Association. Published a vol. of sacred poems 1760.]

7. Rob<sup>t</sup> Day. Wellington. [1720-91. Minister here 44 years. Refused Prescot St., London, 1752. Hon. M.A. Providence College, R.I., 1754. Wrote Circular Letter Western Association 1758. Author.]
8. James Knight. Moreton, Hampshire [apparently Moreton Hampstead in Devon, where Murch says Mr. Thomas was, at this time, for the G. Baptists. In 1755 wrote Circular Letter for the Western Association which met at Exeter.]
9. [Philip] Gibbs. Plymouth. [1749-1800. Introduced Baptist principles at many places in Cornwall. Wrote Circular Letters for Western Association 1767 and 76. Author.]
10. Rich<sup>d</sup> Haynes. Bradford. [Wilts 1750-68. From Bourton-on-Water.]
11. Benjamin Fuller. Devizes (*Dead* 1753). [Was this a Benjamin Flower, son of a minister ejected in 1662, who nursed this church, and father of a third of the same name, A.M., Providence College R.I.& P.P., 1773, who preached at Olney 1808.]
12. [Edward] Henwood. Froom [i.e. Frome, 1741-53].
13. Abraham Larwill. Froom [1749-60].
14. John Sedgefield. Froom. [Bristol student. Shrewsbury 1742. Frome (Badcox Lane) 1745-83. Assistant 1745. Ordained co-pastor Nov. 6th, 1752.]
15. [John?] Shepherd. Hannum [Hanham].
16. John Haydon. Horseley. *Removed to Tewkesbury*. [Formerly at Prescott St., London. At Shortwood 1737-52, when he went to Tewkesbury where he remained until his death in 1782. Moderator of Midland Association 1755, wrote Circular Letter in 1763 when it met at Tewkesbury. Published 5 vols., and left a handsome legacy for the support of a charity school at Westmancote.]

17. George Wickendon. Trowbridge. [Preached first 1747. Ordained by Samuel Stennet 1752. Died 1759.]

18. Mr. Samuel Bowen. Horseley.  
[Samuel Burford. Hatch Somerset. Settled at Loughwood 1759.]

[John Clark. Crockerton, Wilts 1746-1803.]

[Crispin Curtis. Kingsbridge 1718-68].

[James Drewett, Honiton, who had come from Penygarn. He was receiving £25 from Loughwood till 1754, when it was reduced to £20. His work continued till death in 1770.]

[Isaac Hann, 1690-1778. Loughwood in Dalwood, Dorsetshire, who played a great part in the affairs of the Western Association, so that, at his death, the Association erected a tablet at Loughwood stating that he was "for many years the worthy pastor of this church." In 1770 he was minister at Upottery. Wrote Circular Letters for Association 1757 and 61.]

[Richard Harrison, M.A. Taunton, Mary St. 1746-64. Educated at Edinburgh University. Formerly at Newington Green and librarian to Dr. Williams' Library. Then at Oxford and Thame. Then became a Baptist and at Moreton Hampstead and Bridgewater. Died at York 1781. Published 2 vols.]

[Thomas Sayers. Southwick 1744-85.]

[Evan Thomas. Bridgewater 1749-57. Native of Llanelly.]

[John Wilkins. Westbury Leigh 1747-61. Son of John Wilkins, a former pastor.]

### III. In ye North of England.

i. Thomas Flower. Cirencester [1706-67. Formerly at Unicorn Yard, London. Settled here July 25th, 1747 and remained 14 years, preaching every other Lord's Day. The other half of his time being

given to Cheltenham, after Thomas Parks ended there in 1750, and to Horseley. Preached Association sermon at Broadmead 1758. Returned to London 1761, and became a corn-factor, which procured for him the appellative "worldly-minded Flower." Died Sept. 3rd, 1767. Author of several published sermons.]


2. Nathl Overbury. Tetbury.
3. Benjamin Beddome. Bourton [1718-95. Educated Bristol and Mile End Academies. Ordained Bourton-on-the-Water 1743 and continued there until his death. Four times Moderator of Midland Association. Wrote Circular Letters for same 1759 and 65, the former being first letter printed. M.A., Providence College, R.I., 1770. Author of six works, including a Catechism, Hymn-writer, and, throughout the greater part of his life, he prepared a hymn to be sung after the morning sermon every Lord's Day.]
4. John Overbury. Aulcester [1729-64. Moderator of Midland Association 1757.]
5. Philip Jones. Upton [on-Severn, 1731-70. Also at Natton Seventh Day 1727-70. Five times Moderator of Midland Association. In 1771 there was published "An elegy on the death of Philip Jones of Upton-on-Severn."]
6. Jacob Mower. Bengworth. [Evesham 1728-64.]
7. Edwa<sup>d</sup> Belcher. Henley [-in-Arden; a branch of Alcester]. *Dead*.
8. James Morley, Birmingham. *Dead*. [was elected pastor of Cannon St. in 1751, after 18 months probation. He resigned his charge after 2 years, having embraced Paedobaptist sentiments.]
9. William Christian? Markfield [or Sheepshead. Died 1765.]
10. Isaac Woodman, Leicester. *Prince*. [At Warwick 1740-46. First heard of in the county 1749,

ordained pastor of Sutton-in-the-Elms 1753, where he remained 22 years. A.M. Providence College 1770. Moderator of Northamptonshire Association 1771, wrote Circular Letters 1771 and 75. Died 1777. Is named by Ryland for Leicester because some members of Sutton lived at the county town, and he seems to have signed the letter to the Board in 1750 asking for help to build a meeting house, which was erected in Harvey Lane 1756. He dismissed his members there in 1760, Christopher Hall being the first pastor.]

11. Daniel Hill. Coventry *Removed to Chafford in Glo'shire* [Chalford 1753].
12. John Poynting, Worcester [1719-91. A.M. Succeeded his father, Isaac, at Worcester 1741, and held the pastorate until his death. Wrote Circular Letters for Midland Association 1756 and 67. Preached Association sermon at Bromsgrove 1768, which was published. His salary was so small that he was obliged to keep a boarding-school, but, leading the life of a bachelor, he succeeded in leaving a fortune of £1,200. He left £200 to the P.B. Fund, £100 to the Widow's Fund, and £200 to Bristol Academy.]
13. John Nottage. Hooknorton.
14. John Ash. Pershore. [1724-79. LL.D. Formerly of Loughwood. At Pershore 1751-79. Twice Moderator of Midland Association, and wrote three Circular Letters. In conjunction with the Rev. Dr. Caleb Evans compiled a hymn-book which was issued in 1769, and reached a ninth edition. His magnum opus was a "New and Complete Dictionary of the English Language," published 1775. His "Grammatical Institutes" reached a seventh edition and was reprinted in 1774, in New York.]

15. John Evans, Foxton [1751-81. Wrote the Circular Letters for the Northamptonshire Association in 1765 and 74, the former being at the first Association meeting.]
  16. John Reynolds ? of Nowhere. [1730-93. Baptized at Bourton about 1744. Studied at Bristol. Supplied at Bromsgrove and Oxford. Was at Cirencester 1750-61. Eventually settled at 'Curriers' Hall, London. M.A. of Providence College, 1770. Author.]
  17. John [Collett] Ryland. Warwick [1723-92. Baptised at Bourton 1741. Began preaching at Warwick 1746 but was not ordained until 1750 when J. Brine, of London, gave the charge. There he also kept a school. Minister and schoolmaster at Northampton 1759-86. Removed to Enfield, London, and founded a school. M.A. of Providence College, 1769. Wrote Circular Letters for the Midland Association 1755 and 58 and for Northants Association 1769 and 77. Published 32 vols of educational, religious and other works, including a Greek Grammar, and a Key to the New Testament.]
  18. Thos. Davis, Fairford.
  19. Will<sup>m</sup> Stanger, Broadwin. [A perplexing entry. Braunston in Northampton was an ancient church, and the Stangers were active in the county. William signed the Slapton book as pastor, in 1748, of Weedon-by-Weston. But this is the earliest suggestion that he had left the General Baptists.]
  20. Hen[ry] Davis of Northampton [Green, a branch of Stevington till 1781. Davis was ordained pastor June 2nd, 1748, when Dr. Gill and Mr. Brine, both of London, preached.]
- Mr.* [William] Tolley. Northampton. [College St. The church was very careful in dealing with him

and his ordination service was not held until June 9th, 1756. Resigned 1758. Became pastor of Red Cross St., London. Later turned Sandemanian.]

21. Jonathan Brown. Yeaden [i.e. Rawdon] Yorkshire to *Hull* [which he left by 1755].
  22. John Brown. Ipswich to *Kettering*. [Was at Wisbech 1749-50. Ipswich was a branch of Colchester till 1757. In 1767 wrote Circular Letter of Northants Association when meeting was at Kettering. Afterwards London and Lymington. Died 1800. Published 3 vols.]
  23. John Oulton. Liverpool [Dale St., 1748-65. Had been at Brássey Green and Leominster. His son, of the same name, was supplying Bridlington, Yorks, 1752-4.].
  24. Mr. [John] Johnston. Liverpool. [This is Johnson, 1706-91, founder of the Johnsonian Baptists. At his death there were 6 or 7 bodies of Baptists holding his views. Dale St. 1741-7. Left for new cause. Stanley St. 1747-91. Published 12 vols.]
  25. [John] Hayes by Liverpool. *Hill Cliff near Warrington*. [Had resigned 1739. Died 1750.]
  26. Cartwright, Dudley.  [He applied in 1754 to the Board for help in building, but the church was not founded until 1772.]
  27. Glover. Inkberrow. *Dead*. [A very ancient cause. Feckenham was here 1669; village now worked from Alcester.]
  28. Jno Sing. Bridgnorth. *Dead* 1753. [1714-54. Published 2 works.]
- Mr. Thomas*. [Joshua Thomas, 1718-97. At Leominster 1753-97. Five times Moderator of Midland Association. Wrote 3 Circular Letters. He published 5 vols., of which 2 were in Welsh. Chief work was "The History of the Baptist Associations in Wales." On his death the Rev. B. Francis,

- A.M., wrote and published an elegy entitled "The Lamentation of Friendship."]
29. James Kettleby. Bewdley [1697-1767. First a member, and then an occasional preacher. Engaged as a supply 1718. After an extended probation, of nearly 8 years, ordained 1725, and continued until death. In 1762 published a book entitled "The Excellency and Importance of the Hebrew Grammar."].
  30. [Nathaniel] Carpenter, by Banbury [Middleton Cheney. He lived at Thorpe Mandeville. First pastor here. Took part in Ryland's ordination at Northampton].  
Near Yorkshire and in it [This is a side note with next nine bracketted.].
  31. Mr. [James] Winterbottom [Manchester 1724-59].
  32. Mr. [Henry] Lord [Bacup and Oakenshaw].
  33. Mr. [Joseph] Pickup [Bacup and Cowling Hill 1744-72. Published one sermon.].
  34. Mr. *Rich<sup>d</sup>* Smith. [Wainsgate 1750-63. John Johnson, of Liverpool, published an attack on his doctrine in 1764.].
  35. Mr. Jno Thomas [been erased]. *Removed to Bristol.*
  36. Mr. Richard Thomas [Rodhill End. Near Todmorden and Stone Slack. Heptonstall. 1742-72.].
  37. Mr. [John] Nuthall. [Lumb-in-Rossendale 1753-92. The church moved to Goodshaw in 1760.]
  38. Mr. [James] Hartley. [Haworth, 1752-80. Founder of church. Published 3 works.]
  39. Mr. [John] Nuthall [dismissed from Bacup to become pastor of Sutton-in-Craven].
  40. Mr. [John] Butterworth. Coventry [1727-1803. Perhaps the word "Coventry" is an annotation after 1753, for this is a section devoted to Yorkshire and the neighbourhood. Entry II shows that Daniel Hill was at Coventry till 1753. John



Butterworth was son of a blacksmith at Goodshaw, in Lancashire. The whole of the family belonged to the church at Bacup, worshipping at Lumb. At Coventry 1753-1803. Published "A New Concordance," in 1767.]

41. Mr. [Jno. Taylor, Cheshire [should read Chester].
42. Mr. [Alvery] Jackson. Barnoldswick. [1718-63. Published 2 works, one on "Saving Grace" which led J. Brine, of London, and J. Johnson, of Liverpool, publishing replies.]
43. Mr. [Christopher] Hall. Cumberland. Whitehaven [1724-86. Great Broughton 1747-52. Thence to Whitehaven 1753-60. Received a call to Arnesby in 1753. Refused and recommended his younger brother Robert who was called and accepted. Later was at Leicester, Luton, and Petticoat Lane, London. Published 2 works.]
44. Mr. Tuney. Cumberland. [David Fernie, who was at Hamsterley 1750. Thence went to Juniper dye house and Newcastle-on-Tyne.]
45. Mr. [Richard] Coultred [or Coulthurst] Northumberland [indeed from there, Knaresdale, but at Hawkshead Hill, Lancashire, 1722-72].
46. Mr. [John] Sedgfield Jun<sup>r</sup>. Weston [Tottlebank in Lancashire 1725-65. Formerly at Rawdon. Then at Liverpool 1719-25. Published 2 sermons.]
47. Mr. Gardiner. Cumberland. [Isaac Garner, from Great Broughton, but now at Hamsterley, Durham, where he settled in 1748 and died in 1758 in his 41st year.]
48. Mr. Burroughs. Lincoln<sup>e</sup> [The only Particular Baptist cause in the county was Boston, whence an application reached the Board in 1744, though no church was formed until 1770.]
49. Mr. Hubbard, Lancash<sup>e</sup>. [Probably John Stutterd of Cowling Hill.]
50. Mr. [Adam] Holding, Lancash<sup>e</sup>. [Blackburn.]

51. Mr. [Thomas] Wilbraham. Lancashe. [Associated with Rawdon. Blind. Supplied the pulpit at Bridlington 1754-61 when ordained pastor, but, after a brief period, he embraced Sandemanian tenets, gave up the ministry and became a school-master.]
- [Thomas Ashworth, Cloughfold 1751-55, when he moved to Gildersome.]
- [Henry Clayton. Salendine Nook 1743-76.]
- [William Crabtree 1720-1811. Commenced preaching at Manningham, Bradford 1751. Church formed 1753. Pastor at Westgate until 1803. Published 2 works.]
- [Moses Deacon, Walgrave. Wrote Circular Letter for Northants Association in 1766.]
- [Robert Hanwell, Kettering.]
- [Robert Hall, Senior, Arnesby 1753-91. Father of the great Robert Hall, A.M. Wrote many Circular Letters for the Northants Association. His little book, "Help to Zion's Travellers," grew out of a sermon preached at Northampton, and passed through many editions. Complete words published in one vol., 1828, the centenary of his birthday.]
- [George Eaton. Nottingham. Friar Lane, better known as Park Street.]
- [William Leigh. Great Warford 1724-61.]
- [John MacGowan, 1726-80. Hill Cliffe 1751-7. Moved to Bridgnorth, thence to Devonshire Square, London 1767. Moderator of Midland Association 1766. Published 20 vols., including "The Dialogue of Devils," and "The Shaver, or Priestcraft Defended," the latter reached the 21st edition in 1810, when for the first time the author's name was given.]
- [Thomas Morley. Nottingham, Pilcher Gate. Formed

1740. Split from Park St. Morley, a schoolmaster and member, elected pastor 1742.]

[George Yarnold. Bromsgrove.]

74 Particular Baptist Ministers.

Collected Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 1751.

104 mins.

[If you omit Guy Medley, and count the names in Ryland's list, allowing for dead, duplicates and erasures the total 104 is correct. To these 42 names have been added in the annotations, making the total of 146 known Particular Baptist ministers.]

Number of Professing Bapts.

1.	In West	18 churches	—	1260
2.	In North Assoc.	14 churches	—	700
3.	In London Gill	150		
	Brine	30		
	Stennett	60		
	Wallin	100		
	Anderson	60		
	Dew	40		
	Stephens	150		
	Townsend	20		610
4.	East: South			
	23 churches	40 each		900
5.	New North Assoc.			
	31 churches	at 30 each		930
6.	Welch Churches.			
	North and South			
	Particular Baptists			500
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				4900
	100 churches	at 30 each		3000.
	Welch Churches.			500
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				3500

In North Wales. no Baptists

In South Wales 20 churches.

See Gillies' Historical Collections, Vol 2, page 134.

[There is in Gillies' a letter here "to Mr. McC—, from a dissenting Minister in Wales, relating to the State of Religion there." It is republished from *The Glasgow Weekly History* No. 48. In it we learn that there were Baptist congregations in the various counties, as follows, viz:—

Radnor	2.	Brecknockshire	2 or 3.
Cardiganshire	1.	Glamorganshire	3.
Pembrokeshire	3.	Monmouthshire	6.
Carmarthenshire	2.		

There was a Welsh Association of Baptist Churches, and it met in 1752 at Aberdare, when two sermons were preached by brethren Edmund Watkins and Caleb Harris.]

In London Chs 9 Bapt at 50 each	450
In East and South Chs 24 Bapt at 40.	960
In West. Chs 18 Bapt at 40 [720 altered to]	1200
In South Wales Chs 20 at 40 each.	800
In North of England Chs 50 at 40 each	2000

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[No alteration] 5410

Ivimey's criticism of these figures is worthy of note. He says: "Now, even admitting that this calculation was one third deficient in number, and adding two thirds more for hearers, who were not members, there could not have been 20,000 persons in all the Particular Baptist congregations in England and Wales. The General Baptists are not included; but their churches at that time were but few in number, and their congregations small and languishing. There is no reason to doubt that our churches were far more prosperous and numerous at the Revolution in 1688, than at this period, sixty-five years afterwards; so that prosperity had indeed slain more than the sword." See Ivimey's *History of the Baptists*, Vol. 3, page 278. The subjoined list of General

Baptist Ministers in 1751 shows that there were 65 in England.

John Evans, the colleague of Dr. Daniel Williams, made an unofficial census of the dissenting interest in England and Wales (1717-29) and the manuscript is one of the treasures of Dr. Williams' Library. This return, annotated by Dr. Whitley, shows that there were 220 Calvinistic and 110 Arminian Baptist churches. There had been a decrease of approx. 33 per cent. So that confirms Ivimey. See "The Baptist Interest under George I," in our *Transactions*, Vol. II, pages 95-109.

## II. The General Baptists.

This list of ministers is compiled from the Minutes of the General Baptist Assemblies and other sources. References as Chairman, Moderator, etc., are to the annual assemblies of the same. The names are arranged geographically.

### LONDON.

Charles Bulkley. White's Alley. Installed April 4th, 1743, only 24 years old, and remained over 50 years. Published 8 works.

Joseph Burroughs. 1684-1761. Paul's Alley. Barbican 1717-61. Educated at Leyden. Prolific author.

Robert Cornthwaite 1696-1755. Mill Yard Seventh Day 1727-55. Born at Bolton, Lancs. Author.

Samuel Fry. Horsleydown 1733-66. Appears at Assembly in 1728 and 1737 representing Western Association. Moderator 1743. Custodian of Assembly Minute book 1746. Ordained Messenger at Canterbury 1757. Published a few single sermons preached upon public occasions.

Joseph Morris. Goswell St. Glasshouse Yard 1732-54. Moderator 1743, 46, and 49.

Matthew Randall. Virginia St. 1722-56. Used Mill Yard 1744. Formerly of Chichester. Moderator 1724, 44, 46, 52, 54. Chair 43. Messenger. Ordained at Downton, Wilts, Oct. 13th 1747. Author.

John Treacher 1690-1756. Duke St. in the Park 1745-56. Came from Berkhamstead. Samuel Fry preached his funeral sermon.

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Daniel Beck. Amersham. Scribe to the Assembly, 1731-56 and then again 59-61.

James Hall. Winslow.

Thomas Piety. Aylesbury. Messenger 1754.

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Thomas Mills. March 1744-96. Came from Spratton. Was present in 1791 at the formation of the Lincolnshire Conference of the New Connexion.

#### CHESHIRE.

Henry Phillips. Nantwich 1753-56.

#### DEVONSHIRE.

John Drewett. Honiton.

William Sprague or Sprake. Honiton. Represented the Western Association at the General Assembly in 1714. Became an Arian, so that in 1753 he was succeeded by Daniel Wheeler.

Henry Terry. Tiverton 1731-59. Formerly of Moreton Hampstead.

— Thomas. Moreton Hampstead 1738-61.

#### ESSEX.

Samuel Blyth. Assistant at Colchester. 1713-53.

William Butcher. Colchester. 1719-54.

John Eades. Saffron Walden 1728-69.

Richard Instance. Mersea Isle. Ordained 1737.

#### HAMPSHIRE.

John Sturch. Portsmouth. After 1762 at Newport. Often Scribe to Assembly. Chair 1771, 75.

## HERTFORDSHIRE.

Thomas Sexton. Berkhamstead. Chair 1751, 69.  
Moderator 7 times. Messenger ordained 1757.

James Young. Berkhamstead.

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

Henry Biggs. St. Ives, where he died 1773.

## KENT.

John Austen. Smarden.

Samuel Bengel. Sevenoaks.

John Bush. Ramsgate. At Eythorne 1721. Succeeded in 1754 by his son, of the same name.

Richard Chilton. Ramsgate. 1732-58. Messenger, ordained June 22, 1744 at Downton. Moderator 1745, 49. Chair 47.

Matthias Copper. Tunbridge Wells. Ordained Messenger at the same time as R. Chilton. Moderator 1745, 48, 50. Chair 47. Died 1755. There was published a single sheet entitled "The Last Legacy and advice to all his surviving brethren and friends . . . especially to the Church of Christ."

Daniel Dobell. Cranbrook. In 1722 called to assist David Chapman and succeeded him in 1736. Ordained Messenger 1761. Chair 63, 80. Moderator 62, 67, 69, 74, 75. Author.

Thomas Harrison. Bessels Green 1748-66. Ordained Messenger at Tunbridge Wells 1752. Chair 53, 59, 61. Moderator 56, 58, 60, and 62.

Richard Hugget. Canterbury. Came from Warbleton.

John Knott. Eythorne. Went over, and helped to form New Connexion in 1770. Author.

Richard Merriam. Marden.

Samuel Neal. Chatham 1751-93.

Thomas Potter. Sandhurst 1731-56.

Robert Pyall. Dover 1725-59. Ordained Messenger 1744 along with Chilton and Copper.

Samuel Pyall. Headcorn.

### LEICESTERSHIRE.

William Johnson. Leicester. Formerly of Whittlesea 1731. Removed to Coventry. Ordained Messenger for Leicestershire and Lincolnshire 1733. Moderator 35, 37. Chair 48, 52. Ordains J. Goode Messenger for Lincolnshire 1744.

### LINCOLNSHIRE.

Thomas Blades. Gedney 1740-56.

Gilbert Boyce 1712-1800. Coningsby 1738-1800. Had charge of Asterby 1753. Ordained Messenger 1757. Moderator 54, 59. Chair 55, 58, 60, 64, 73. Ordained Dan Taylor 1763. Author. Published books against John Wesley, and the practice of singing amongst the New Connexion.

Israel Cotton. Isle of Axholme.

John Goode. Boston 1738-51. Ordained Messenger 1744. Moderator 51.

John Halford. Bourne 1725-59. Also at Coningsby until 1738.

William Penny. Lincoln.

William Soulden. Killingholme 1748-68. In 1767 the Assembly commended him to Dr. S. Stennett—the Baptist dispenser—as a proper person to apply for the assistance of the Regium Donum.

### NORFOLK.

Jonathan Brown. Ingham 1748-64. Cause declined.

Henry Finch. Smallburgh. Invited 1750 to become the "stated minister" at Norwich. Did not settle there until 56 and not ordained until 1762 when G. Boyce officiated. Continued until death in 1789.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

— Moyses. Peterborough 1749-85.

John Yeomans. Kettering 1736-69.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Joseph Jeffrey. Gamston. 1741-94. Baptized Dan Taylor there Feb. 16th, 1763.

SUFFOLK.

— Simmons. Beccles.

SURREY.

Robert Barrett. Webstone since 1744.

John Geere. Webstone since 1742. Ordained Messenger 1747. Chairman 49, 56, 68. Moderator seven times. In 1763 published "A Serious Consideration on plays, games and other fashions."

Amos Harrison. Croydon 1731-61. Published 3 works.

SUSSEX.

James Brown. Ditchling.

James Dearling. Chichester.

David Dodd. Turner's Hill.

John Gosling. Warbleton.

James Spershott. Chichester.

John Tasker. Horsham 1734-63.

WILTSHIRE.

William Bond. Rushall.

Joseph Brown. Downton. Formerly of Coventry. Removed to Horsleydown 1766. Secretary to Assembly. Resigns 1798. Printer and publisher. Died 1803.

William Waldron. Trowbridge 1743-94. Socinian. Engaged in the clothing trade.

John Wiche 1718-94. Salisbury. At Maidstone in 1746.

A Revival was needed and it came. So that we find in "A View of English Nonconformity in 1773" known as *Thompson's List*, 380 Baptist congregations, with 373 ministers in England and Wales. The com-

piler of this list was the Rev. Josiah Thompson, Junior, late of Unicorn Yard, and the MS. is also to be seen in Dr. Williams' Library. It has been published, minus some notes, by the Congregational Historical Society in their *Transactions*: see Vol. V, pages 205, 261, 372.

The causes were not only more numerous in 1773, the congregations were larger. In one of his notes Thompson gives a list for Kent showing 21 G.B. churches with average attendance of 50 and 8 P.B. churches with the average 76 for congregations.

The New Connexion of General Baptists—one of the fruits of the Evangelical Revival—had been born 1770. In Leicestershire the Barton group of churches originated through the labours of John Aldridge, John Whyatt, and Samuel Deacon in 1745, but only became a Baptist movement ten years later. Dan Taylor did not become a Baptist until 1763 though at work earlier. The Revival affected most of our churches. The blight of Socinianism was passing away. There were causes existing without ministers. Some, like Oxford, were for a time non-existent. Yet it is valuable to know the men serving the churches at a given time. The list is not yet complete and additions will be welcomed.

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### Ireland and Scotland.

The Baptist churches planted by the Commonwealth in Ireland had shrunk greatly. Apparently only six existed about 1750. Athlone, Cork, Dublin, Waterford and Cloughkeating in Lower Armond, the strongest of all, were of the old stock. Mullycar in Tyrone was just founded. At Keiss in Caithness an eccentric baronet was just establishing a church in his castle.