

CHAPTER FIVE

JAMES and GRIFFITH JAMES and their Descendants

The WILLIAMS Family at Bryn Farm

The EDWARDS Family

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and their Descendants

We have already seen that two of the Tregiby sons married two sisters from Canllefais. Two more sons, James and Griffith, married two sisters from Bryn Farm, Ferwig - Ann Williams and Hannah Williams. After his father's death in 1859 Griffith appears in the 1861 census return as the head of the James household at Tregiby, farming with the help of his brothers Evan (23) and David (18); there were two labourers, aged 16 and 15, also working on the farm. My grandmother, Ann James (20) was there too, described as "Dairy maid", and two female servants, aged 23 and 18, worked in the house. By 1871 Evan James, married with one daughter, was head of the household. He was still there in 1881; I think he stayed at Tregiby till 1890, when he moved with his family to Barry to set up in business as a haulier.

Here we make an excursion into political history. As late as the 1860s voting in elections, parliamentary or otherwise, was not a secret matter but very public. In rural areas landowners put considerable pressure on their tenants to vote for Tory candidates. Where, as in Wales, farmers were mostly nonconformist in religion and Liberal in politics, the pressures were acute, particularly after Disraeli's 1867 Reform Act had extended the franchise to the smaller farmers. When the election of November 1868 took place many Cardiganshire landlords warned their tenants that if they wanted to keep their farms they must vote Conservative. In spite of that the Liberals won the contest in the county, with the result that a number of farmers were evicted or had their rents raised to levels they could not pay. The events in Wales are said to have played a part in the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into the conduct of the 1868 election. In WALES AND BRITISH POLITICS by Kenneth O. Morgan it is said that:-

"Six witnesses were called from Wales and many accounts of evictions put forward. It was alleged that 200 notices to quit had been served in Cardiganshire alone. The most effective witness was the Rev. Michael Daniel Jones, who gave detailed evidence of increased rents and arbitrary evictions which had been the lot of tenants up and down Wales. . . . In all there were noted forty-three proven cases of eviction in Cardiganshire and twenty-six in Carmarthenshire, with innumerable other suspected instances of pressures on farmers, and an alleged dismissal of eighty quarrymen in the slate quarries of Lord Penrhyn."

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to emigrate to the USA, where he stayed for seven years. The wives of both of them, each with a small daughter, were living in 1871 with their parents at Bryn Farm, Ferwig. What I have not been able to discover is whether either James or Griffith, or both of them, suffered eviction or whether they just gave up their farms because of the depressed state of agriculture at the time.

After his return from America Griffith lived at Bridell for some years, in business there as a maltster; then I have been told that he lived at Gwbert for a time, but later took Pantyrheol Farm, Henllys, near Newport in what was then Monmouthshire. One of his grandchildren informed me that Griffith was bedridden for many years before his death at Pantyrheol, largely paralysed as a result of a kick from a horse. His brother James also came back into farming, at Towyn Farm, Ferwig, after twelve years in West Glamorgan industry.

My late cousin, Tom Edwards of Tynewydd Road, Barry, told me the story of how his father came to marry into the James family of Cardigan. Apparently it all began with the Williams family of Bryn Farm, Ferwig, two of whose sons qualified as doctors. Benjamin Williams practised in Mountain Ash and died there in 1886, aged 42. His brother Josiah practised at first in Kidwelly, but he too moved to Mountain Ash sometime after Benjamin's death. Benjamin invited his niece, Hannah Sophia James, to visit Mountain Ash and to stay with him, which she did, and while there she met Llewelyn Morgan Edwards, whom she married in 1884.

married 13 Feb 1858

JAMES JAMES = ANN WILLIAMS

of Tregiby, Cardigan,
(Farmer)
later of Oldcastle Farm
and Towyn Farm, Ferwig
born 15 Aug 1834
died 20 Dec 1919

of Bryn Farm, Ferwig
born 1835
died 26 June 1927
(aged 91)

m. 13 Sep 1884

HANNAH
SOPHIA
JAMES
= LLEWELYN
MORGAN
EDWARDS

of Mountain
Ash, Glam.
(1860-1932)
b. 29 Feb 1864
d. 7 Oct 1918

(see EDWARDS Family)

m. 1903

WILLIAM
JOSIAH
JAMES
= JESSIE
MORGAN

(colliery clerk)
Mountain Ash
b. 1874
d. 15 Aug 1960
(aged 86)

BENJAMIN
DAVID
JAMES
=

(Engineer)
b. 6 Apr 1877
d. 25 May 1959
at Cardigan

m. 1909

NELLIE
MILES
=

of
William St.
Cardigan

GLADYS
MAY
JAMES

b. 1904
d. 1940
(aged 37)

FRED.
REES
= MONA
JAMES

b. 26 Dec 1905
d. 27 Dec 1980

PHYLLIS
JAMES
= JACK
L
JONES

b. (living at
Stourbridge)

LON
JAMES

b. d.

? = JAMES
M.
JAMES

(said to be
living in
London)

Friday, February 22, 1918

Cardigan Diamond Wedding.

COUPLE WHO HAVE SEEN 60 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE.

Seldom have we to report that a couple have lived to celebrate their diamond wedding, but such is the case with an old and respected Cardigan couple, Mr. and Mrs. James James, of Belle Vue, St. Mary-street, and the congratulations of all are extended to them, with the wish that they will live for many years yet to enjoy each other's society in the eventide of their life.

The following announcement was made at the time of their wedding:—

"James—Williams.—On February 13th, 1858, at Bethania, by Mr. Havard, registrar, Mr. James James, Tregibby Farm, to Anne Williams, Bryn, Verwig, by special license."



Mr. and Mrs. James, who are quite hale and hearty, are respectively 84 and 83 years, and Mrs. James can even now read without the aid of glasses. They both come from very old families in the neighbourhood, and with the exception of about 12 years in Glamorgan they have spent all their lives within the confines of the parishes of St. Mary and Verwig. They at one time farmed at Old Castle, and afterwards at Towyn Farm, Verwick, and now live in retirement at St. Mary-street. They have three children, viz., Mrs. Ll. M. Edwards, Lletty Ifor, Mountain Ash, Mr. W. Josiah James, Froilan, Austin-street, Mountain Ash, and Mr. Benjamin David James, Spring Gardens, Cardigan. They have eight grandchildren.

One of those who were at the wedding ceremony 60 years ago is the Rev. T. F. Williams, of Gelli, Ammanford (a brother of Mrs. James), who is still alive. The celebration of the Diamond Wedding was of a family nature, and among the presents and congratulations received was that of their grandson, A. B. Tom James Edwards, who is with the British Navy in the North of Scotland.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

Local News.

AT A RIPE AGE.

The death took place on Saturday of Mr. James James, Belle Vue, St. Mary Street, at the ripe age of 85 years, leaving a widow of the same age, together with two sons, to mourn. The late gentleman and Mrs. James celebrated their golden wedding twelve years ago, and their diamond wedding two years ago, having lived together for 62 years. The deceased gentleman was a native of Tregibby, and had spent most of his time in the Cardigan district, although he sojourned for a while in Glamorganshire over 35 years ago. The funeral takes place at Siloam, Verwick, to-day (Wednesday).

Friday, July 1, 1927.

Nonogenarian's Death.

The death of an aged and respected inhabitant occurred at 2, Upper Spring Gardens, on Sunday in the person of Mrs. Ann James, widow of the late Mr. James James, Belle Vue, St. Mary Street, in her 92nd year. The deceased had been ailing for the past few years and had been confined to her bed since December last. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Williams, Bryn, Verwick, and had been a member of Siloam Baptist Church, Verwick for over 70 years, with the exception of a short period whilst residing in Glamorganshire. Possessed of a very retentive memory the late Mrs. James, who celebrated her diamond wedding in 1918, often recalled incidents which occurred in her early childhood, and spoke of many famous preachers who attended Siloam church and received hospitality at her home.

The funeral took place at Siloam burial ground on Thursday and was largely attended. The Revs. J. Price, Verwick, and E. J. Lloyd, Capel Degwel, officiated at the house, and the service at the chapel was conducted by the Rev. J. Price, the Rev. J. Williams, Bethania, and the Rev. J. Arthur Jones, Mount Zion officiating at the graveside. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. James, Mountain Ash (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones, Upper Spring Gardens (son and daughter-in-law); Mrs. A. Hughes, Barry, Miss Blodwen Edwards, B.A., Pontardawe (grand-daughters); Mr. Tom Edwards, Barry (grandson); Phyllis, Lon, and Jamsie, Upper Spring Gardens (grand-children); Mr. Ll. M. Edwards, Barry Dock (son-in-law); Mrs. D. Owen Jones, Brynheilig (niece), and children, and other distant relatives. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J. R. Daniel & Son, High Street.

The WILLIAMS Family at BRYN (PEDR) Farm, FERWIG, Cards. as shown by the CENSUS RETURNS of 1841 to 1871

N A M E	Relation to Head of Household	married or unmarried	stated age 7.6.1841	stated age 30.3.1851	stated age 7.4.1861	stated age 2.4.1871	occupation
JOSIAH WILLIAMS (1)	Head	marr.	35	46	57	66	Farmer
HANNAH do (2)	wife	do	30	44	55	64	
THOMAS do	son	unm.	9	19	-	-	
ANN do	daughter	do	7	16	(see Ann James below)	(see Ann James below)	
JOHN do	son	do	5	13	24	-	
DAVID do	do	do	2	11	21	30	
JOSIAH do (3)	do	do	-	9	19	28	
BENJAMIN do (4)	do	do	-	7	16	26	
HANNAH do	daughter	do	-	4	13	(see Hannah James below)	
ANN JAMES (wife of James James)	do	marr.	-	-	-	34	
HANNAH SOPHIA JAMES (daughter of do do)	grand-daughter(5)	unm.	-	-	-	7	
HANNAH JAMES (wife of Griffith James)	daughter	marr.	-	-	-	24	
SOPHIA do (daughter of do do)	grand-daughter(5)	unm.	-	-	-	3	

NOTE: (1) Died 21 August 1890, aged 86.
 (2) Died 10 December 1888, aged 80.
 (3) Died 14 October 1919, aged 77.
 (4) Died 5 January 1886, in Mountain Ash, aged 42
 (5) The census returns actually recorded that the two little girls were "nieces" of the "Head".

Agnes stated in the census returns cannot wholly be relied upon. In particular, the enumerators in 1841 were instructed to round down to the multiple of 5 next below the actual ages of all those who were over 15. This instruction was variously interpreted and some odd results were produced.

The sons JOSIAH and BENJAMIN both became physicians and practised at different times at Mountain Ash.

The son THOMAS became a Baptist Minister and lived at Ammanford.

At the date of the 1871 census Griffith James (husband of Hannah) was living in the USA; and James James (husband of Ann) was working at Llansamlet. In the 1881 census James and Ann, with three children, are shown as living at Llansamlet; while Griffith, with his wife Hannah and three children, are shown as living at Gelly Isaf in Bridell parish in North Pembrokeshire - his occupation is said to be "Malster".

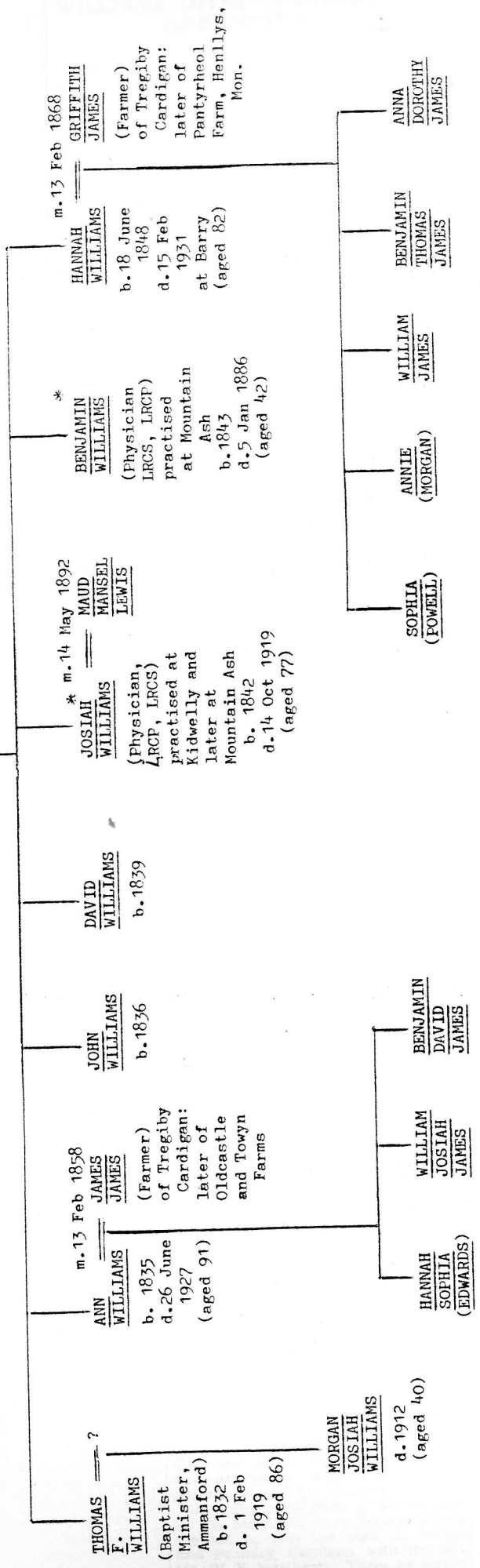
At the 1881 census BRYN Farm was occupied by a Margaret Evans and family, while JOSIAH WILLIAMS was not yet living at TOWYN Farm, GWBERT; he and his wife, with none of their children, are shown as living at Gelly Uchaf in Bridell parish, Pembrokeshire - near neighbours of Griffith and Hannah James.

The WILLIAMS Family
 at BRYN(FEDR) Farm, FERWIG
 and later at TOWYN Farm.

M. 1831

JOSIAH WILLIAMS *
 born c. 1804
 died 21 Aug 1890
 (aged 86)

HANNAH DAVIES *
 born c. 1807
 died 10 Dec 1888
 (aged 80)



(See separate table)

(See separate table)

* = buried at SILLOAM Baptist Chapel, FERWIG

After giving up farming at Bryn Farm, Ferwig and before they settled at Towyn Farm, Gwbert, Josiah and Hannah Williams lived for a time (and were shown there in the 1881 census) at Gelly Uchaf in Bridell parish, Pembrokehire, where they were near neighbours of their son-in-law Griffith James and his family, who were living then at Gelly Isaf in the same parish.

Y DIWEDDAR BARCH. T. F. WILLIAMS (GYNT EBENEZER, AMMANFORD).

Bu farw ein hybarch frawd uchod, ddydd Sadwrn, Chwef. 1. Claddwyd ei weddillion yng nghladdfa Ebenezer, Ammanford, y dydd Mercher camlynol. Ar ddymuniad yr ymadawedig "Private" oedd yr angladd. Dim ond yr ychydig a wahoddwyd oedd felly yn brasonnol. Cymrowyd rhau yn yr angladd gan y Parchn. Job Herbert, Pongygroes; Nantkai; Williams (M.), J. Morgan (A.), J. Griffiths, B.A., B.D., Ammanford; J. Crwys Evans (A.); James Davies, Llandybie; Triga ein brawd yn y Gelly, ty yn sefyli tnewn man prydferth rhwng Llandybie ac Ammanford. Buddor o ardal y Ferwig ger Aberteifi, oedd Mr. Williams. Addysgwyd ef ar gyfer y weinidogaeth yn Athrofa Pontypool. Ordeiniwyd ef yn 1861 yn weinidog ar eglwys Llandyfaen a Saron, ger Llandybie. Wedi chwe blynedd, ymadawodd â Llandyfaen gan gymryd gofal Ebenezer, Ammanford, oblegid fod Saron ac Ebenezer yn nos i'w gilydd. Torrodd ei gysylltiad eto â Saron yn 1891, a pharhaodd yn weinidog i Ebenezer, hyd 1907. Wedi ymneilltuo o'r weinidogaeth sefydlog, ymadawodd yn Salem, Llandybie.

Cafodd oes hir. Yr oedd bron a chymrodd 87 mlynedd, a threuoedd 46 ohonynt yn y weinidogaeth sefydlog. Meddai, fod y gwyr y thia'i hi hawlwanai, ar gorff llunaid a hardd. Hais swynol, a phrogethai yn efengyl-aid a syml. Yr oedd y ymddangosiad boneddignidd wrthi natur, ac o ysbryd heb un twyll na diehoft. Pal'odd ei iechyd yn raddol, y blynyddoedd diweddar, ond deuai i'r gwrdol i Salem mor fynych ag y medrai, a bron bob tro cynnemi fyw tua yn y gwasaenath ar gnais ei weinidog. Col'odd fab tua 7 mlynedd yn ol, yn 40 oed--Morgan Josiah Williams--un o'r dynion mwyaf boneddignidd a adwaennon. Efo oedd ei unig blentyn oedd yn fyw. Yr oedd amgylchiadau oin brawd yn gyfurus ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Ni wahir "Y Gelly" byth yr iin a fwi o honom mwy, ac i'n hannwyl chwarae cydd yn ei gullar ar hi o'r byld ei te yn awg. Diddoned yr Arglwydd hi, hyd oni dhaflont eto gwrdol tuhwnt i'r llen.

JAMES DAVIES.

BARRY AND DISTRICT NEWS,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1931.

DEATH OF MRS HANNAH JAMES.

In Her 84th Year.

On Sunday last at Bronawelon, Barry, the death took place of Mrs. Hannah James, in her 84th year. Many years ago deceased lived at Gwbert-on-Sea, when this place was the popular rendezvous of the Cardigan people. Mrs. James was the younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Williams, Bryn Farm, Verwig. Her only sister was the late Mrs. Ann James, Belle Vue, Cardigan.

She was a sister of the late Rev. Thos. F. Williams, Baptist minister, Ammanford, and of the late Dr. Josiah Williams, Mountain Ash.

The funeral, a private one, took place on Wednesday at Henllys Churchyard, Mon. The chief mourners were; Messrs. William James and Ben T. James (sons), Gwilym Morgan, London (son-in-law), Griff Jenkins, Barry (nephew), Llewellyn M. Edwards and Tom J. Edwards, Barry (nephews), J. W. Woodward, Barry, Albert T. Hughes, Barry, Griff Morgan, Barry.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by friends and members of the family, including a wreath from Mrs. Sophia Howell, her daughter, in California.

THE CARDIGAN AND TIVY-SIDE ADVERTISER-

Friday, May 29, 1959

Friday, June 5, 1959

Obituary

MR. B. D. JAMES

The death has occurred at the age of 84 of Mr. Benjamin David James, Hillcrest, Spring Gardens, Cardigan. His parents were members of old farming families in Verwig and Gwbert and he spent his childhood at Towyn Farm, Gwbert.

He was a pupil of the old Cardigan Grammar School in College Row and was afterwards apprenticed as an engineer at Bailey's Foundry.

He spent many years as an engineer in the Merchant Navy before leaving the sea to join the staff at Bridge End Foundry, Cardigan with the late Mr. W. E. Matthews. There he stayed for more than 30 years until his retirement 12 years ago.

MR. B. D. JAMES

The funeral of Mr. Benjamin David James, Hillcrest, Spring Gardens, Cardigan, took place on Friday at Cardigan cemetery. The officiating ministers were the Revs. W. H. Jones, B.A., Mount Zion, John Thomas, Penymarian, and D. Osborne Thomas, B.A., B.D., Bethania.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Nellie James (widow); Mr. J. M. James (son); Mrs. J. L. Jones (daughter); Mr. T. J. Edwards, Barry, Mrs. A. T. Hughes, Barry, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rees, Mountain Ash, Mr. D. G. O. Jones, Brynheilg, Cardigan (nephews and nieces).

Floral tributes were from: Nellie; Phyllis, Jamsie and families; Nance, Albert, Ada and Tom, Barry; William Jessie, Fred and Mona; All at Brynheilg and 17 Hartington Crescent, Coventry; Gordon Matthews and Staff of Bridgend Foundry; Elidyr, Lon and Gaynor; All at Wenallt, Brecon Terrace; Eileen; Gerry.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1892.

MARRIAGE OF MISS LEWIS, PRIORY-STREET.
 —The wedding of Miss Maria Mansel Lewis, third daughter of Mr. W. T. Lewis, Priory-street, in this town, on Saturday last, gave rise to a considerable amount of interest, the bride's family being much respected, while the bridegroom, Mr. Josiah Williams, surgeon, Mountain Ash, is well known in connection with the Gwbert and Towyu property. The ceremony took place at Zion Baptist Chapel, which was neatly decorated for the occasion, and bunting was displayed in Priory-street. The approaches to the sacred edifice, and the building itself were thronged with the friends and well wishers of the contracting parties. The bridesmaid was Miss Lizzie Lewis, sister of the bride; and Mr. Ivor Evans, St. Mary-street, attended the bridegroom as his best man. The wedding was pronounced on all hands to be, as a lady described it, a "very pretty one," and Mrs. Williams takes with her to her new home the heartiest good wishes of all who knew her. The wedding presents, of which we give a list, were of a more than ordinary superior character, testifying to the esteem of her large number of friends and acquaintances. The following is the

LIST OF PRESENTS:—

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, piano, sewing machine, gold brooch, set of toilet brushes, wall pockets, and occasional table; Mr. and Mrs. Welch, walnut dressing case, plush handkerchief satchel; Mr. Bertie Welch, silver knife rests and sugar tongs; Miss Maggie Welch, silver pickle fork; Mr. Harry Welch, silver butter knife; Dr. and Mrs. Clarke, Wakefield, Saratoga travelling trunk; Mr. Milford Clarke, silver knife rests and jam spoon; Miss Gladys Clarke, silver mounted butter cooler and knife; Dr. and Mrs. Bevan Lewis, sealskin jacket; Miss Lizzie Lewis, silk umbrella, and silver brooch; Miss Emily Haden, silver bread fork; Miss Clougher, porcelain photo in plush frame; Mrs. T. Felix, Eider down counterpane; Miss Phillips, Bridge House, silver muffineers; Miss Sophy Williams, scent bottle in satin satchel; Mrs. Lewis, St. Dogmells, Set of Jugs; The Misses Ethel and Edith Stevens, pair of vases; Miss James, Mount Pleasant, a miniature grandfather-clock, and a spring scent fountain; Mrs. Stevens, and Miss Davies, silver-mounted biscuit box; Two Friends, purse of gold; Master Gwyllim Trollip, case of silver fish knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Stanley House, silver fish slice and fork; Mrs. J. Owen, silver sugar sifter; Dr. and Mrs. Phillips, pair of bronze statuettes; Miss Gladys Phillips, pair of table flower stands in silver and

glass; Miss Williams, High-street, plush letter and blotting book; Miss Ellen Thomas, silver-mounted marmalade dish; Mr. and Mrs. James, Caernorgan, case of silver teaspoons; Mr. Launcelot, Lowther, marble statuette (The Hop Queen); Mr. Ivor Evans, silver egg stand and spoons; Rev. G. Hughes, Tenyson's complete works; Rev. T. C. Evans, Hope Chapel, 3 volumes of Thackeray's works; Mr. Woodward, set of silver salt cellars and spoons; Mr. A. J. Volk, pair of silver serviette rings in morocco case; Mrs. A. J. Volk, ivory paper cutter with silver handle; Mr. Clarke, Sydenham Hill Surrey, afternoon tea-kettle on spirit stove; Miss Nellie and Gladys Davies, Priory-street, china cheese stand with cover; Mrs. Jenkins, 11 Pendre, pair of antique Roman vases; Friends at Hope Congregational Church, silver tea and coffee service; Mrs. D. Volk, china tea-kettle and stand; Rev. D. and Mrs. Richards, Llandysilio, sago, sardine and biscuit box; Miss Janson, Wakefield, silver sugar sifter; Mrs. Ceredig Evans, linen table cloth; Mrs. Watkins, pair of photo stands; Mrs. Davies, The Villa, St. Dogmells, leather bonnet box; Miss Thomas, do. do. lady's hand bag; Miss F. Evans, Board School, Venetian water jug and glasses; Miss Wigley, ruby glass claret jug; Mr. Roberts, (Dick's Establishment), pair of court slippers; Miss Jones, Greystone House, toilet box and wall pockets; Miss Cunningham, ruby glass epergne; Miss A. and Miss L. Evans, Gwbert, silver button hook, shoe lifter, ruby glass sugar basin, and cream jug; Mrs. Williams, do., salad bowl and stand; Mrs. Rees, Tynawr, gold bracelet; Mrs. Clark Lowther, letter rack; Mrs. Harries, St. Mary-street, silver mounted preserve dish; A Friend, pair of dolphin china ornaments; Mrs. Owen, Bondiceu, silver-mounted butter dish; Miss Thomas and Miss Lloyd, St. Mary-street, pair of flower pot sinks; Mrs. Morgan, Priory-street, pair of antique flower vases; Mr. J. Lewis, Pwllhai, pair of wine decanters; The Misses Williams, Quay-street pair of old china tea cups; Mrs. J. Williams, Confectioner, water bottle and glass; A Friend, pair of glass tumblers; The Misses Griffiths, pair of vases, 4 o'clock tea cloth, and wall pocket; Miss Hughes, Grangutown, china sardine box; Mr. Earnest Hughes, hot water jug; Mrs. Lewis Shipwright's Arms, crumb brush and tray; Miss Jones, Woodbine Cottage, oriental table-cloth; Mrs. Srook, old china jug; Mrs. Mary James, Trebarred Cottage, wooden ladle; Mr. Davies, Towyn Farm, silver fish slice and fork; A Friend, pair old china plates; Mrs. Conway Jones, Swan-en, a pair of ormolu drawing room vases; Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Bank, silver bread fork; Miss Sarah Morgan, set of ruby glass flower vases; Miss Susan Lowther, silver thimble; Mrs. J. Daniel, Bingham, silver pickle fork and jam spoon, &c., &c.

The Cardigan and Tivy-Side Advertiser,

Friday, October 17, 1919

Births, Marriages, and Deaths

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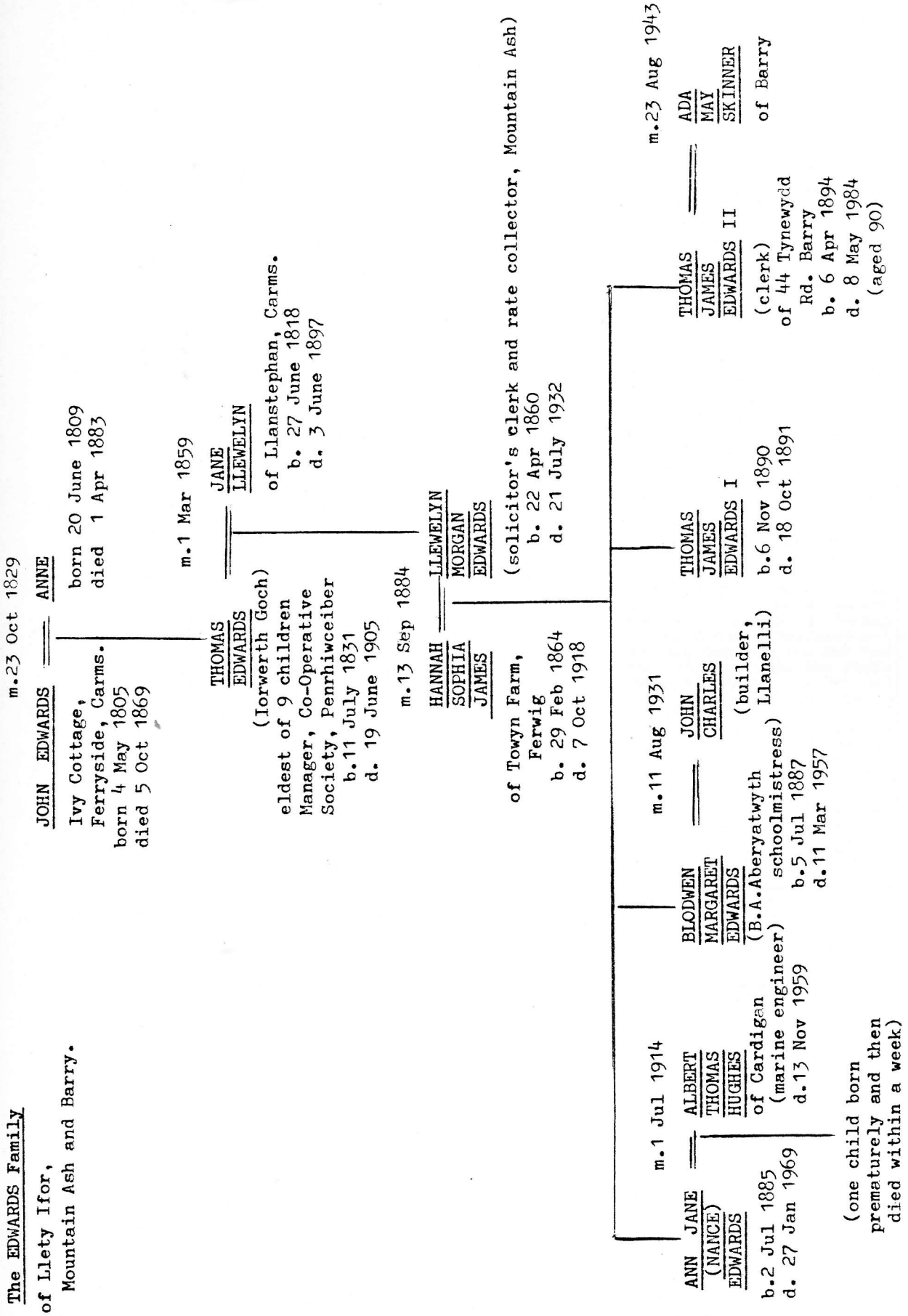
DEATHS.

WILLIAMS.—At Priory Street, October 14th, passed away, Josiah Williams, Surgeon, late of Mountain Ash, aged 77. No flowers by request. Funeral private.

OBITUARY.

On Tuesday, the 14th instant, there passed away at 10, Priory Street, Cardigan, a well-known South Wales surgeon in the person of Dr. Josiah Williams. The late Dr. Williams was a native of Verwig, and belonged to the Towyn family. About 40 years ago he took up a practice at Mountain Ash, Glam., where he became popular and respected by all classes for his genial and kindly disposition. He became an invalid about four years ago, when he returned to Cardigan, being bedridden from that time onward to his death, which took place as stated at the age of 77 years. The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. M. M. Williams, and two sisters, Mrs. James, Bellvue, Cardigan, and Mrs. James, Newport, Mon., to mourn, and the deepest sympathy is extended to them in their bereavement. The funeral, which will be private, takes place at Verwig to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

The EDWARDS Family
of Llety Ifor,
Mountain Ash and Barry.



NOTE:- Most of the dates and events in this table were taken from a family bible in the possession of the late TOM EDWARDS, who died in May 1984.

Barry & District News

THURSDAY, NOV. 26th, 1959

OBITUARY

MR A. T. HUGHES

The death occurred at Rookwood Hospital on Friday week of Mr Albert T. Hughes, of 44 Tynewydd Road, Barry, after a short illness.

Mr Hughes had been for many years on the staff of the Barry Graving Dock and Engineering Co. until his retirement six years ago. He was chief engineer in the Merchant Service during the First World War and saw enemy action. He was a native of Cardigan Town.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week when the officiating ministers were the Revs W. Oswald Williams, of Salem, Barry Dock, H. Raisen, of Calfaria, Cadoston, and Osborne Thomas, B.A., D.B., of Bethania, Cardigan.

The family mourners were: Mrs Ann J. Hughes (widow); Mr and Mrs J. Norman Hughes, Treorchy (brother and sister-in-law); Mr and Mrs Tom J. Edwards (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Mr J. Leighton Hughes, Gorleston-on-Sea (nephew); Mrs Jessie Lewis, Barry, Mrs Ella James, Barry, Mr and Mrs Fred Rees, Mountain Ash, Mr and Mrs Aneurin Talfan Davies, Llandaff (cousins); Mrs Alice Roberts, Mountain Ash (friend). Representing Barry Graving Dock Co. were: Messrs W. M. Gall (former manager), F. C. Gibbs, T. J. Vincent, F. W. Holmes, O. R. Williams, J. W. Webb, W. Vickery, Jack Davies, R. Tolchard, A. Cooper, G. Boulton, E. Thorning, H. Evans, H. Dooley, Syd Morgan, Tom Thomas, Frank Twigg, Frank Chaplin, and W. Oxenham (Naval stores).

Others present included Messrs Edgar Thorn and T. Stanton (representing the Barry Lodge of Freemasons), Rev J. M. Lewis, of Noddfa, Treorchy, Messrs Bert Skinner, David Jones, Jack Gwynne, Norman D. Clark, Jack Prethero, Ioan Williams, Tom Spickett, John Britton, Charles Green, Trevor Biss, Richard Griffiths, Edward Lewis, William Saunders, W. Gatheridge, Ivor Prosser, Ivor Lewi, Leslie Thomas, David Rees and Phil John.

13th February 1969

Mrs A. J. Hughes

The funeral took place on Friday week of Mrs Ann Jane Hughes, of 44 Tynewydd Road, Barry, who died at Barry Accident Hospital on the previous Monday at the age of 83.

Mrs Hughes was the wife of the late Albert T. Hughes, and formerly of Mountain Ash, where she was a teacher under the old Mountain Ash Education Authority.

She was a faithful member of Calfaria Baptist Church for over 40 years, and held the position of deaconess. She is survived by one brother.

Services at the home and Aberffwd Cemetery, Mountain Ash, were conducted by the Rev. E. Vaughan Miles, of Calfaria Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. John Williams and the Rev. Lloyd Williams.

The family mourners were: Mr and Mrs T. J. Edwards (brother and sister-in-law); Mr J. Norman Hughes, Treorchy (brother-in-law); Mrs Ella James, Mr and Mrs Fred Rees, Mountain Ash, Mrs Phyllis Jones, Stourbridge, and Mr and Mrs Aneurin Talfan Davies (cousins).

Others present included: Mr and Mrs G. Skinner, Mr C. Skinner (Bristol), Mrs M. Skinner (Trethomas), Mrs E. M. Phillips, Mrs R. Tucker, Miss M. Phillips, Mrs E. Hellings, Mrs M. Molineux, Mrs A. James, Mr W. Prothero, Mr Leslie Thomas, Mr J. Gwynne, Coun. D. Murdoch, Mrs Winnona Isaac, Mr David Lewis and Mrs G. M. Fraser (representing the Barry 20th Century Club).

Members of Calfaria Church and Sisterhood were represented by: Mr B. Hobbs, Mr and Mrs Harris, Mr and Mrs Lancaster, Mrs M. James, Mrs McConnell, Mrs Raisin, Mrs Kitchener Thomas and Mrs F. Lloyd.

LOCAL WEDDINGS

EDWARDS—SKINNER

The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr Dyfan Church, Barry, on Monday, between Miss Ada M. Skinner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner, St. Paul's Avenue, Barry, and Mr. Tom J. Edwards, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Edwards, formerly of "Lletty Ifor", Mountain Ash, of Tynewydd Road, Barry.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a two piece suit of pale blue jacquered with navy blue accessories. She was unattended.

The best man was Mr. W. James, Mountain Ash, and the officiating clergy were the Revs. D. Evans, St. Baruch's Church,

Barry Island, and W. L. Harris, Rector of Merthyr Dyfan Church.

After a reception at the Y.M.C.A., Barry Dock, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards left for Llandudno where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a two piece costume of pale rose moss crepe with brown accessories.

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Mr T. J. Edwards

The funeral took place on Monday, May 14th, of Mr Thomas James Edwards, of 44 Tynewydd Road, Barry, whose death occurred at Barry Community Hospital on the previous Tuesday.

Mr Edwards, who was 90 years of age, was well-known for his long association with the Barry Camera Club, of which he was made a life member. He is survived by his wife, Ada.

Services at the private chapel of A. G. Adams and Son and at Mountain Ash Cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Arthen Edwards.

The family mourners present were: Ada (wife); Mr and Mrs J. Jones (cousins); Gladys, Laura and Margaret (sisters-in-law); Judith and Tony.

Mr Charles Skinner (brother-in-law) was unable to attend owing to illness.

Friends present included: Mr and Mrs P. H. Nott, Brian and Ann Williams, Mrs Ivy Lambert, Horace Evans (rep. Marjorie Evans), C. A. James, A. Mordecai, Cei and Bill Clarke, Les Thomas, J. Watkins, Mrs Jean Davies (rep. Glyn Davies, deputy chairman, Barry Camera Club), Dorothy Nicholls, Alf Jarvis, Mary Huntley, Mrs D. Taylor, Mr and Mrs C. Jessey, Eunice Lewis, Miss O. M. Davies, Miss A. M. John, Mrs M. E. Doyle, J. Thomas (rep. Barry Blind and Visually Handicapped Society), W. J. Mills (rep. Mrs D. Mills), Mrs Grace Selley, Mrs I. Murdoch, George and Harrie Mac-killican, Sylvia Hole (rep. Mrs Mildred Griffiths), Lyn Wynn (rep. Mrs G. Morgan), Mrs D. A. Williams, D. Sylvester (rep. Marilyn Sylvester), Ron Stevens, Don Surridge, Mrs S. Williams, Mabel Maggs, Miss Gladys Williams, Joan Brown (rep. Bernard Brown), Mrs May Martell, Jan Mullins, Mr and Mrs Islwyn Williams, Mrs O. Williams, Evelyn Josh, Mrs K. S. Morton and M. James (rep. Mrs D. James, Colcot Darby, and Joan Club).

Friends, representing the Barry Camera Club, included: Alec and Aline Robinson, Mr and Mrs J. Donkin, John Harvey, Frank Greenslade and L. Brooks.

Floral tributes were received from: Ada; Gladys and Charles; Laura; Margaret; Mrs Doyle; Gladys and Eunice; Dot and Winnie; Mildred Griffiths; Friends and

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OBITUARY

MAN'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH CLUB

TOM EDWARDS, the longest serving member of the Barry Camera Club, has died aged 90.

He was born in Mountain Ash and came to Barry to live in 1922. Soon afterwards he joined the Barry Camera Club and was very active in photography until a few years ago. Ever then his enthusiasm for this great hobby did not diminish. Even with failing eyesight he would load his camera with film whenever he went on holiday.

In the 1920's and 30's he was secretary of the club when it held international exhibitions, the like of which are rarely seen today. Photographers all over the world would send perhaps 700 prints to Barry and Tom had the task of sorting the entries and presenting them to the judges for selection.

Throughout his life he produced photographs of the highest quality, winning a number of trophies. Over many years his opinion of a photograph was sought by the club when choosing entries for "battles" with other clubs. He knew what he liked and was always honest in his comments which were freely given.

He made many friends in camera clubs throughout South Wales. All respected him as a fine photographer and thought of him as an extremely likeable and humorous man. Tom's dedication to photography is legendary and stories about his work are legion. Typical is the one of the difficult negative which he placed in the enlarger to make the exposure. Leaving the enlarger switched on he went to Ninian Park to see Cardiff City. Returning home after the game he went into the darkroom and completed his photograph and was well pleased with the result!

Tom was made a life member of the club some years ago, an honour afforded to very few people. No one deserved it more. He will be greatly missed by club members—not only for his knowledge of photography but for his unfailing good humour and friendship.