

CHAPTER NINE

DAVID JAMES and his Descendants

DAVID JAMES and his DESCENDANTS

From some of his grandchildren I have gathered that David James was not exactly a model character. As a young man he took to the sea, but later he lived ashore at Llangranog, where at one time I think he kept a local inn and also engaged in a lime-burning enterprise. But he was himself too fond of the bottle. His behaviour when in drink did not endear him to his wife and young children, who were relieved when he decided to settle in British Columbia; none of them had any intention of joining him there. He did, however, keep in touch with some other members of his family. I understand that in the late 1890s he wrote to his sister Sarah Howells, then living in Barry, and had one of her sons, David Benjamin Howells, go out to help him with a chicken farm he was running at Kamloops. David Benjamin stayed there for some six months, then came back to this country, married in 1900, and emigrated to Queensland with his wife and seven children in 1912.

By chance last year I found in a London library a directory of the City of Vancouver for 1910. In it there was an entry of a David James boarding at an address in Vancouver City, but it was possibly only a temporary stay because the Vancouver Public Library failed to find any trace of him in the City in the years preceding and following 1910. The family monument at Capel Wig burial ground says he was buried on Vancouver Island in May 1916. However, the Division of Vital Statistics in Vancouver were very definite that the only recorded death of a David James in May 1916 was at Kamloops, though their letter of confirmation did give his previous residence as Vancouver Island.

married 2 November 1867

DAVID JAMES ANNE DAVIES

(mariner)  
born circa 1844  
at Tregiby, Cardigan  
died and buried at  
Kamloops  
British Columbia  
May 1916

DAVID ALBERT JAMES  
died at  
Llangranog  
21 Mar 1891  
(aged 22)  
(both buried at Ffynnonbedr)

WILLIAM GEORGE JAMES  
m. 23 Dec 1902 at Maryport  
MARGARET ANN JONES  
d. 14 Sep 1930  
(aged 55)

WILLIAM GEORGE JAMES  
m. 13 Sep 1935  
LENORA GRIFFITHS  
d. 6 Sept 1967  
(aged 55)

WILLIAM ELFRYN JAMES  
m. 16 May 1970  
MARIANNE VALERIE JAMES  
b. 23 Jun 1903  
d. 7 July 1975  
(Lloyd's underwriter)

WILLIAM GEORGE JAMES  
m. 4 Jun 1966  
PATRICIA LLOYD  
RODERIC GEORGE JAMES  
b. 1937  
(Auctioneer)

SUSAN SARAH JAMES  
LLOYD MARY JAMES  
WILLIAM GEORGE JAMES  
b. 7 Jan 1968  
b. 1 Apr 1970  
b. 21 May 1977

ALICE KATHARINE TAYLOR  
JANE ELIZABETH TAYLOR  
b. 28 May 1971  
b. 4 Nov 1972

RICHARD MARK HADDOW CARMALT  
DAVID MATHEW HADDOW CARMALT  
DAVID WILLIAM HADDOW CARMALT  
GUY WYNFORD GEORGE JAMES  
THOMAS HUMPHREY GEORGE JAMES  
b. 21 Jun 1966  
b. 28 Feb 1968  
b. 14 Feb 1969  
b. 10 Feb 1971  
b. 2 Jun 1973

DAVID MICHAEL GEORGE JAMES  
m. 7 Sep 1967  
ANTHEA ROSEMARY CARYSFORT  
MARY DAVIES  
b. 28 Nov 1934  
d. 20 Mar 1980

SARA MARY BLASI  
E. BLASI  
b. May 1965

KATHARINE MARY DAVIES  
m. 1961  
GINO BLASI  
BLASI (Restaurant manager)  
b. 19 May 1940  
d. 27 July 1981  
(News-agent)

TREVOR GARETH DAVIES  
RACHEL MARY BLASI  
b. Oct 1974

WILLIAM GARETH DAVIES  
m. 1962  
ANITA STOKES (divorced)  
b. 19 May 1940  
d. 21 Jun 1981  
(News-agent)

TREVOR GARETH DAVIES  
NIGEL DAVIES  
b. 17 Jan 1965

GRUFF CHRIS-TOPIER DAVIES  
m. 1943  
ANNE DAVIES  
JEREMY GWENAN DAVIES  
NORMAN MARGARET OWEN DAVIES  
b. 9 Feb 1939  
d. 21 Jun 1943

WILLIAM RICHARD COLLINS  
b. 26 Jun 1944  
d. 28 Sep 1948  
at Lloyd's

GRUFF CHRIS-TOPIER DAVIES  
m. 1943  
BETHAN EUGENE VINCENT COLLINS  
EUDORA GEORGE DAVIES  
b. 1910  
(Surveyor and engineer)

WILLIAM RICHARD COLLINS  
ANDREW DOROTHY BULLOCK COLLINS  
b. 17 Dec 1977

WILLIAM DAVIES  
m. 20 March 1900  
MARGARET ELLEN JAMES  
d. 1 Jan 1928  
(aged 50)

GRUFF ALWYNE GEORGE DAVIES  
m. 1938  
JOAN GOLDSMITH of Shortlands, Kent  
b. 7 Feb 1916  
(physician)  
Royal Navy; subsequently at Newcastle Emlyn  
b. 1901  
d. 9 Nov 1963

WILLIAM GARETH DAVIES  
m. 1962  
KATHARINE MARY DAVIES  
b. 28 Nov 1934  
d. 20 Mar 1980

WILLIAM ANITA STOKES (divorced)  
m. 1962  
GINO BLASI (Restaurant manager)  
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LORRRAINE GILLIAN MARGARET DAVIES  
ESTHER MARGARET DAVIES  
b. 8 July 1967  
JENNIFER ANNE DAVIES  
ANNE DAVIES  
b. 19 Oct 1969  
JEREMY ALWYNE DAVIES  
ALWYNE DAVIES  
b. 3 Aug 1976  
GRAHAM LEIGH GEORGE DAVIES  
LEIGH GEORGE DAVIES  
b. 8 Aug 1976

Friday, 19th February 1926

**LLANGRANOG.**

Death.—The death occurred on Tuesday at the age of 80 years of Capt. Thomas Rees Evans, of Ivy House, Llangranog. He was formerly a master mariner in the days of the sailing ships and half-a-century ago frequently sailed from Cardiff, where he was well-known. He retired from the sea 40 years ago, and since then had lived in retirement in Cardiganshire. He leaves a widow and is also mourned by his niece, Mrs. W. G. James, the wife of Capt. W. G. James, C.C.

Friday, April 16, 1926

**LLANGRANOG.**

A Landmark Gone.—The old human landmarks are gradually disappearing, and one of the best-known and most conspicuous fell lately in the person of the late Capt. T. R. Evans, Ivy House, to the great regret of a wide circle of friends. He was a man beloved by all on account of his sincerity of purpose, his kindness of heart, and his readiness at all times to help any worthy cause. No cry of distress ever went unnoticed by him. His life had been spent at sea, at first in sailing ships, where he learnt all there was to know of seamanship, before transferring to steam. As captain of steamers he had many and varied experiences, and it was always a delight to spend an hour or so in his company hearing him recount his various adventures in different parts of the world. At one time he was master of the largest steamer sailing out of Newport, and on board that boat he conveyed Mohammedan pilgrims to Joppa on their way to the holy city of Mecca. To hear him recount details of such works was something not easily forgotten, as the account was both instructive and highly amusing, giving an insight into the lives of such pilgrims on board ship. His widow, who sadly misses him, spent many years with him on board his boat, accompanying him on his different voyages, and had he lived another month or so they would be celebrating their golden wedding. Forty years ago Capt. Evans was a well-known figure in shipping circles in Cardiff and Newport, and to-day relatives of his hold high positions in such circles—Captains E. and D. Owen, of the County Shipping Company, and Capt. I. Gillies, managing director of the C.P.R. boats in London. Many years ago, Capt. Evans having built Ivy House, retired there to live, and there he dwelt to a grand old age, respected and admired by all who knew him.

**CARDIGAN AND TIVY-SIDE ADVERTISER,**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1930

**LLANGRANOG**

Retirement.—The retirement of Captain Wm. Davies, Angorfa, from sea to his native village has just taken place after a lengthy and honourable career as master mariner. He joined the King Line Ltd., of London, which is managed by Messrs. Dodd Thomson and Co. Ltd., and whose chairman is Lord Kylsant, at the beginning of 1899, and has thus seen 31 years of unbroken service with that firm. The respect in which he was held by the company is evidenced by the fact that he was in command of eight of their fine ships, seven of which were new from the builders, and the last three were splendid modern motor ships. On his resignation, which took place this month,

Friday, November 16th, 1923

**LLANGRANOG**

Obituary.—The death took place on Wednesday of last week, after a lengthy illness, of Mrs. Evans, Ivy House, at the ripe age of 86 years. She bore her last illness with patience and fortitude, being in full possession of all her faculties, and was attended carefully and uncomplainingly during this trying time by Mrs. Capt. James, her niece, whom she had reared from babyhood. Mrs. Evans, who was predeceased by her husband nearly three years ago, had spent 25 years of her life continuously with him on sea, voyaging to different parts of the world, so that she had an extensive outlook upon life generally, and was possessed of a wide, sincere sympathy. She will long be remembered as one of the unobtrusive and unostentatious people of the earth, as she lived at peace with herself and all the world. The high esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the great crowd that gathered at Capel-y-Wig to pay their last respects to one who was so well beloved, and to show their appreciation of a character which was so even and serene. At the house the Rector of Llangranog, and the Rev. D. D. Jones, Capel-y-Wig, officiated, and the latter at the chapel preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, paying high tribute to one who had been a constant and faithful member for 70 years. The chief mourners were: Capt. and Mrs. James, Tom George James, Eivryn George James, Wyn George James, Ivy House; Capt. and Mrs. Evans, Castle Rock, Llangranog; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Castle Rock, do.; Capt. and Miss Evans, Dinas Cross, Pem.; Mr. E. T. Jones and Mrs. Richards, Ferndale; Capt. and Mrs. Griffiths, Dinas Cross; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Ponthorfa; Mrs. Tudor James, Bournemouth; Mr. and Mrs. James, Rhaiadle, Llangranog; Mrs. Jones, Brnhyfryd, Coedybryn; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Wern Villa, Ponthirwen; Mr. and Mrs. Griff Jones, Mrs. Davies and son, Mrs. B. Jones, Llechryd; Capt. and Mrs. Davies, Glandewi.

Friday, November 12, 1926

**LLANGRANOG.**

Obituary.—An old respected inhabitant has passed away in the person of Mrs. Anne James Marrel. She expired, after rather a lengthy illness, on Sunday night, October 31, and was buried at Capel-y-Wig on the Wednesday following. The Rev. D. D. Jones, minister, officiated and spoke very highly of the deceased's gentle and amiable character, and of her great respect for the Sabbath Day and the sanctuary. She was one of those who was always in her place at public worship. The chief mourners were Capt. and Mrs. James, Ivy House; Mrs. Trevor Davies and Miss Endora Davies, Angorfa; Messrs Tom G., Eivryn G. and Wyn G. James, Ivy House; and Mrs. Jones, Ponsarddu (her only remaining sister). The vast concourse of people expressed deep sympathy with her daughter, Mrs. Davies, Angorfa, who was unable to be present at the funeral owing to illness; and with Capt. Davies and Alwyn Davies, Angorfa, who were on a voyage to America. A great number of relatives was present to show their respect to the memory of the departed lady.

-FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1900.

LLANGRANOG.

WEDDING.—At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at St. Michael's Church, Aberystwyth, Capt. W. Davies, of the Black Lion, was married to Miss M. E. James, of Brymor, both of the village of Llangranog. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. W. G. James; and Miss M. E. Jones, of Ivy House, Llangranog, attended as bridesmaid. The bridegroom's cousin, Mr. Alf. Davies, of Liverpool, acted as best man. The bride was attired in an extremely pretty dress of silver-gray cashmere, trimmed with white maori silk, white chiffon and white silk embroidery, with a picture hat to match, and carried a beautiful bouquet of azalias, lilies, and tulips, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Jones wore a handsome dress of dark-grey poplin, trimmed with butter-colour satin and rouches, with a picture hat to match. The

service was conducted by the bride's cousin, the Rev. J. E. Lloyd, of Penallybio. A capital wedding breakfast was partaken of at Northley's Hotel. The bride, who occupies a prominent position as organist and teacher in Cranog Chapel, has been the recipient of numerous presents from pupils, and friends from far and near, tokens of their esteem and friendship. The happy couple left by the 1.15 p.m. train, amid the well wishes of a host of friends, for Liverpool, where the honeymoon is being spent.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1942

LLANGRANOG

FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Capt. Wm. Davies, Angoria, took place on Saturday, March 26th. The burial and service was at Capel-y-Wig. The English service at the house was taken by the rector, the Rev. B. Jones, and the Rev. Robert Rees, of Capel Ffynon. The address at the chapel was given by his minister, the Rev. T. Thomas. Speaking from the appropriate text of "To be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers but gentle showing all meekness unto all men," Mr. Thomas drew the lesson on that "Nature's gentleman" as was Capt. Davies, could be no other than a true Christian. The rest of the service at the chapel and graveside was taken by the Rector, the Rev. P. Jarman, Maenygroes, and the Rev. Charles Jenkins, Penrhiwceibr. Miss Euron Jones officiated at the organ. By request, "O morber" was substituted for the "Dead March" (in "Saul"), and completed a beautifully impressive, grave and commendably brief service. The singing of "Sandon" and "Caer-salem" thrilled and made for sober thought. The pall-bearers were his two sons, three nephews and brother-in-law. The chief mourners were:—Dr. and Mrs. Trevor Davies, Adpar, Capt. and Mrs. Alwynne Davies, Dolcoed, Cardigan (sons and daughters-in-law); Miss Eudora Davies, Angoria, Llangranog (daughter); Miss Ellen Davies, Preswylfa, Llangranog (sister); Capt. W. G. James, Ivy House (brother-in-law); T. G. James, Doiwylan, Gwbert, Tivryn G. James, Caernorgan (nephews); Com. and Mrs. J. W. G. James, Encyl, Llangranog (nephew and niece); Mr. John Jones, Cross Inn, Miss Emily Davies, New Quay (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. T. Davies, Llanelly (nephew and niece); Mrs. Davies, Troedytraur (cousin); Mr. and Mrs. Harries, Blaenporth (nephew and cousin); Mr. T. R. Jones, Ffrwd, Aberporth, Mr. D. Jones, Llanborth, Mr. J. R. Jones, Bryntelwr (cousins); Councillor Thos. Hughes, Aberystwyth, chief engineer, friend and shipmate for over 20 years); Pryce and Miss Davies, Llangranog (friends and neighbours); Evan Owen, Llangranog (friend and shipmate). Also present were friends of the deceased and the family from Henllan, Newcastle, Boncath, Cardigan, Aberporth, New Quay, Aberayron, Aberystwyth and Southampton. Floral tributes in wreaths, crosses and sprays were from:—Trevor, Zena, Katherine and Gareth; Alwyn, Joan and Griff; Eudora; Nell; Bill; Tom; Eivryn, Gidie and Roddy; John, Betty, Susan and Janet; David and Eva, Llanelly; Gloucester and Castlerock Families; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams Southampton; Margaret and Jack; all at Gwynfro, Blaenporth; Office Staff at Cardigan; Mrs. Morgan, Idris and Mair, Cardiff; Mr. W. F. and Mrs. L. Whelan.

Friday, January 20th, 1928

LLANGRANOG.

Death and Burial.—A cloud of gloom spread over a wide district on Sunday, the 1st inst., with the knowledge of the death of Mrs. Capt. Davies, Angoria, at the comparatively early age of 62 years, after a lingering illness borne with patience and fortitude. In her younger days the deceased lady had been an earnest and willing helper in every good cause, and had proved her organising power and great ability in the number of choirs and concerts she had arranged for the purpose of securing money for improvements in the village. She was a constant, devoted and zealous member of the church at Crannog, was a great worker in the cause, especially in musical matters, and a gap has been caused there which will be exceedingly difficult to fill. The respect in which she was held was evidenced at her funeral on the Thursday following, when a vast crowd of people from all parts congregated together. The Rev. D. D. Jones, her minister, at Crannog Chapel preached a very appropriate sermon, paying high tribute to the deceased lady's character, and part was taken by Mr. Pierce, Bridgend. The body was then taken to Capel-y-Wig burial ground for interment, where at the graveside Mr. D. H. Morris, C.M., Penmorfa, officiated. The chief mourners were: Lieut.-Surgeon Trevor G. Davies, R.N. (son); Eudora Davies (daughter); Capt. and Mrs. James, Ivy House (brother and sister-in-law); Tom G. James, Eivryn G. James, Wyn G. James, Ivy House (nephews); Mr. Ben Davies, Cardiff; Mr. D. Davies, Miss Davies, Preswylfa; Mrs. Owen, Swn-y-don (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); Mrs. Walden, Pontypool; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Llanelly; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Cloglas; Mr. and Mrs. Edward George, Newcastle Emlyn; Mr. and Mrs. Howell Morgan, Cardigan; Mrs. Edwards, Fagwrgoch; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Penbwlaid; Messrs. James, Stepside; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Llanborth; Mr. D. Morgan, Treftwial; Mrs. Davies, Brouwion; Miss Jones, Croeswen; Mrs. Morris, Penmorfa (cousins); and Miss Lizzie Jones, Barry. Among those present from a distance were: The Rector of Llangranog; Mr. D. T. Davies, J.P., Henllan, Cardigan; Mr. L. O. Jones, N.P. Bank, Cardigan; Capt. H. O. Davies, J.P., Tresaith; Capt. E. O. Evans, Ivy Cottage, Aberporth; Capt. and Mrs. Poulgrain, Aberayron; The Mayoress of Cardigan; Mr. D. Davies, Blaenpistyll; Mr. J. Elias Jones, C.C., Plwmp; Mr. S. James, J.P., Arthach; Mr. Morgans, Lluestfach; Mr. Rees, Ceingrigosfach; Mrs. Owen and Master Merlyn Owen, Fishguard; Mr. James Owens, Brynsoden. Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved widower, Capt. Davies, who has just arrived at Vancouver, and to the son Alwyn, who is also on sea. Both received the sad news by wireless on the Monday following the death, and replies were received on the Tuesday.

## LLANGRANOG

Death and Burial.—With deep regret the death is announced of Mrs. James, wife of Capt. W. G. James, Ivy House, at the comparatively early age of 55 years. After a lengthy illness and intense suffering the deceased passed away on Sunday morning, 14th September. She bore her suffering with that patience and Christian fortitude which calls for profound and inextinguishable admiration from a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In the days of her strength she was tender-hearted, placid in nature, an influence for good and an example which cannot fail to inspire many of those who are left behind her, a devoted mother, and a patient and loving wife. She has undoubtedly left a gap behind her which can never be adequately filled. She was one of the founders of the Llangranog and District Nursing Association, and took such an active interest in this benevolent institution that she was the association's representative on the County Committee. She also took a deep interest in the work of the local Women's Institute. Her unflinching good nature, her ready smile, and her bright welcome to rich and poor made her a host of friends who most sincerely mourn her. Proof of this was seen in the great crowd of sympathisers from near and far who filled Capel-y-Wig to overflowing on the Thursday following her death to pay their last respect to one who was so universally and so greatly beloved. The last pastor of Capel-y-Wig and Cranog, the Rev. D. D. Jones, of Dolgellay, had charge of the funeral proceedings. In the house the Rev. J. R. Davies (rector of Llangranog) and Mr. Jones took part, and at the chapel Mr. Jones preached a timely and appropriate sermon, basing his remarks upon the words, "She loved much," paying tribute to the fine character of the deceased and speaking in eulogistic terms of one who had given such evidences of love for home, chapel, district and humanity generally. The Rev. Moelwyn Jones, Dolgellay, and the Rev. E. R. Dennis, Aberdare, also took part in the sanctuary. At the graveside when committing her remains to their long home, the Rev. Fred Jones, B.A., B.D., Talybont, and the Rev. E. O. Evans, Romsey, officiated. To Capt. James and the three boys, Tom, Eivryn and Wyn, their friends desire to tender sincere and respectful sympathy. Capt. James and the three sons acted as bearers, and other chief mourners were: Mr. Evan Thomas Jones and Mrs. Richards, Ferndale (brother and sister); Capt. John Evans, Castle Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Castle Rock; Capt. and Mrs. E. O. Evans, Dinas Cross; Mrs. Evans, Rhaiadde (uncles and aunts); Capt. Davies, Angorfa (brother-in-law); Mrs. Nance Jones, Coedybryn (aunt); Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Morris, Frondolau; Mrs. Tudor James, Bournemouth; Mrs. J. M. James, Rhaiadde; Rev. E. O. Evans, Romsey; Capt. and Mrs. Griffiths and Eurron and Gwyneth Evans, Dinas Cross (cousins); Capt. and Mrs. Davies, Glandewi (close friends); Martha Jenkins (faithful servant); Jack Richards, Ferndale; Dr. Trevor and Eudora Davies, Newcastle Emlyn; Hilda Davies, Barry; Ieuan Morris, Frondolau; Lyn Evans, Glandewi (nephews and nieces); E. Davies, Hafod; Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Penbwlaid; Mrs. Edwards, Vagwr; Misses James, Stepaside; D. G. Jones, Llamborth; T. R. Jones, Ffrwd (cousins-in-law).

Lovely floral tributes were received from: Dad and the Boys; Capt. Davies, Angorfa; Mam a'r Teulu, Ferndale; Uncle Tom ao Auntie Eliza, Castle Rock; Dai, Gao, a'r Plant, Frondolau; Tu, Nan a'r Plant, Bournemouth; Auntie a Flo, Rhaiadde; Evan and Alice, Romsey; Uncle and Auntie, Dinas; Capt. and Mrs. Griffiths, Dinas; Capt. and Mrs. Davies, Glandewi; Children of Glandewi; Martha Jenkins, Ivy House; Nesta Lloyd, London; Mr. a Mrs. Edward George, Newcastle Emlyn; Sisters, Bryntirion, Aberporth; G. A. Tom Ltd., London; Mathews and Luff, London; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Evans, London; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Baines, London; Mr. and Mrs. Bedford, London; Messrs. Nicholas, Newcastle Emlyn; The Family, Aelybryn; Auntie Nance, Coedybryn; The Family, Waun Villa; Llangranog Nursing Association; Llangranog Women's Institute; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Pigeonsford; Mr. and Miss Rees, Pantyrnon; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, London House; and one unnamed.

## CAPT. W. G. JAMES

The death occurred last week of Captain William George James, Ivy House, Llangranog, at the age of 81. He was a master mariner, snipowner and former county councillor.

He was a native of New Quay and served his time in sail for many years before obtaining his first command in 1908. He retired from the sea at a comparatively early age to enter into partnership with Capt. J. Davies, Craiglee and Capt. W. Davies, Angorfa, Llangrannog, in a shipping business in Cardif. Afterwards he joined his own interests with his eldest son's coastal shipping business in London and Cardigan.

He became one of the outstanding personalities in the district and took a keen interest in local government, carrying out his duties in a forthright and outspoken manner. For this he was respected and admired.

At his express wish his funeral was private and he was buried in the family grave at Capel Wig beside his wife, Margaret Elizabeth, on Monday.

The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D. Pezzerine Jenkins, Capel Wig and Rev. D. J. Roberts, Capel Mair, Cardigan, at the graveside the Rev. Emrys Jones, Rector of Llangrannog and the Rev. D. J. Roberts officiated.

The mourners included: Mr. Tom G. James, Ivy House Llangrannog, Capt. J. W. G. James, O.B.E., Wynsfield, Mill Lane, Gerrards Cross (sons); Mrs. J. W. G. James, Gerrards Cross and Mrs. W. E. G. James, Hendre Wen, Cardigan (daughters-in-law); Mr. W. R. G. James and Miss Valerie James, Hendre Wen, Cardigan, Misses Susan and Janet James and David of Gerrards Cross (grandchildren); Mrs. Annie Rees and Miss Ray Rees, Ivy House, Llangrannog, Dr. Trevor Davies, Adpar, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Ammanford, Capt. G. Jones, M.B.E., and Mrs. Jones, Gendros, Cardigan, Mrs. Maisie Price, Maidstone, Kent, Rev. Donald James, Wolverhampton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Evans, Cilbronnau, Cardigan, Mr. David Edwards, Llanddewi, Tremain (nephews and nieces); Mrs. Morris, Castle Rock, Llangrannog, Mrs. Davies, Glandewi, Pontgarreg (cousins); Mr. Alwyn Griffiths, Garn Hebogydd, Gwbert, Mr. Norman Griffiths, Rhystyd, Cardigan, Mr. Gwilym Morris, N.P. Bank House, Cardigan, Mr. John Williams, Golygfa, Llangrannog, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Tygwyn, Flt.-Lieut. Heslop, Cressdene, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams and Miss Williams, Gellywen, Miss Nan Evans, Hendraws, Nurse Thomas and Mrs. Davies Gwynfor, Mr. and Mrs. Jenner, Awelton, Miss Davies, Green Park, Mr. and Miss Jones, Bryneuron, Mr. Elwyn Davies, Llainwen, Mr. Meredith Davies, Pantygelli, Mr. Gowan Jones, St. David's Villa.

Floral tributes were received from: Tom and Wyn; Annie, Ray and Bill; Betty, Sue, Jan and Dave; Girlie, Rod and Val; Eudora, Vincent and Andrew; Trevor, Zena, Catherine, Gareth and Jeremy; Gac, Ieuan and Moya; Eifion and Audrey; the family at Garn Hebogydd; Tudor and Nan; Maisie and Dilwyn; Donald and Sheila; Fred and Rose Griffiths, New Quay; Clifford, Betty and Jeffrey; the Glandewi family; Gwilym and Elsie; Norman and Olwen; Mewn serchus gof am gymydog hoff oddi-wrth cymdogion Hendraws, Tygwyn, Gwynfor, Gelliwen, Greenpark a Awelton.

The following neighbours were the bearers: Messrs. W. Lloyd, D. Williams, Elwyn Davies, Gowan Jones, Meredith Davies and Flt.-Lieut. V. Heslop. The arrangements were by Mr. Wyn Lloyd, Waunlwyd, Penmorfa.

## Cardigan &amp; Tivyside Advertiser.

Friday, July 21, 1961

## Weddings

## JAMES—ROE

The wedding took place at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Cardigan, of Mr. Tom George James, son of the late Capt. and Mrs. W. G. James, Ivy House, Llangranog, and Dr. Catherine Mary Roe, Ph.D., M.Sc., M.I.Biol., daughter of the late Judge P. J. Roe, 186 Upper Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin.

Mr. James is a farmer and company director and Dr. Roe is a university lecturer and was at one time a member of the staff of Cardigan Grammar School.

Father R. J. Joyce officiated.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1933.

**WEDDINGS.**

**DAVIES—COLLINS.**

The wedding took place quietly at Merthyr Dyfan of Miss Zena Mary Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Beachly, St. Paul's-avenue, Barry, and Dr. Trevor George Davies, eldest son of Captain Davies and the late Mr. Davies, Llangorfa, Llan-granwg, Newcastle-Emlyn.

The Rev. Fr. D. K. M. Peel, M.A., officiated.

Wearing a leaf-brown French tweed costume, trimmed with squirrel collar, edged with broadtail, with hat to match, the bride was given away by her father. She wore a spray of carnations and carried a prayer book. She was attended by Miss Clarice Ashill, who wore a beige coat and hat to match.

Captain Alwyn Davies (bridegroom's brother) was the best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home, the couple subsequently leaving for London and Brighton where the honeymoon is being spent.

They will make their future home at "Adpar," Newcastle-Emlyn, where the bridegroom has been in practice for three years.

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Friday, May 2, 1958

**DEATHS**

DAVIES—On the 29th April at Dolcoed, Cardigan, Capt. Griff Alwyne George, devoted Father of Jeremy and Brother of Trevor and Eudora. Funeral at Cardigan Cemetery on Friday at 3 p.m., private at the house, gentlemen only at the Cemetery 819

**Obituary**

**CAPT. G. A. G. DAVIES**

The death occurred suddenly of Capt. Griff Alwyne George Davies, of Dolcoed, Cardigan, at the age of 50.

A native of Llangranog, Capt. Davies was the younger son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Wm. Davies, Angorfa, Llangranog. He spent many years at sea before his retirement for health reasons.

Capt. Davies retained his interest in the shipping business and became a Lloyds underwriter. He was a partner in the former Teifi Steamship Company Ltd.

He was a successful farmer and exhibitor of prizewinning cattle at shows in West Wales. Capt. Davies owned Gotrel dairy farm, near Cardigan, and was a partner in the firm of Tivyside Farming and Trading Company Ltd.

Capt. Davies was a member of Capel Mair Congregational Chapel, Cardigan, and is survived by his 11-year-old son, Jeremy.

The funeral, for gentlemen only, takes place at Cardigan cemetery on Friday.

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Friday, November 22, 1983

Friday, November 15, 1983

**DR. TREVOR DAVIES**

The death occurred on Saturday of Dr. Trevor Davies, Adpar Surgery, Newcastle Emlyn, in his 63rd year. He was well known as a general practitioner and particularly liked for his down-to-earth humanity.

He was a member of Ebenezer Congregational Church and is survived by a widow, son, daughter and nephew.

The service took place on Wednesday, the service at the house being conducted by the Rev. T. Tegryn Davies, Aberporth and Beulah, and Canon T. R. Lloyd, Newcastle Emlyn. At Ebenezer Revs. Tegryn Davies and Irfon Evans, Drewen, officiated. Interment took place at Cowbridge.

**Obituary**

**DR. TREVOR DAVIES**

The death occurred at Morrision Hospital at the age of 62 of Dr. Trevor Davies, Adpar Surgery. Dr. Davies, a native of Llangranog, was the elder son of the late Capt. and Mrs. W. Davies, Angorfa. He had been in practice at Newcastle Emlyn for 33 years and was a former M.O.H. Prior to that he had been a surgeon lieutenant in the Royal Navy for three years.

The funeral took place at Cowbridge Cemetery. A service was conducted at the house by the Revs. Tegryn Davies, Aberporth, and Canon T. R. Lloyd, Newcastle Emlyn. At Ebenezer Chapel, where Dr. Davies was a member, there was a large gathering, representative of all sections of the community. The Rev. T. Tegryn Davies and Irfon Evans, Drewen, officiated. Also present was the Rev. G. Stephens, R.D. Cenarth. Mrs. (Capt.) Williams, Danygraig, was at the organ. The precentor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, Bradford House.

The bearers were Messrs. Eric Davies and Ivor Jones, Tanygroes, Emlyn Davies, St. Dogmaels, Tom Jones, Penrhiliwlan, and Cyril Davies, M.P.S.

The mourners were Mrs. Trevor Davies (widow); Mr. and Mrs. G. Blasi, Cardiff (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Davies, Cowbridge (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. Jeremy Davies (nephew); Mr. and Mrs. Tom James, Ivy House, Llangranog (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collins, Barry (father and mother-in-law); Mrs. Frank Harrowell, Berkhamstead (sister-in-law); Mr. Norman Clark,

Harry, Mr. Iwan Davies, Penrhiliwlan, Mr. John Davies, Penybryn, Beulah, Mr. David Davies, Troedyvaur, and Dr. Lloyd Davies (cousins); Mr. Tom White, Barry, Mr. Ken Walters, Neyland, Capt. Griff Jones and Mr. Ceri Rees, Cardigan, Mrs. J. L. Owen and Mrs. Brynmor Williams, Velindre, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Davies, Tanygroes, Miss Judith Davies, Lloyds Terrace, and Miss Maureen Evans.

Among others present were Dr. Daphne Grimes, Dr. S. G. Budd, Adpar, Dr. George Thomas, Penclawdd, Dr. Gwyn Jones, Cardigan, Dr. Hanley Howell, Dr. S. Roberts, Newcastle Emlyn, Dr. G. Penn, Dr. Lloyd Davies, Carmarthen, Dr. Iwan Davies, Bryntefy, Nurse Lewis, Nurse Davies, Penrhiliwlan, and Nurse Jones, Newcastle Emlyn.

Mr. G. E. E. George, Cardigan, Mr. Dewi Griffiths, Carmarthen, Mr. Lewis, N.P. Bank, Mr. T. O. Jones, Cardigan, Capt. D. Williams, Danygraig, Messrs. R. Lloyd Lewis, Adpar, J. L. Owen, Teify Dene, T. R. Griffiths, Bridge Pharmacy, Gilbert James, J.P., Alderman B. J. Davies, Llandyfriog, Councillor Gwyn Jones, J.P., Parknest, Mrs. Leonard Hugh, Mr. J. Davies, Bronwion, Councillor Llewellyn Powell, Beulah.

The committal service at Cowbridge was taken by the Rev. J. Williams.

Floral tributes were from: Zena; Gareth and Anita; Kate and Gino; Clarice, Frank, Esmee and Richard; Jeremy; Nan and Reg; Barbara, Zonia and Norman; Tom and Kitty; Megan, Eric and Richard; Mr. Bill Kitchen; Frank and Cynthia Aspinall; Cyril, Blodwen, Brenda and Arwyn; Auntie Ethel; Nan and Jack; Mrs. Dot Dean; Mrs. Julie Booke; Dr. and Mrs. Richards; Judith, Emlyn and Doris; Mr. E. Jones, Laurel House; Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, Ivory House, Newcastle Emlyn; Geoff and Jane; Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Griffiths and family; Miss Maureen Evans; Pantdaniel and Giesni families; Ceri, Edie, Capt. and Mrs. Jones, Gendro; Jane, Cowbridge.

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS

CARDIGAN SHIPOWNERS  
AND MERCHANTS  
(part 3)

by DONALD DAVIES

THE SS "Sea Flower" was taken out of the Cardigan and Bristol Service in 1902 after 27 years service. The vessel was replaced by the SS Mayflower a ship of 200 tons and built at Larne in Northern Ireland in 1900. The old "Sea Flower" was sold for £1,350 to a company in Larne. The new vessel the SS Mayflower continued to run between Bristol and Cardigan, but by 1904 the Company had found that it was not profitable. On February 4 of that year, the Cardigan Commercial Steam Navigation Company decided to wind up its affairs, and Mr. Richard Thomas was appointed liquidator. The Mayflower was sold for £3,750.

After a period of time a new company was formed and called the Bristol and Cardigan Trading Company Ltd. They purchased a vessel called the SS St. Tudwal — 204 tons, built by Swan and Hunter Wigham, Richardson and Co, Wallsend-on-Tyne in 1895. Registered in 1911 this vessel continued with a regular service between Cardigan and Bristol up to the outbreak of war. The St. Tudwal operated from Cambrian Quay to the Welsh Back at Bristol, and carried a great deal of fertiliser for the Vale of Teifi Agricultural Society.

After the War there was no service between the two ports, and it was not until 1926 that a new shipping company the Teifi Steamship Company was formed by two retired master mariners, Capt James Davies, Craiglea, and Capt J. Richards, Umsinga. They purchased a steamer called the "Aegis" of 95 tons, built at Selby in 1912 and renamed it the "Teifi". The SS Teifi carried coal, fertilisers, cement, asbestos etc. from Liverpool as well as Bristol, and was well known along the Cardigan Bay coast, being a frequent caller at Aberystwyth, Aberaeron and New Quay. The new company operated from Lloyds Wharf, Cardigan.

In 1928 the Teifi Steamship Company was sold to two Llangrannog master mariners — Captain William Davies of Anghorfa and his brother-in-law Captain William George James of Ivy House. They formed a new company called the British Isles Coasters Ltd., which incorporated the Teifi Steamship Company. During the early years of the company, the only vessel that they had was the SS Teifi, and in 1930 that vessel had the misfortune to founder off Flat Holm in a gale. An-

other steamship was purchased the SS "Drumlough" a steamer of 311 tons and built in 1921 at Rutherglen in Scotland. Like the SS Teifi, the "Drumlough" became a familiar sight on the Cardigan Bay coast. This vessel brought in cargoes of flour for spillers, coals for the gasworks, cattle cake, fertilisers, chippings for road repairs, tiles, pipes etc.

The company was successful and during the early 30's more ships were added to the fleet: the SS Enid Mary, 528 tons, the SS Castle Green 510 tons, the SS Orchid, 483 tons, the SS Eskburn, 472 tons, the SS Pegwen, 512 tons, the SS Quaysider, 820 tons, the SS East Coaster, 650 tons, the SS South Coaster, 513 tons, and the SS Suir, 80 tons.

The British Isles Coasters sailed extensively around the coast of Britain, as well as the Low Countries. A great deal of trading was done with the three ports that had figured prominently in the trade of the town, that is Bristol, Liverpool and Dublin. They also traded with the Cardigan Bay ports, as well as those situated on the Bristol Channels. Some of the fleet never visited Cardigan e.g. 'South Coaster', 'Quaysider', 'East Coaster', as they could not navigate the Cardigan Bar, and the silted Teifi. These steamers would normally be used for trade with the larger ports, and sailed mainly from London, where the company had an office.

The British Isles Coasters chartered a number of Dutch motor vessels to bring cargoes to the town. These ships had a shallow draught, which enabled them to navigate the tortious Cardigan Bar. Such coasters as the Berent, Venus, Diana, Scheidjol, Iris, Triton, and Bedjerland often brought cargoes of cattle cake and flour to the port. These vessels were met at the Cardigan Bar by the St. Dogmaels river pilots, Messrs. Ben Richards and T. J. Bowen, and navigated safely to the quayside at Cardigan. The old port was fully utilised by the company, and there were often two or even three coasters tied up along the various quays.

Captain W. G. James eldest son Tom G. James and his youngest son W. Elvryn James joined him in the business. They started their maritime career in the Lon-

don office, with their cousin Captain Aiwyn Davies. Later these three gentlemen became Lloyd's underwriters. The shipping office was moved from Lloyds Wharf to Cross House in High Street, the company continued to prosper, and in 1934 the assets consisted of five vessels, Lloyds Wharf, Cardigan offices in Fenchurch Street, London and Cardigan. The Company advertised "Regular Sailings from Liverpool to Cardigan", and described themselves as "Shipowners, Ship and Insurance Brokers, Surveyors and Forwarding Agents". They held the Lloyds Agency for the town.

The bigger coasters e.g. Enid Mary came up the River Teifi at Spring Tide for it was by this time virtually impossible to bring any ship of size near Cardigan Bar at any other time. There was plenty of labour available in the town and unloading would continue through the night so that the vessel could go out on the next tide, otherwise she could be stranded for a considerable period at the port.

Very few vessels visited the port in the late 30's and those that did were mainly the chartered Dutch motor vessels. The river was becoming a hazard, and even these shallow drafted vessels had considerable difficulty on certain tides. In 1938 the British Isles Coasters had a motor vessel built in Holland, so that she could navigate Cardigan Bar. This ship was the MV West Coaster, of 420 tons. This vessel had been purchased with the view of navigating all the shallow estuaries on the Welsh coast. This vessel continued to trade in the locality up to the Second World War in 1939. She was later sold in 1944.

During the War years, the British Isles Coasters took over a number of the Dutch motor vessels, which had become "homeless" with the over-running of Holland by the Germans. The Company continued to trade during the hostilities, and had a number of vessels sunk. With the end of the war, the Company sold off their fleet, and later closed their premises at Cross House, and Lloyd's Wharf. Thus ended the last shipping company in the old port.

The final chapter in the long seafaring history of the town came to a close in 1981, when the Port of Cardigan ceased to exist as a port of registration. The Customs and Excise Office had been transferred to Fishguard, years previously, and with the office went the Port Books, which tell the story of a notable old port.

The "Herefordshire" was a liner of 7,217 gross tonnage, owned by the Bibby Steamship Company of Liverpool, which they decided to scrap. She was purchased by the Smith Shipbreaking Company of Port Glasgow. To have her towed to the Clyde the latter company hired two tugs, "Chieftain" and "Wrestler", put a skeleton crew of four on the liner and on 9th March 1934 the little convoy sailed from Dartmouth. The weather then deteriorated. On the afternoon of 14th March off Strumble Head the hawser to Wrestler parted; at 3 a.m. next morning the other to Chieftain also parted. The liner was now entirely at the mercy of the wind and the waves. A few hours later she was sighted drifting between Cemaes Head and Cardigan Island and was reported soon afterwards to have gone aground on the north-western seaward side of the Island. At mid-day the skeleton crew scrambled ashore, climbed the rocks and were seen from the mainland, where the Gwbert Life Saving Crew had their apparatus ready. A rope was fired to the Island, made fast and the four men were rescued by breeches buoy. The Herefordshire was soon breaking up and wreckage was strewn along the coast.

# THOSE WERE THE DAYS

WRECK OF THE  
'HEREFORDSHIRE'

(PART 3)

by DONALD DAVIES

Lloyds Cardigan Agent (Messrs. W. G. James & Sons, Lloyds Wharf, Cardigan) stated: "Since the liner 'Herefordshire' went ashore on Cardigan Island, the weather has been too rough for me to get out to her. I have viewed her daily from Cemaes Head, but the distance is too far to ascertain how she is bearing the buffeting. Our steamer the 'Dramlough' passed close to her this morning, and the master reports that she has a very heavy list outwards, and that her decks have been pretty well swept bare. A great deal of timber was washed ashore all along the coast".

Later the wreck was bought by Capt. W. G. James & Sons, Lloyds Wharf, Cardigan, and arrangements were made to salvage as much as possible from her. To attain this, the company purchased S.S. 'Suir', a vessel of 58 tons and built in 1892 for Messrs. Arthur and also hired a Glasgow puffer, the S.S. 'Gael', a ship of 35 tons, from Messrs. Hay of Glasgow. These two vessels were employed in shipping the dismantled salvage from the 'Herefordshire' to Lloyds Wharf, Cardigan.

During the summer months of 1934, a number of the salvage crew camped on Cardigan Island, to stop pilfering by unauthorised

people, and also to work long hours so that as much salvage as possible could be dismantled from the wreck, before the winter gales set in. On board the liner was crockery, linen, furniture, panelling and other effects such as mattresses, bunks, bathroom suites and bedding. Available also was teak wood and teak planks.

An example of the kind of materials available can be gauged from an advert in the 'Tivy-Side' stating that a

sale was being held in Pembroke Dock, when another Bibby liner, the 'Gloucestershire', was being broken up: "300 lots surplus timber, building materials, panelling; ship and other furniture and effects; pine and fir decking, deal planking, hatch covers, panelled doors, large quantity of panelling, loft ladders, mahogany furniture, including tables, wardrobes, porcelain wash basins, oak tables, chest of drawers, etc.

During the summer of 1934 the local boating enthusiasts were making visits to the island, and a number of motorboats ran trips around Cardigan Island, and between the local inhabitants and visitors, hundreds of people viewed the ill-fated ship.

The salvage work continued and the 'Suir' and the 'Gael' continued to transport their valuable cargoes to Lloyds Wharf. An advert appeared in the Cardigan & Tivyside Advertiser on June 29, 1934, stating: Preliminary Announcement, S.S. 'Herefordshire' Salvage Sale. It was later followed by another notice which stated the items for sale.

The sales were a great success, and the local inhabitants picked up some excellent bargains. Dr. Selby Clare, a local practitioner, bought large quantities of teak, and converted an old ship's lifeboat into a magnificent cabin cruiser. Many Cardigan and St. Dogmaels homes can boast of at least some object appertaining to the 'Herefordshire', and no doubt some are in operation today.

Eventually, after a number of sales, the salvage came to an end, and the old liner was left to the mercy of the waves. Very slowly the 'Herefordshire' continued to disappear beneath the waves until nothing remained to be seen.

There she lay for many years forgotten, but in recent times, various sub-aqua clubs have re-discovered the old wreck, and valuable metals, e.g. phosphor-bronze, etc., have been salvaged. The 'Herefordshire' remains, though, as Cardigan's biggest wreck, and on that fateful day, March 15, 1934, caused great excitement in the area.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1935

## WEDDING BELLS

## JAMES—GRIFFITHS.

Although meant to be a quiet wedding a large crowd assembled at St. Mary's Parish Church on Friday last when a popular Cardigan couple were married by the Vicar, Rev. E. Lee Hamer, assisted by the Curate. The bride was Miss Lenora (Girllie) Griffiths, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Griffiths, Cartref, Gawbert Road, Cardigan, and the bridegroom was Mr. W. Eirfyn James, son of the late Mrs. James and of Capt. W. G. James, Ivy House, Llangranog. Given away by her father, the bride was unattended. She carried a Prayer Book, the gift of the bridegroom. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Tom James, Llangranog (brother of bridegroom). Straight after the ceremony the couple left by car for a tour of Devon and the South Coast.

Cardigan &amp; Tivy-Side Advertiser Friday, March 14, 1958

Cardigan &amp; Tivy-Side Advertiser Friday, March 21, 1958

## Sudden Death of Mr. W. E. G. James

The death occurred suddenly at his home at Caemorgan, Cardigan, on Tuesday, of Mr. William Eirfryn George James, aged 48. He collapsed and died while having lunch.

A poultry farmer and an underwriter at Lloyds since 1947, Mr. James was the son of Capt. W. G. James and the late Mrs. James, Ivy House, Llangranog, and has two brothers, Mr. Tom James, who is also a Lloyds underwriter, and Capt. J. W. G. James, O.B.E., operations director of B.O.A.C.

A hard worker and keen businessman, he had built up a flourishing accredited poultry station at Caemorgan.

Three years ago he created medical history by recovering from actinomyces of the spine when he had been given up by the doctors.

Apart from his family, his main love was golf. He was for several years chairman of Cardigan Golf Club and later captain. Even after his illness he found his form and now had a handicap of three.

Last year he went to the quarter finals of the Welsh championship, being beaten on the last green.

He is survived by a widow and two children, Roddy and Valerie. The funeral takes place at Cardigan cemetery (gentlemen only) at 3 p.m. on Friday.

## Births, Marriages, Deaths etc.

## DEATH

**JAMES.**—On March 11 at Caemorgan, Cardigan, suddenly, William Eirfryn George, beloved husband of Lenora (Girllie) and devoted father of Roddy and Valerie. Funeral Friday. Private at the house 2.30 p.m. Gentlemen only at Cardigan Cemetery 3 o'clock.

## Obituary

## MR. W. E. G. JAMES

There was a very large attendance at the funeral at Cardigan cemetery on Friday of Mr. William Eirfryn George James, of Caemorgan.

Among those present were the Mayor (Councillor Arthur Thomas) and members of the Borough Council; a great number of members of Cardigan Golf Club of which Mr. James was a former chairman and captain, and representatives of the farming community. There was also strong representation from Llangranog.

At a private service at the house the Revs. D. J. Roberts, B.A., B.D., Capel Mair, and Peregrine Jenkins, Capel Cranog, officiated, and at the cemetery the Vicar of St. Mary's, Rev. J. Ernest Jones, B.A., Rev. D. J. Roberts and Canon E. Lee Hamer, B.A., Cardigan.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. W. E. G. James (widow); Mr. Roddy James (son); Capt. W. G. James, Llangranog (father); Mr. Tom James (brother); Capt. and Mrs. W. G. James, London (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Griffiths, Carn Hebogydd, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Griffiths, Rhyscyd, Mrs. Eric Griffiths, Cardiff (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); Capt. G. A. G. Davies, Dolcoed, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Collins, Ammanford, Dr. Trevor Davies, Newcastle Emlyn (cousins); Rev. and Mrs. Tudor James, Gloucester (uncle and aunt); Rev. Donald James, Wolverhampton (cousin); Mrs. D. Morris, Castle Rock, Llangranog (aunt); Mrs. Dilwyn Price, Maeston, Mr. Eufion Morris, Newport, Mon. (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jones, Clydach, Mr. Aylwyn Jenkins, Clydach, Mrs. Alan Young, Mrs. Rita Thomas, Mrs. Annie Rees, Ivy House, Llangranog, Mr. Lloyd, Tygwyn, Llangranog, Mr. D. Williams, Gelliwen, Mr. Jenner, Awelgor.

Fiscal tributes were from: Girllie, Roddy and Val; Dad, Tom, Annie and everybody at Ivy House; Wyn and Betty; Muff, Nancy, Alan and Michael; Norman and Owen; Susan, Janet and David; Ida and Paddy; Alwyn and Jeremy; Eucora, Vincent and Andrew; Nan, Uncle Tu, Dilwyn and Maisie, Donald and Sheila; Gac, Ieuan and Moya, Eifion and Audrey; Aunty Mary, Uncle Jack, and the Glanddewi family; Muriel and Alan; Dai and Betty Owens; Cardigan Golf Club; President, captain and members, Tenby Golf Club; Teifion and Beattie; Bert and Hilda; Oernant and Brynglas families; Ted, Sally and Raymond; Staff at 49 Pendre; Tudor, Bryn-y-mor, Llangranog; Elsie, Keri and the girls; Margaret, Percy and Joan; Doreen Lyn and Stewart; Alun, Ceri and families; Mair and David Jones; Fred and Cissie; Mrs. Havard and Ken; Alwyne and Griff; Annie and William; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dava; Mr. and Mrs. Row

## Death on Holiday in Italy

The death occurred on Wednesday, while on holiday in Alassio, Italy, of Mrs. Leonora (Grille) James, Hendrewen, Gwbert Road, Cardigan. She was the daughter of the late Mr. D. W. Griffiths, J.P., a well-known Cardigan businessman, and the late Mrs. Griffiths.

Her husband, Mr. W. Eirfryn James, died some years ago, and she is survived by a son, Mr. W. R. G. James, a Cardigan auctioneer, who flew to Italy on Thursday, and a daughter, Miss Valerie James.

Mrs. James was one of the most popular persons in the town and district and was secretary of Cardigan British Legion Women's Section and the Friends of Cardigan Hospital, posts which she had held for a number of years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Cardigan.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. LEONORA JAMES

The private funeral took place on Saturday at Cardigan Cemetery of Mrs. Leonora (Grille) James, Hendrewen, Gwbert Road, Cardigan, whose death occurred while on holiday in Alassio, Italy.

Mrs. James was secretary of Cardigan British Legion Women's Section and the Friends of Cardigan Hospital. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and popular with a wide circle.

The Vicar of Cardigan, Rev. J. Ernest Jones, B.A., officiated at the house and at the graveside.

The family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Roddy James, Cardigan (son and daughter-in-law); Miss Valerie James, Cardigan (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Griffiths, Gwbert (brother and sister-in-law) and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tom James, Llungrano (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Capt. and Mrs. J. W. G. James, London (brother-in-law and sister-in-law) and family; Mrs. Ida Griffiths, Cardiff (sister-in-law) and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Griffiths, Penarth (brother and sister-in-law) were unable to attend.

The bearers were Messrs. J. J. Morris, Gwilym Morris, David Jones, Howard Thomas, D. T. Lewis and Jim Thomas.

## WEDDINGS

### JAMES—LLOYD

The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Cardigan, of Mr. William Roderick George James, Hendre Wen, Gwbert Road, Cardigan, and Miss Patricia Lloyd, Maesglas, Cardigan. The bridegroom is the only son of Mrs. Leonora James, Hendre Wen, Gwbert Road, and of the late Mr. W. E. G. James, and the bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. G. Lloyd, Maesglas, Cardigan.

The vicar of St. Mary's Rev. J. Ernest Jones, officiated, assisted by the curate, Rev. D. W. Morgan. Miss Rowena J. Rotie, L.L.C.M., presided at the organ.

The church had been beautifully decorated by the bridegroom's cousin, Mrs. Paddy Whittingham.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of satin-de-sous (a model from a renowned house of haute couture), following out the modern straight through effect with the high neck line and traditional long sleeves. A feature was the appliqued motifs of Richieu work in a lace rose design. The full court train fell in

voluminous folds from the shoulders and was bordered with the applique work used to trim the dress. Her head-dress of organza rosebuds was mounted with a veil of Brussels net and completed a lovely bridal ensemble. The bride's bouquet was of white rosebuds, stephanotis, lilies of the valley and freesias. Silver horseshoes were presented by her cousin, Wyn Davies, and by Miss Gwyneth Mathias, Avalon.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Valerie James, as bridesmaid, wore a deep turquoise French satin gown with head-dress to match. She carried a bouquet of white rosebuds and freesias.

Mr. Colin Whittingham was best man, and Messrs. Alan Lloyd, David Murphy, Alan Griffiths and David James were groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Cliff Hotel, Gwbert, and the honeymoon is being spent in Lugano, Paris and London. For travelling the bride wore a model suit of stone and grey tweed, with matching shantung blouse, pink model hat and stone accessories.



# The Cardigan and Tivy-Side Advertiser,

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1975

## Search for missing man

Local residents and holiday-makers have been helping the police this week in their search for 72-year-old Mr. Thomas George James, Ivy House, Llangrannog, who has been missing from his home since Monday night.

Police dogs have also been used in the search, as well as a privately hired helicopter.

The search, in charge of Insp. D. J. Wynn Evans, Cardigan, has been concentrated in the Llangrannog - Pontgarreg area.

Insp. Evans said that Mr. James possessed a three-cell rubber torch which is missing from his home, and the police appeal to anyone who may find it to contact them at Cardigan or dial 999.

The search was resumed on Thursday morning and Insp. Evans paid tribute to the ready help given by local people and holiday-makers.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1975

## Man's body found half-a-mile from home

The body of 72-year-old Mr. Tom George James, of Ivy House, Llangrannog, who had been missing since the night of July 7/8, was found in dense undergrowth about half-a-mile from his home on Sunday afternoon.

A police spokesman said they believed that the body had been lying there since Mr. James went missing and that foul play was not suspected.

An inquest was opened at Aberystwyth on Tuesday and adjourned after evidence of identification had been given.

The body was found about 1 p.m. on Sunday by Mr. Thomas Hefin Davies, of Efailfach, Plwmp, Llandysul, who was accompanied by Mr. David Rees, Pontgarreg, in the undergrowth on a piece of waste land near a bungalow, Bryncarnedd.

Mr. James, who was a retired Lloyds underwriter, shoemaker and farmer, was last seen by his wife when he went to bed on the night of July 7, and she found him missing the next morning.

Intensive searches of the area and coastline were made by the police, firemen, local inhabitants and people on holiday. A helicopter was also privately hired by Mr. James's family.

A widespread appeal for information was also co-ordinated by the missing man's brother, Capt. J. W. G. James, Geriars Cross, London, former Flight Operations Director with British European Airways, who recently retired from the board of B.E.A. Posters and photographs were circulated to hospitals and police stations, and advertised in newspapers.

Cardigan & Tivy-Side Advertiser, Friday, August 1, 1975

## Public Notices

### MISSING from WEST WALES



Missing from his home at Ivy House, Pontgarreg, Llangrannog, since Monday, 7th July, 1975 Mr. Tom George JAMES, aged 72 years, 6' 2", well built, greying hair, receding, grey moustache, believed to be wearing grey trousers and sports coat, possible a trilby hat, wearing Wellington boots and may be carrying a red rubber three-cell torch.

May be suffering from loss of memory.

ANY INFORMATION TO CARDIGAN POLICE STATION. Tel. No. 2209

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Friday, August 16, 1975

## LLANGRANNOG

### OBITUARY

The private funeral of Mr. Tom George James, Ivy House, Llangrannog, took place at Capel-y-Wig on August 7. The services at the house, chapel and graveside were conducted by the Rev. Eynon Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Father S. Cunnano, Cardigan.

The mourners were: Mrs. Kitty James (widow); Capt. and Mrs. J. W. G. James (brother and sister-in-law); Miss Susan James, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy James, Mr. and Mrs. Baz Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. David Carmalt, Mr. and Mrs. David James (nephews and

nieces); Mrs. L. Roe (stepmother-in-law); Judge Frank Roe (brother-in-law); Mrs. Patricia Rowland (sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Collins, Mr. Jeremy Davies (cousins); Mrs. Annie Rees and Mr. D. J. Williams.

The bearers were Messrs. Iwan, Martin, Graham and Aneurin Rees and Mr. Hefin Davies.

Floral tributes were from: Kitty, Wyn and Betty; Roddy and Pat, Susan and Sarah; Val and Baz, Alice and Kate; Sue; Anthea and David, William Guy and Thomas; Jan and David, Richard and Mathew; Frank and Lil, Colin, Patricia and the boys; Endora, Vincent and Andrew, Jeremy, Gwen and family; Eifion, Audrey and Gordon; Maisie, Isabel and Jonathon; Elsie, Edie and Ceri, Nella and Ken; Gwyneth and Eurfron and family; Will and Menna, Jack and Edna; Annie and Iwan; Martin and Glenda and Mererid; Graham and Nora; Ray and Iwan, Aneurin and Olwen; Sarah, Hefin and Mag; Dai and Nellie; Teek family, Mair and David Jones; Glan and Doreen Williams; Eddie and Hannah Jenner, Teulu Llainronw and Frank and Gladys Jones; British Legion.

Flowers for the house were received from the Davies family, Pantygelli; Davies family, Tygwyn, Bridell; Smith family, Warrington; Mr. and Mrs. John Neville, Cwmffrwd, Bridell; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackmore, Clydach.

Funeral arrangements were carried out by Wyn Lloyd, Llangrannog.

## Open verdict at inquest on Llangrannog man

At an inquest at Aberystwyth last week the Ceredigion coroner, Mr. J. Reginald Edwards, recorded an open verdict on Mr. Tom George James, aged 72, a retired Lloyds underwriter, of Ivy House, Pontgarreg, Llangrannog.

Mr. James's body was found on August 3, just half a mile from his home, after extensive searches and nearly a month after he disappeared from his home one night during a storm.

Dr. William Beasley, consultant pathologist at Bronlais General Hospital, said that the cause of death was barbiturate poisoning. He said that Mr. James had suffered from severe heart disease and he discovered a large concentration of barbiturates in the stomach and liver. Mr. James had swallowed 10 times the normal dose.

Mrs. Catherine Mary James, widow of Mr. James, said that her husband continued to work as an insurance broker and smallholder after his retirement. She found him a fit and healthy man who suffered from insomnia. In 1973 he had a heart attack. He had no financial troubles and his main worry was about his insomnia.

On July 7, the day before his disappearance, he went to the beach, returned for lunch, then went to the beach again in the afternoon. They owned a caravan at Llangrannog and her husband went there a lot. He was worried about a crack in the retaining wall near the caravan, in case the wall should collapse on to the caravan.

Mr. James retired about 11.30 p.m. and he slept in a separate room because of his insomnia. There was a terrible storm that night, with thunder, lightning and heavy rain.

Mrs. James said she got up at 8 a.m. the next day but did not wish to disturb her husband. However, at noon she found that he was not in his room, and she searched the house and garage for him.

Her husband had suffered from insomnia for 30 years and worried about it at times, and he also had a tendency to worry about little things.

"I'm convinced he got up that night with the intention of seeing the wall. I know now that he didn't go there" said Mrs. James.

Replying to the coroner's comment that her husband died of an overdose of barbiturates, Mrs. James said: "I have to believe it was an accident.....he never threatened to take his life; it was against his nature."

In answer to Mr. David Griffiths, who represented her at the inquest, Mrs. James said it was typical of her husband to check that things about the property were all right, even on a night such as that.

Rev. Francis Meredith Trumble, of East Sheen, London, said he

had been spending holidays at Llangrannog for some years and had become friendly with Mr. James. On July 3, 1975, he saw Mr. James several times. He was told he did not feel too well and was depressed and worried about the retaining wall at the caravan site. On July 7 he saw Mr. James again and his appearance was strange and he looked as if he had been asleep.

"He said he had been swimming. He mentioned the crack in the retaining wall and then said he was going for another swim."

He said he saw Mr. James half an hour later and he said he had enjoyed the swim.

"In the evening he came round to the caravan to bring newspapers. He was quite cheerful on this occasion. It was the last time I saw him alive" he said.

Mr. Thomas Hefin Davies, a farmer, of Efail Fach, Plwmp, said he had been helping in the search for Mr. James. On August 3 as a result of what he had been told he went to search tall brambles at Morawel where he found the body of Mr. James.

Police Inspector D. J. W. Evans, Cardigan, gave evidence of the search which had been carried out for Mr. James. On the afternoon of August 3 he went to Morawel, half a mile from Ivy House, where he saw the body.

Near the body were four empty tablet bottles, a bottle of squash and a plastic cup with a blue capsule in it.

Dr. Philip Marshal Vasey, of New Quay, said that Mr. James had been a patient of his for some years, and worried about little things. In 1973 he was treated for angina.

He said he was surprised that Mr. James had reached the spot where he was found, particularly in the storm. He would not be surprised if he had suffered a heart attack when he got there.

Coroner: "Assuming he had a heart attack, would that have affected his mental state?"

Dr. Vasey: "Yes."  
Coroner: "If he had an attack of angina, was it likely to cause mental confusion?"

Dr. Vasey: "Yes."  
Mr. David Griffiths: "Could the panic of pain have induced him to take more tablets than he need have?"

Dr. Vasey: "Yes."  
In reply to a question by the coroner, Dr. Beasley said: "It is possible that he had a heart attack that night.....it could have created mental confusion."

Coroner: "So confused that he would not know whether he was taking too many tablets?"

Dr. Beasley: "I couldn't answer that."

Recording an open verdict, the coroner said: "Having regard to the medical evidence before me this afternoon, I am not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that this man took his own life."