

GRAVE NO: A19

LAWRENCE, Major Thomas Lewis, PARRY, Dr Evan and Louisa, PYNE, Anna Maria Louisa



Inscription

In memory of Major T L Lawrence
of the Duffryn Mawr died
February 5th 1852 aged 75 years

Side 2 Also Dr Evan Parry late of
Crickhowell died May 11th 1898
aged 84 years

Side 3 In memory of Louisa, wife
of Evan Parry, Crickhowell, died
June 11th 1888 aged 65 years

Side 4 Also his sister Anna Maria
Louisa relict of Captain Henry
Pyne RN died September 12th
1873 aged 93 years

The Lawrence and Pyne families' story spans over a century, beginning with Thomas Lawrence's military service, including the defense of the Îles St-Marcou in 1798. His sister, Ann Maria Louisa, married naval officer Henry Pyne, and their daughter Louisa wed surgeon Evan Parry. Across generations, the family's journey unfolds through military valour and medical dedication culminating in their lasting legacy in Llanelly and beyond.

Thomas Lawrence, the son of Richard and Ann Lawrence, was privately baptized on December 11th, a tradition repeated five years later when his younger siblings, Ann Maria Louisa and John Lawrence, were also christened on December 8th, 1781.

Thomas grew into a formidable young man, dedicating his life to service. By May 5th, 1798, aged 22, he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant in the Marines, serving aboard the Badger. (The HMS Badger involved in the events of 1798 was a 4-gun gun vessel, formerly a Dutch hoy, purchased by the Royal Navy in 1794 and sold in 1802. These vessels were typically small, shallow-draft ships used for coastal operations and support roles).

His bravery shone in the defense of the Îles Saint-Marcouf, where he helped repel a fierce French attack, later earning the clasp for Egypt - a distinction awarded to British military personnel who served in the Egyptian campaign between 1801 and 1802. Given that the Battle of the Îles Saint-

Marcouf occurred in 1798, it's possible that Thomas Lewis Lawrence participated in the Egyptian campaign in subsequent years, leading to his receipt of the clasp.

The Battle of the Îles Saint-Marcouf took place on May 7th, 1798, during the French Revolutionary Wars. The Îles Saint-Marcouf are located near the Cotentin Peninsula on the Normandy coast of France. The British had established a garrison on these islands in 1795, using them as a resupply base for Royal Navy ships patrolling northern French waters. Recognizing the strategic importance of the islands, French forces aimed to dislodge the British garrison. However, the British defenders successfully repelled the French attack, maintaining control over the islands. The successful defense of the Îles Saint-Marcouf was a significant achievement for the British, demonstrating the strategic value of the islands and the effectiveness of their coastal defenses.

Meanwhile, his sister, Ann Maria Louisa Lawrence, followed a different path, finding love and partnership with Henry Pyne, a naval officer. The couple wed on May 2nd, 1812, at St. Augustine the Less in Bristol, with Curate Richard Bedford presiding. Ann gave birth to their daughter, Louisa Pyne, who was baptized alongside her brother Henry on March 13th, 1817, in the same church.

By 1841, Thomas Lawrence had retired as a Major and taken up residence at Duffryn Mawr, in Gilwern in Llanelly parish. At 60, he was a farmer and head of the household, which included his younger brother Daniel, a Navy man, and Amelia Pyne, a widow, presumably his sister, Ann Maria Louisa. Louisa Pyne, now a young woman of 20, also resided there, alongside the household's loyal servants.

In 1847, Thomas Lawrence found companionship in his later years, marrying Ann Jones. Meanwhile, Louisa Pyne, now of Clifton, married Evan Parry, a skilled surgeon from Crickhowell, on February 27th, 1851, in St. Andrew's Parish Church. Their home in Ivy Tower, Crickhowell, became a centre of medical practice and familial support, as Louisa's widowed mother, now 68, lived with them.

The following year, on February 5th, 1852, Thomas Lewis Lawrence passed away at the age of 75. He was laid to rest on February 13th at Llanelly Church, his life commemorated by Arthur Griffiths, the incumbent. His Will was probated on March 17th, 1852, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

The years rolled on. By 1861, Evan and Louisa Parry had settled into their lives on Beaufort Street, Crickhowell. Louisa's mother, now 78, continued to live with them. A decade later, in 1871, the family had moved to High Street, Crickhowell. Anna Maria Louisa Pyne, now 90, remained under their care, a living link to a past that spanned nearly a century. On September 12th, 1873, she passed away at the remarkable age of 90.

Louisa Parry, a devoted wife and daughter, continued her life with Evan until June 11th, 1883, when she too passed away at 65. She was buried in Llanelly Church on June 15th, with Rector Arthur Griffiths presiding. Evan Parry, now a widower, continued his service as a medical practitioner until he retired. By 1891, he resided in Alma Crescent, Llanarth, Cardiganshire, living out his twilight years.

On May 11th, 1898, Evan Parry passed away at 84 years old. His remains were laid to rest at Llanelly Church on May 14th, with Henry Martin, Vicar of Holy Trinity, officiating the burial. His probate was granted in London in July 1898, closing the chapter on a life of service, dedication, and family.

RECORDS:

BAPTISM RECORD

Thomas Lawrence, Son of Richard, and Ann Lawrence, privately baptised, December 11th 1776
Ann, Maria Louisa Lawrence, daughter of Richard, and Ann Lawrence privately baptised, December 8th 1781, with her brother John Lawrence.

1798 MAY 5TH, DEFENCE OF THE ISLE OF ST MARCOU AND REPULSE OF FRENCH ATTACK

Thomas Lewis Lawrence, Lieutenant, Marines, Badger, and clasp EGYPT

MARRIAGE RECORD

Anna Maria Louisa Lawrence and Henry Pyne, Naval Officer married May 2nd 1812, St Augustine, the less, Bristol, Richard Bedford, Curate.

BAPTISM RECORD

Louisa Pyne, Daughter of Henry and Louisa Pyne, baptized March 13th 1817, St Augustine the less, Bristol, along with her brother Henry, James Carter, Curate.

1841 Wales Census living at Duffryn Mawr, Lower Common, Llanelly, Breconshire.

Thomas Lawrence, Head, Retired Major, Farmer, aged 60, Daniel Lawrence, Navy, aged 54, Amelia Pyne, Widow, aged 55, Louisa Pyne, aged 20, Betsey Vaughan, Servant, aged 25, Catherine Rosser, Servant, aged 25, Watkin Jones, Servant, aged 20, James Davis, servant, aged 15.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Thomas Lewis Lawrence married Ann Jones, 1847, Qtr.1, Vol 26, Page 385

Louisa Pyne, of Clifton, and Evan Parry, Surgeon, of Crickhowell, married February 27th 1851, Parish Church of St Andrew, Clifton, by licence.

1851 Wales Census living at Duffryn Mawr, Lower Common, Llanelly, Breconshire

Thomas Lawrence, Head, Retired Major of Marines, aged 74, Ann, wife aged 53, Martha Watkins, Cook, aged 28, Mary Williams, Servant, aged 25, John Jones, Groom, aged 17.

1851 Wales Census living at Ivy Tower, Bailey Street, Crickhowell, Breconshire

Evan Parry, Head, MRCS London is a practicing General Practitioner, aged 37, Louisa, Wife, aged 33. Eliza Davies, Surgeon Servant, aged 26, Thomas Phillips, Surgeon Servant, aged 17, Anna Maria Louisa Pyne, Widow, Annuitant, aged 68.

DEATH AND BURIAL RECORD

Thomas Lewis Lawrence, died February 5th 1852, aged 75 years, Qtr1, Vol 11B, Page 100.

Thomas Lewis Lawrence buried February 13th 1852, Llanelly Church, Breconshire, A Griffiths, Incumbent.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858

Probate March 17th 1852.

1861 Wales Census living Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, Breconshire

Evan Parry, Head, Royal College of Surgeons, aged 47, Louisa, Wife, aged 42, Emma L Pyne, Mother-in-Law, Widow, Widow of Naval Officer, aged 78, Elizabeth Pritchard, General Servant, aged 18, Roger Michael, General Servant, aged 27.

1871 Wales Census living High Street, Crickhowell, Breconshire

Evan Parry, Head, Surgeon, aged 51, Louisa, Wife, aged 53, Anna M L Pyne. Mother-in-Law, Annuitant, aged 90, John B Hopkins, Nephew-in-Law, Pupil, aged 20, Louisa A Jones, Niece, Scholar, aged 13, Mary A Morgan, Domestic Servant, aged 20, Florence Price, Domestic Servant, aged 22.

DEATH RECORD

Anna Maria Louisa Pyne died September 12th 1873, aged 90 years, Qtr.3 Vol 11B, Page 86

1881 Wales Census living Pen-y-Dre, Crickhowell, Breconshire

Evan Parry, Head, Surgeon, aged 67, Louisa, Wife, aged 63, Alice Eliza Lewis, General Servant Dom, aged 22, George Henry Roberts, Groom Dom, aged 13.

DEATH AND BURIAL RECORD

Louisa Parry died June 11th 1883, aged 65 years

4/11	Eleventh June 1883	Louisa Parry	Female	65 Years	Wife of Evan Parry Surgeon	Gastro-Enteritis 3 days Double Pleurisy 2 days Syncope Certified by Albert Edward Jones M.R.C.S	Albert Edward Jones Present at the Death	Llandedi Road Crickhowell	June 1883	David Davies Registrar
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Louisa Parry, buried June 15th 1883, aged 65 years, Llanelly Church, Breconshire, A Griffiths, Rector.

1891 Wales Census living Alma Crescent, Llanarth, Cardiganshire

Evan Parry, Boarder, Retired Medical Practitioner Surgeon, aged 77

DEATH AND BURIAL RECORD

Evan Parry died May 11th 1898, aged 84 years. Qtr.2 Vol.11B, Page 31, Aberayron

Evan Parry buried May 14th 1898, Llanelly Church, Breconshire, Henry Martin, Vicar of Holy Trinity.

Evan Parry, Probate, London, July 1898