# GRAVE NO: A40 PROBERT, Lewis and Martha



#### Inscription

In loving memory of Lewis Probert, late Principal of Bala-Bangor, Congregational College who died 28<sup>th</sup> December 1908 aged 71.

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Also, Martha Probert died 10<sup>th</sup> December 1921 aged 80 years.

Lewis Probert, was the third son of Evan Probert, a Miner, and his wife Mary, he was born on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1837 at Llanelly, Breconshire and was baptised on October 15<sup>th</sup> 1837. He was brought up in the Siloam Church.

In 1862 Lewis began to preach and went to the Rev. Henry Oliver of Pontypridd's Preliminary School. In the summer of 1863, he was admitted to the Brecon Independent College. Before, completing his studies, he became involved with Bodringallt Chapel, and in 1867 he was ordained as its first Minister. He helped establish new churches, and in 1872, concentrated on Siloh Church, Pentre. In 1874 he moved to Portmadoc, returning to Pentre in 1886. In 1898, he was elected Principal of Bala-Bangor College.

In 1901, he was elected as Chairman of the Union of Welsh Independents. He was regarded as a preacher of the first rank and a fine theologian.

## Sources

Hanes Eglwysi Annibynnol Cymru, ii, 286 Album Aberhonddu ... o'r flwyddyn 1755 hyd 1880 (1898), 232 Y Tyst, 6 and 13 January 1909 Y Dysgedydd, 1909, 68-74



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## 1841 Wales Census living Pwll Cwm, Llanelly.

Lewis Probert, aged 3, with his parents Evan and Mary and siblings, John, Edmund, and Evan.

## 1851 Wales Census living Pwll Cwm, Llanelly.

Lewis Probert, Iron Miner, aged 13, with his parents Evan and Mary, and siblings, John. Edmund, and Evan.

#### 1861 Wales Census living Black Rock, Llanelly.

Lewis Probert, Iron Stone Miner, aged 23, with his parents Evan and Mary.

#### 1870, Lewis Probert married Annie Watkins

# 1871 Wales Census living By Church Clydach, Ystradyfodwg,

Lewis Probert, Head, independent Minister, aged 33, Annie, Wife, 26 1874, September Qtr. 4 Edgar Lewis Probert, son was born, Annie his wife died aged 29

#### 1881 Wales Census, living Mase, High Street, Ynys Cynhaiarn, Ffestiniog.

Lewis Probert, Head, Widower, Independent Minister, aged 39, Ellen Williams, Housekeeper, aged 23, Ann Hughes, Domestic Servant, aged 15

#### 1891 Wales Census living 5, Llewellyn Street, Ydtradyfodwg.

Lewis Probert, Head, Independent Minister, aged 49, Martha, Wife, aged 44, Edgar, L, Son, Scholar, aged 16, Jane Ellen Roberts, Domestic Servant, aged 13

#### OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 1898, SOUTH WALES DAILY NEWS

# PENTRE.

FAREWELL SERMON.—On Sunday evening the Rev. Lewis Probert, D.D., preached his farewell sermon at Siloh Welsh Congregational Church, Pentre, where he has been a devoted pastor for many years. Dr. Probert was recently appointed principal of Bala-Bangor College, and will commence upon his new duties to-day (Tuesday).

#### 1901 Census living 41, College Road, Bangor, Caernarvon.

Lewis Probert, Head, Independent Minister, Principal and Professor of Independent College, aged 60, Martha, Wife, aged 54, Elizabeth A Williams, General Servant Domestic, aged 19.

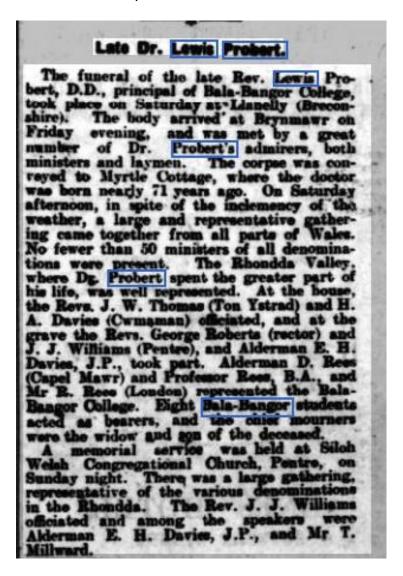
#### **BURIAL AND DEATH RECORD**

Lewis Probert, 1908, Qtr.4, Vol 11b, Page 299, Bangor, Anglesey.

## JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 1909, BRECON COUNTY TIMES

#### A NATIVE OF BRECONSHIRE. Probert, the distinguished Con-Lewis Principal of the Bala-Bangor regationalist, Independent College, Bangor, passed away peacefully on Monday night. Dr. Probert retired, apparently, in good health, and partook of light supper in accordance with his custom. At 8 30 on Tuesday morning Mrs Probert, on taking up her letters, found him dead. having husband's evidently passed away peacefully in his sleep. The eminent divine had complained occasional of failing strength, but his condition had given no anxiety either to himself or his friends. Dr. Probert preached Day Christmas anniversary sermons at the Congregational Church, Carnarvon, and on the day preceding his death he was out of doors apparently in normal condition native of Llanelly. He was of health. Breconshire, and was descended from an old and well-known family of that county. The interment took place at Lianelly.

# JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 1909, RADNOR EXPRESS



Lewis Probert, Bangor, buried, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909, aged 71 years, Llanelly Church, George Roberts, Rector.

Probate, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1909, Lewis Probert died 29<sup>th</sup> December 1908, The Reverend Lewis Probert of Henfryn, Bangor, Congregational Minister, and Doctor of Divinity.

## 1911 Wales Census Visiting 3, Hamilton Street, Cardiff

Martha Probert, Widow, aged 66, visiting the Banner family.

## 1921 Wales Census Living 23, Upper Canning Street, Ton Pentre, Rhondda, Glamorgan

Edgar Lewis Probert, Head, Practicing Accountant, Kate, Wife, aged 41, Eileen, Daughter, 11, Lewis, Son, aged 9, Hilda, Daughter, aged 6, Renna Marguerite, aged 4, Martha, Mother, Widow, aged 79.

#### **DEATH RECORD**

Martha Probert, Qtr.4, Vol 11A, Page 642, Pontypridd.

Probate, February  $27^{th}$  1922, Martha Probert, of Clydach Villa, Upper Canning Street, Ton Pentre, Rhondda, Widow, died December  $10^{th}$  1921.

## DECEMBER 12TH 1921, WESTERN MAIL

TON PENTRE. The death occurred at her residence at Clydach Villa, Ton Pentre, on Saturday of Mrs. Martha Probert, widow of the Principal Lewis Probert, D.D., of Bangor, in her 80th year. Mrs. Probert had gained distinction during her lifetime, and proved a valuable helpmate to the late Principal Probert in his pastoral work, thus enabling him to devote fuller time to works, that were later to be recognised by the nation for standardisation. native of Builth Wells. The funeral Lianelly Cemetery takes place on Wednes day and will be strictly private.