

GRAVE No: D30

LEEK, John



Inscription:

In Memory of
JOHN LEEK
of Brynmawr
Who died October 15th 1869

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'

October 2nd 1869

Leek, John, 28, Collier, Bailey's Pit Nantyglo. Explosion of gas. Two men severely injured when working at the face on October 2nd. Leek died a fortnight later from his injuries.

At the Inquest the Coroners committed Daniel Morris, Overman & Foreman, for trial on a charge of Manslaughter. Mr J Plews, Merthyr, appeared for **J Brown** the stepfather of the deceased. Mr C H James, Merthyr, for the defendant. After several witness and workmates had given evidence, his worship Mr Jayne said that he never came to a decision with a clearer conscience in his life than he did in the case just heard which he dismissed.

1841 BIRTH RECORD Crickhowell Oct Nov Dec Vol 26 Page 268.

John Leek born to Abraham of Llanelly and Rebecca Leek [Morgan] of Llangattock.

1851 Census of Wales living at Wain y ly can, Brynmawr, Llanelly.

John Leek aged 9 years with parents Abraham aged 28, a stone mason and 3 siblings. Also present is James Brown aged 23 a coalminer of Llanelly.

1860 Emigration to Australia.

There is firm evidence that Abraham Leek emigrates to Australia and marries a Catherine Nicholson in Victoria leaving wife Rebecca to raise 4 children with the help of Boarder James Brown who becomes a step father.

1861 Census of Wales living in Chapel Street, Brynmawr.

John Leek aged 19, a coalminer with mother Rebecca aged 36 and 4 siblings. Also present is James Brown aged 32, a coalminer and boarder with Thomas Brown aged 2 years.

1863 MARRIAGE RECORD Crickhowell Jul Aug Sep Vol 11b Page 179

John Leek aged 21 years marries Rachel Davies aged 20 of Llanelly.

1869 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Church. Curate J P Allen.

October 15th John Leek of Brynmawr dies of injuries incurred at Bailey's Pit and is buried on the 19th.

1871 Census of Wales living in Worcester Street East, Brynmawr.

Rachel Leek aged 28 years now a widow with children Harriet aged 3 and Rebecca Ann aged 1 year. Also present is a lodger John Powell aged 56 years, a widower and Calvinistic Minister [Libanus]