

**GRAVE NO: E2 {Link to F319 parents, E1, F318 & F251}
ANDREW, Joshua, Diana, Dinah, Arthur Reynold**



Inscription:

In memory of
Joshua son of William and Mary Andrew
of this parish
who died Sept 17th, 1850
aged 5 years.

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

Also Diana daughter of the above died
Sept 3rd 1852
aged 2 years & 2 months.

Also Dinah their daughter died Nov 27
1853 aged 15 months.

Also Arthur Reynold Andrew their son
died Feb 17th 1861
aged 10 months.

The Andrew Children of Gilwern

William Andrew and his wife Mary lived in the village of Gilwern, Llanelly Parish. William worked as a sawyer, a skilled and physically demanding trade that supported a busy household and, at times, other workers who lived with the family.

Their story is deeply marked by love, hope — and heart breaking loss.

Their first recorded child, Joshua Andrew, was born in the summer of 1846 and baptised on 30 August at St Elli Church, Llanelly. For five years Joshua would have been a lively presence in the home, but on 17 September 1850, tragedy struck when he died aged just five years. He was laid to rest at St Elli two days later, on 19 September.

Only months earlier, in the spring of 1850, William and Mary had welcomed a daughter, Diana Andrew, baptised on 7 July at the same church. When the 1851 Census of Wales was taken, the household at Gilwern was full:

William (32), Mary (33), their daughter Mary Ann aged 2, baby Diana aged 9 months, a young servant Anna Andrew (19), and several fellow sawyers — John Griffiths (49), William Matthews (28), and Thomas Jones (30). It paints a vivid picture of a hardworking home, crowded but alive with industry and family.

The following years brought repeated sorrow.

Another daughter, Dinah Andrew, was born in the summer of 1852 and baptised on 3 October at St Elli. But before the year was out, the family suffered a devastating blow when little Diana died on 3 September 1852, aged only two years, and was buried three days later.

Their grief had barely settled when it returned once more. Dinah herself died on 27 November 1853, just 15 months old, and was buried at St Elli on 29 November.

Still, William and Mary continued to hope. In 1860, they welcomed a son, Arthur Reynold Andrew, baptised on 27 May. Yet fate was cruelly consistent: on 17 February 1861, Arthur died at just ten months of age, and he too was buried at St Elli Church on the 20th.

In the space of fifteen years, four children — Joshua, Diana, Dinah, and Arthur Reynold — were all lost in infancy or early childhood. Their small graves are silent witnesses to a period when childhood survival was heartbreakingly uncertain.

Family Connections

These children belonged to Family Group F319 — the household of William Andrew and his wife Mary.

William's brother, John Andrew (E1), who died in 1852 aged 19, was their uncle.

Another son, William Joshua Andrew (F318), and their daughter Sarah Ann Williams (née Andrew), whose grave is recorded as E251, were siblings to the four lost children.

RECORDS

1846 BIRTH RECORD {Crickhowell Jul Aug Sept Vol 22 Page 7}

Birth of Joshua Andrew baptised 30th August at St Elli Church, parents William and Mary Andrew.

1850 BIRTH Record {Crickhowell Apr May Jun Vol 26 Page 3532}

Birth of Diana Andrew, baptised 7th July at St Elli Church, parents William and Mary Andrew

1850 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Records {Crickhowell Jul Aug Sep Vol 26 Page 214}

17th September Joshua Andrew died aged 5 and was buried at St Elli on the 19th.

1851 Census of Wales living in Gilwern.

William Andrew aged 32 years, a Sawyer, wife Mary Andrew, wife aged 33 years, Mary Ann Andrew, daughter aged 2, Diana Andrew, daughter aged 9 months, Anna Andrew, servant aged 19, John Griffiths, sawyer, aged 49, William Matthews, sawyer aged 28, Thomas Jones, sawyer aged 30.

1852 BIRTH RECORD {Crickhowell Jul Aug Sept Vol 11b Page 134}

Birth of Dinah Andrew, baptised 3rd October at St Elli Church, parents William and Mary

1852 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Records {Crickhowell Jul Aug Sep Vol 11b Page 90}

3rd September Diana died aged 2 years and was buried at St Elli on the 6th.

1853 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Records {Crickhowell Oct Nov Dec Vol 11b Page 94}
27th November Dinah Andrew died aged 15 months old and was buried at St Elli on the 29th

1860 BIRTH RECORD {Crickhowell Apr May Jun Vol 11b Page 132}
Birth of Arthur Reynold Andrew, baptised 27th May, parents William and Mary

1861 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Records {Crickhowell Jan Feb Mar Vol 11b Page 114}
17th February Arthur Reynold Andrew died aged 10 months and was buried at St Elli Church on the 20th.

Additional Information

There are several graves at St Elli Church that relate to the Andrew family.

This bio relates to four children of William and Mary Andrew {F319} all of whom died in infancy

F319 is for William Andrew and wife Mary, parents of all the children in E2.

E1- John Andrew is the brother of William Andrew who died 1952 aged 19. This is the uncle to all the children in E2.

F318-William Joshua Andrew, son of William Andrew, brother to the children detailed in E2.

E251- The grave of Sarah Ann Williams nee Andrew, daughter of William and Mary, sister to the children detailed in E2.