

**GRAVE No: E92 [Related to F290 Thomas Jones 'Jones the clerk.']
GEORGE, Samuel, Mary Hannah, & Elizabeth**



Inscription:

In Memory Of
SAMUEL GEORGE
Late of this Parish National Schoolmaster
Who died 24 July 1866 aged 28.

MARY HANNAH
Daughter of SAMUEL & ELIZABETH GEORGE
Died April 6th 1867 aged 14 months.
Also
ELIZABETH
His wife died May 26 1884 aged 43

Grave E92 is associated with the George family and the Jones family with particular links to Thomas Jones, often remembered locally as "Jones the clerk" (Grave F290).

Both families had their origins in the rural parish of Llangeler, near Newcastle Emlyn in Carmarthenshire. The 1851 census records Samuel George, aged 14, living in Llangeler with his parents, David and Mary George. David, then aged 60, was a carpenter, and the family had experienced a period abroad, as several of the children, including Samuel, were born in America before their return to Wales. At the same time, Elizabeth Jones, aged 10, was living with her parents, Thomas and Mary Jones, at Garn Vach in Aberystroth, Monmouthshire. Her father, Thomas Jones, originally from Llangeler, was a tailor and draper who would later become a well-known figure in Llanelly, serving as parish clerk and sexton of St Elli Church for around forty years.

By 1861, Elizabeth Jones, aged 20, was living near Church House in Llanelly with her mother, Mary, while her father Thomas was working in Brynmawr as a tailor and draper, employing one man. The family remained closely connected to the Llanelly parish and church.

On 17 April 1862, at Llanelly Parish Church, Samuel George, then aged 24 and working as a schoolmaster, married Elizabeth Jones, aged 21. The marriage united two families with shared Carmarthenshire roots. Samuel was the son of David George, carpenter, and Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Jones, parish clerk. The ceremony was conducted by the incumbent, Arthur Griffiths, and witnessed by family members, including Elizabeth's sister Mary Ann and her father.

The couple made their home at Church House in Llanelly, where Samuel worked as a national school teacher. In this role, he would have taught local children the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, alongside religious instruction, as part of the parish-based education system closely connected to the Church. Such positions were important within rural communities, placing the schoolmaster at the heart of both educational and moral life.

Their time together, however, was tragically short. Samuel George died on 24 July 1866, leaving Elizabeth a widow. That same year, on 10 February, their daughter Mary Hannah George had been born and was later baptised at St Elli Church. Sadly, she too died in infancy, on 6 April 1867, and was buried a few days later.

By 1871, Elizabeth George was living as a widow in Llanelly, working as a domestic servant at Penybont House. Ten years later, in 1881, she had returned to Church House, living with her father, Thomas Jones, now also widowed, and her brother John Methuselah Jones, a tailor. Also in the household was her daughter, Elizabeth A. George, then aged 17, who had been born in Seend, Wiltshire, reflecting a period the family had spent outside Wales.

Elizabeth George's life was marked by early loss and quiet resilience. She died on 26 May 1884 at the age of 43 and was buried at St Elli Church a few days later.

Grave E92 stands as a reminder of intertwined family histories, of migration between Wales and beyond, and of lives shaped by service to community, church, and education.

1851 Census of Wales living in Llangeler, Carmarthenshire.

Samuel George aged 14 years, a scholar and British subject born in America in 1838 with parents David 60 a carpenter of Carmarthenshire [Llangeler] and Mary 50 also of Carmarthenshire with siblings James 29 a bookbinder of Llangeler Carmarthenshire, David 16 and Evan 12 both British subjects born in America.

1851 Census of Wales living at Garn Vach, Aberystroth, Monmouthshire.

Elizabeth Jones aged 10 born Carmarthenshire [Llangeler] with parents Thomas [F290] 36 a tailor and draper of Llangeler Carmarthenshire and Mary [Griffiths] of Glanrhyd, Carmarthenshire, and siblings Mary Ann 5, and George aged 9 months.

Both the George and Jones families originated from and lived in or near Llangeler, a village near Newcastle Emlyn. Carmarthenshire. Thomas Jones was also the sexton and clerk for St Elli for some 40 years.

1861 Census of Wales living near Church [Church House] Llanelly.

Elizabeth Jones 20 living with mother Mary 57 living in the household of Job Jones 49 a blacksmith with siblings David 22, George Howell 11, John Methuselah 7 and Sara aged 2 years.

Father Thomas 57 is living in Beaufort Street Brynmawr as a tailor and draper employing 1 man with daughter Mary Ann aged 14.

1862 MARRIAGE RECORD Llanelly Parish Records.

17th April Samuel George aged 24 a bachelor and schoolmaster of Llanelly father David George a carpenter marries Elizabeth Jones aged 21 a spinster of Llanelly father **Thomas Jones [F290]** Parish Clerk.

Married by Arthur Griffiths, incumbent and witnessed by Herbert W Davies [curate of Llanelly 1861-62.] Mary Ann Jones [sister] and Thomas Jones.

1866 DEATH RECORD England and Wales Index of Wills.

Samuel George late of Church House in the parish of Llanelly, school master, who died 24 July at the Church House. Probate to Elizabeth George widow and relict.

1866 BIRTH RECORD St Elli [Llanelly Parish Records.]

10th February and baptised on 19th August Mary Hannah George, parents Samuel a national school teacher and Elizabeth of Church House Llanelly. Curate Daniel Lewis.

1867 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Records.]

6th April death of Mary Hannah George, buried as Mary Hannah Jones on April 9th.

1871 Census of Wales living at Penybont House, Llanelly

Elizabeth George aged 30, a widow and domestic servant for George Lewis Hiley 43 canal agent and landowner and family.

1881 Census of Wales living at Church House, Llanelly.

Elizabeth George 40 a widow with father Thomas Jones [F290] also a widower, a tailor and draper and his son John Methuselah Jones, 27, a tailor. Also present is her daughter Elizabeth A George aged 17 years who was born in Seend, Wiltshire.

1884 DEATH RECORD St Elli [Llanelly Parish Records.]

26th May death of Elizabeth George aged 43 of Church House and buried on the 30th. Curate John Davies.