

GRAVE NO: F30 [End of Row]

WATKINS, John



Inscription:
In Loving Memory of
JOHN WATKINS
of Gilwern
Died March 2nd 1911
aged 28 years.

Thy will be done

BIRTH RECORD

1883 No record of a birth found registered in Crickhowell, only Monmouth

1891 Wales Census living at Old Trap, Gilwern

A John Watson aged 8 years living with Mary Ann Watkins a Widow aged 60 years described as his mother but in fact is his Grand Mother.

1901 Wales Census living at Old Trap Cottage, Gilwern

A John Watson aged 18 years living with his Grand Mother Mary Ann Watkins, a Widow, and family including her sons Thomas and Jacob, both unmarried and working at a Limestone Quarry. John Watson is described as *'Feeble minded from childhood'*.

1911 Wales Census living at Station Terrace, Gilwern

Thomas and Jacob Watkins, both single.

1911 DEATH RECORD

John Watson dies on the 2nd March 1911 aged 28 years and buried on the 4th March.

COMMENT

The evidence for selecting this John Watson as a possible candidate is based on

1. Period of life 1883 to 1911 appearing in both the 1891 and 1901 Censii.
2. Geographical information. Living at Old Trap Cottages, Gilwern, in both Censii. And Station Terrace, near Old Trap, on the Burial Record.
3. The simple inscription on the Gravestone with no family members.
4. The position of the Gravestone 'out of the way'.

In those days, 'Feeble Minded' relatives were more of an embarrassment to families. I think John Watson was lucky to be cared for and remembered with a 'Headstone'.

At Pen-y- Fal Asylum in Abergavenny there is a large area which is now protected where hundreds of patients were buried and forgotten about by relatives and the establishment.