

GRAVE No: F 82

WILLIAMS, John and Mary and their children



Inscription:

In Loving Memory of
HENRY ARTHUR [ARTHUR] who died February 27th 1896 aged 5 years.
ALBERT EDWARD [BERTIE] who died December 16th 1897 aged 10 years
GWEN HANNAH [NANCY] who died January 7th 1898 aged 3 years.
The dearly beloved children of
JOHN EDWARD & MARY LAURA WILLIAMS
Manager of the Clydach works
'And we shall be with those that rest asleep within the tomb.'

Also of FLORENCE EDITH died December 3rd 1901 aged 14 weeks.
Also of JOHN EDWARD WILLIAMS J.P, C.C. of Nant Duar Clydach
Breconshire, dearly beloved husband of MARY LAURA WILLIAMS,
Who passed away March 1st 1920 aged 56 years.
'With Christ which is far better.'

In ever loving memory of ELEANOR LAURA, dearly beloved youngest
daughter of the above, who died February 12th 1923 aged 25 years.
'Peace Perfect Peace.'

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In affectionate remembrance of MARY LAURA, widow of the above
JOHN EDWARD WILLIAMS who died August 31st 1935 aged 70.
'Life's work well done.'

1863 BIRTH RECORD {Bedwellty Apr May Jun Vol 11a Page 93}

Birth of John Edward Williams.

1868 BIRTH RECORD Llangynidr Parish Records [included Dukestown]

11th March baptism of Mary Laura Wakefield aged 3 years, parents John and Hannah of Dukestown.

1871 Wales Census living at Engineers House, Dukestown, Sirhowy.

John Edward Williams aged 8 years born in Bedwellty with parents Thomas aged 38, of Bedwellty, Clerk at the Iron works and Mary aged 36 of Llansilin Denbighshire. Also siblings Thomas 12, Joseph 10, William 5 David 4, Walter 2, ad Alfred aged 1 month.

1871 Wales Census living next door to the Prince Llewellyn Inn, Dukestown.

Laura Wakefield aged 6 years with parents John, a master engine fitter employing 2 men and Hannah. Also present a sibling Agnes.

1881 Wales Census living at Nantymelin Cottage, Sirhowy.

John Edward Williams aged 18 years, a clerk, with parents Thomas a cashier and Mary. Also siblings William 16, and David 14, both clerks and Walter 12, Alfred 10, and Elizabeth 8, plus a cook.

1885 MARRIAGE RECORD at the Parish Church Bedwellty.

3rd December John Edward Williams aged 23, a bachelor and clerk of Ebbw Vale, father Thomas a cashier marries Mary Laura Wakefield aged 21, a spinster of Ebbw Vale father John, a mechanic.

1891 Census of Wales living at 32 Mount Pleasant Road, Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty.

John Edward Williams aged 28, an agent, with wife Mary Laura aged 26 with children Thomas Edgar 4, Albert Edward 3, Agnes Mary 2, Henry Arthur 3 months and a servant.

1896 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Church Records.

27th February Death of Henry Arthur Williams aged 5 years of Gilwern and is buried on the 2nd of March.

1897 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Church Records.

16th December Albert Edward Williams of Nant Dyar House Clydach dies aged 9 years & 10 months and is buried on the 20th.

1898 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Church Records.

7th January Gwen Hannah Williams of Nant Dyar House Clydach dies aged 3 years and is buried on the 10th.

1901 Census of Wales living at Nant Duar House, Clydach.

John Edward Williams aged 37, Manager of a limestone works with wife Mary Laura aged 36 and children Thomas E 14, Agnes 11, Sarah Isobel 8, Eleanor Laura 3, Joseph 1 and a housemaid.

1911 Census of Wales living at Nant Duar House, Gilwern.

John Edward Williams aged 48, secretary & manager of a Lime & Stone company with wife Mary Laura aged 46 with children Thomas Edgar 24, a draughtsman at the Iron & Steel works, Eleanor Laura 13, and Joseph Emrys aged 11. They have been married for 26 years and had 9 children 4 of whom have died.

1920 DEATH RECORD Llanfihangel Pontymoile [Llanelly Parish Church].

1st March. John Edward Williams of Nant Duar House, Clydach dies aged 56 and is buried on the 4th.

1921 Census of Wales living at The Villa, Clydach, Abergavenny.

Mary Laura Williams aged 55 years & 5 months, a widow and housewife living on private means with children Agnes 29, certificated assistant teacher for the Abertillery education authority at Brynhyfryd school Llanhilleth, Isabelle [Pickering] 27, with her 3 children and Emrys 22, a chemical analyst for the Blaenavon iron & steel works currently out of work.

1935 DEATH RECORD Llanfihangel Pontymoile [Llanelly Parish Church]

31st August Mary Laura Williams of The Royal Infirmary, 58 Grosvenor Street, Wallasey, Liverpool, dies aged 70 and is buried on September 3rd.

Additional Information:

In 1909, Agnes was granted a bursary by the governors of Brynmawr School presumably to pursue her education as a school teacher.

During the 1920s the three children of Mary Laura Williams, Agnes, Sarah Isobel and Joseph Emrys all emigrated to Cleveland Ohio to pursue their various occupations. Agnes taught in a public school and was married there, as did Joseph Emrys, a steel works foreman. Isabelle Pickering emigrated with husband John a steel works manager. Mary Laura, their mother visited on at least two occasions in 1923 and 1935 returning a few months before she died at Liverpool Royal Infirmary.

John Edward Williams was a Justice of the peace and county councillor representing Clydach. He was secretary and manager of the Clydach and Abergavenny Lime and Stone companies Ltd. In 1901 he presided over a meeting of the Parish Council and parishioners to discuss the District Council's report on Brynmawr Sewerage. That year the medical officer of health closed schools in Clydach, Darrenfelin and Gilwern for a month due to the Typhoid epidemic. He was also active in local school boards.