

GRAVE NO: F88

LEWIS & MARY LEONARD



Inscription

Er Coffadwraeth Am
LEWIS LEONARD
o'r plwyf hwn.
Yr hwn a fu farw Gorphenaf 4ydd 1895
yn 59 mlwydd oed.

*'Am hynny byddwch chwithau barod canys yn yr awr ni
thybiwch y daw Mab y Dyn.'*

*[Wherefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think
not the Son of Man cometh.] Matt 24 v 44*

hefyd MARY LEONARD ei gwraig.
Yr hon a fu farw Rhagfyr 14ydd 1911 yn 74 oed.
'Gwyn eu byd y meirw y rhai sydd yn mare yn yr Arglwydd.'

[Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord] Rev 14 v 13

Lewis Leonard was born in 1836 and baptised on June 19th at Llanbedr Church. He was the son of James Leonard, a blacksmith, and his wife Leah.

In the 1841 Wales Census, four-year-old Lewis was living with his parents, James and Leah, at Grossfach, Llanbedr but by the 1851 Census, 13-year-old Lewis was living at Railroad, Llanelly. He was working as a servant and haulier under Rees and Rachel Davies, with Rees's occupation listed as a coal haulier.

In 1861, Lewis was living at Roadside, Prisk, Beaufort, Llangattock, aged 24 and was now working as a labourer at the ironworks; he lodged with Mary Williams, a widowed green grocer, and her family.

On September 25th 1865, Lewis Leonard, aged 29, married Mary Davies at Llanelly Parish Church. Mary Davies also from Llanelly, was the daughter of John Davies, a bailiff. The marriage was witnessed by William Davies and Thomas Jones, with both Lewis and Mary signing with their marks.

In the 1871 Census, Lewis and Mary were living at Corn Shop House, Llanelly. Lewis, aged 34, was a collier, and Mary, aged 33, was noted as having been born in Merthyr Cynog. They were also caring for their seven-year-old niece, Anne Davies, who was born in Brynmawr.

By the 1881 and 1891 Censuses, Lewis and Mary were living in Darrenfelen, Llanelly. Lewis continued to work as a coal miner, and the couple lived alone. Both were Welsh speakers, reflected in the Welsh inscription on their headstone.

Lewis Leonard passed away on July 4th 1895, at the age of 59. He was buried four days later, on July 8th, at Llanelly Parish Church.

In the 1901 Census, Mary Leonard, now a 64-year-old widow, was still living in Darrenfelen, Llanelly. Her occupation was listed as a church cleaner. By the time of the 1911 Census, Mary was 71 years old and living alone in Darrenfelen, Llanelly. She worked as a mission caretaker. The census records confirmed that she and Lewis had no children. Mary Leonard passed away on December 14th, 1911, with her death registered in Crickhowell.