

**GRAVE No: D35**  
**LODGE, Children of Richard & Jane**



***Inscription:***

Elizabeth Mary daughter of  
RICHARD and JANE LODGE Nantyglo.  
Died June 5<sup>th</sup> 1850 aged 16 months.

Also of Edward James Lodge  
their son who died January 21<sup>st</sup> 1854  
Aged 5 months.

***Opposite side:***

Margaret Jane Lodge  
Died 11<sup>th</sup> May 1861 aged 8 months.

## **The Life of Richard Lodge: Grocer of Monmouthshire and Glamorgan**

Richard Lodge was born in 1816 on Tudor Street, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, to Richard and Mary Lodge, both working in the grocery trade. From an early age, Richard followed in their footsteps, establishing a lifelong career as a grocer.

By 1841, he was living in the household of Mr Jayne in Gelly Felen, near the Clydach Works in Llanelly, and working as a grocer. Also in the house was John Jayne Junior, a 15-year-old grocer — a young man who would later become family.

On 6th April 1848, Richard married Jane Jayne at Llanelly Parish Church, in a service conducted by Curate J. Hughes. Richard, a bachelor and grocer of Nantyglo, was the son of a farmer, also named Richard. Jane was the daughter of John Jayne, a farmer of Clydach. Their union marked the beginning of a strong family and business partnership.

Their early married life was marked by both joy and loss. In January 1849, their daughter Elizabeth Mary was born, but she sadly passed away on 5th June 1850, aged just 16 months. By the time of the 1851 Census, Richard and Jane were living in Aberystroth with their new-born son, Frederick. Richard was now employing five staff in his grocery business, evidence of a thriving enterprise.

Another child, Edward James, was born in September 1853 but lived only five months, passing away in January 1854.

By 1861, the family had relocated to Commercial Place in Aberdare. Richard and Jane were still running their grocery business, and their household included children Frederick (10), Arthur (5), Henry Lloyd (5), and infant Margaret Jane (7 months). The busy household also included Jane's nephew David Jayne, a young carrier named Alfred Lodge, three additional staff, and a nursemaid. Sadly, little Margaret Jane died on 11th May 1861, aged only 8 months — another blow to the family.

After many years in the grocery trade, Richard and Jane retired around 1881 and moved to Leeds, Yorkshire, to live with their son Frederick John Lodge, who had established himself as a boot and shoe dealer. Their son Henry Lloyd Lodge also found success in the same industry, becoming a boot manufacturer.

Richard Lodge passed away in 1895 and was buried near Leeds. Jane survived him by nine years, passing away in 1904. Their lives, marked by industry, perseverance, and quiet resilience, left a lasting legacy through both their family and their work.

#### **SOURCES:**

##### **1816 BIRTH RECORD Tudor Street, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.**

Richard Lodge parents Richard and Mary Lodge, grocers.

##### **1841 Census of Wales living at Mr Jayne's House, Gelly Felen, Clydach Works, Llanelly.**

Richard Lodge aged 25 years, a grocer living in the house of Mr Jayne with several people notably John Jayne Junior aged 15 also a grocer.

##### **1848 MARRIAGE RECORD Llanelly Parish Church, by license, Curate J Hughes.**

April 6<sup>th</sup> Richard Lodge of full age, a bachelor and grocer of Nantyglo Aberystroth, father Richard a farmer? Marries Jane Jayne of full age, a spinster of Clydach father John Jayne a farmer.

##### **1850 BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD.**

Elizabeth Mary Lodge of Nantyglo born January 1849 and died June 5<sup>th</sup> 1850 aged 16 months.

##### **1851 Census of Wales Aberystroth [Nantyglo].**

Richard Lodge aged 35 years, a grocer with wife Jane aged 32 employing 5 staff. Also their son Frederick aged 2 months.

##### **1854 DEATH RECORD Llanelly Parish Church, Curate William Green.**

Edward James Lodge of Nantyglo is born in September 1853 and dies January 21<sup>st</sup> 1854 and is buried on the 24<sup>th</sup> aged 5 months.

##### **1861 Census of Wales living in Commercial Place, Aberdare.**

Margaret [Jane] Lodge aged 7 months with parents Richard and Jane, grocers with siblings Frederick [John] aged 10, Arthur aged 5, and Henry [Lloyd] aged 5. Also present is a visitor Alfred Lodge aged 18, a 'carrier' [tans leather] and nephew David Jayne aged 21 a shop man with 3 other staff. The family have a nursemaid.

##### **1861 DEATH RECORD**

Margaret Jane Lodge born October 1860 dies May 11<sup>th</sup> aged 8 months.