

THE ELIAS FAMILY

William Elias

The earliest photo of an Elias coracle man is William Elias BEM (1876-1973). Here a young William is pictured sitting on the right foreground c1886.



William became a boat builder and master coracle maker, as were many in his family, including Joe Elias who was also a skilled coracle maker.



Later in his life, William was awarded the **B.E.M.** for his services to coracle fishing and was determined to pass his knowledge to his grandsons, Raymond and Brian Rees

Many of the Elias family have followed the family tradition over the years.

Both William's grandsons, Raymond and Brian, became skilled coracle men in fishing, coracle building and

