



# The Jones Dynasty

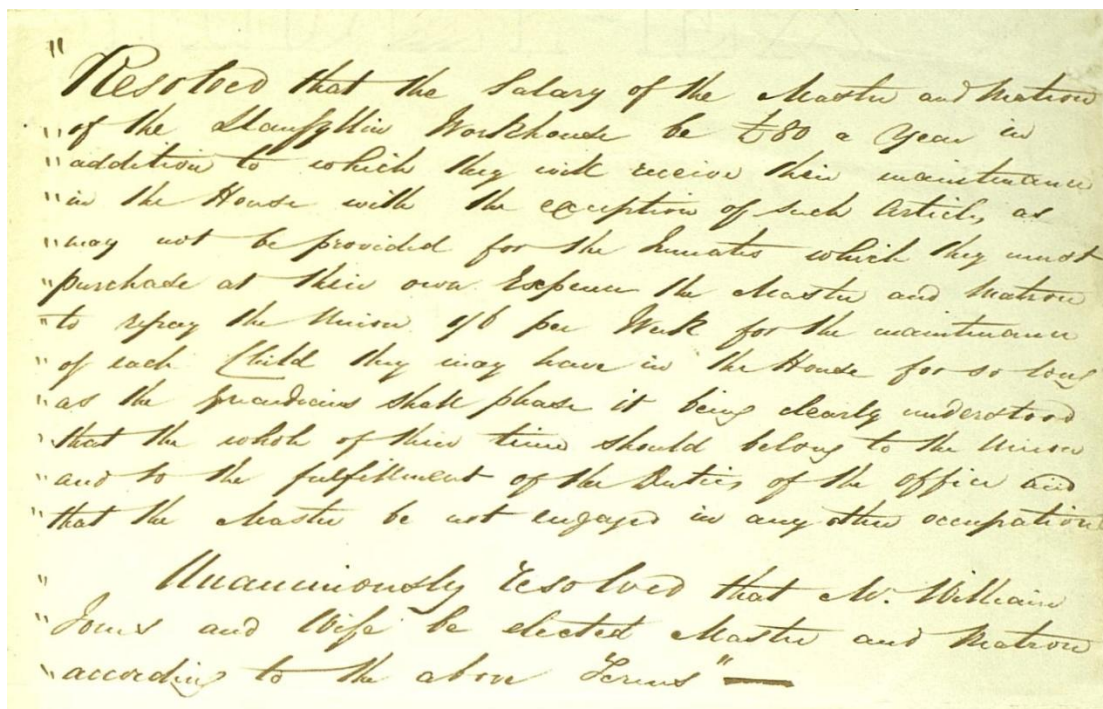
<b>William</b>	<b>Master (1839 - 1844)</b> <b>Clerk to the Guardians (1847 - 1870)</b>
<b>Ann</b>	<b>Matron (1839 - 1843)</b>
<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Matron (1843 - 1844)</b> <b>Seamstress (1853 - 1856)</b>
<b>Maria</b>	<b>Schoolmistress (1841 - 1842)</b>
<b>Thomas Aubrey</b>	<b>Relieving Officer (1870 - 1872)</b> <b>Master (1877 - 1909)</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>Matron (1877 - 1904)</b>
<b>Norah</b>	<b>Matron (1904 - 1909)</b>

Following the introduction of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1834, the Llanfyllin Poor Law Union came into being on 16 February 1837. Local landowner, Martin Williams, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Guardians and local solicitor, Humphrey Lloyd Williams was appointed Clerk.

The newly elected Guardians lost no time in resolving to build a new workhouse, capable of housing 250 paupers.

The building was completed in early 1839 and the Guardians considered the appointment of a Master and Matron. This was to be a joint appointment and a married couple was required.

At their meeting of 5 March 1839, the Guardians decided to appoint William Jones and his wife, Ann, to be Master and Matron.



"Resolved that the Salary of the Master and Matron  
of the Llanfyllin Workhouse be £80 a Year in  
addition to which they will receive their maintenance  
in the House with the exception of such articles, as  
may not be provided for the inmates which they must  
purchase at their own expense the Master and Matron  
to repay the Union 40 per Week for the maintenance  
of each Child they may have in the House for so long  
as the Guardians shall please it being clearly understood  
that the whole of their time should belong to the Union  
and to the fulfillment of the Duties of the office and  
that the Master be not engaged in any other occupation.

Unanimously resolved that W. Williams  
Jones and Wife be elected Master and Matron  
according to the above Terms —

Previously, William had been clerk to Humphrey Lloyd Williams in his Solicitor's practice.

William and Ann duly moved into the new Master's House together with their family.

William, Ann and their children, together with Williams's sister Amelia are recorded in the 1841 census .....

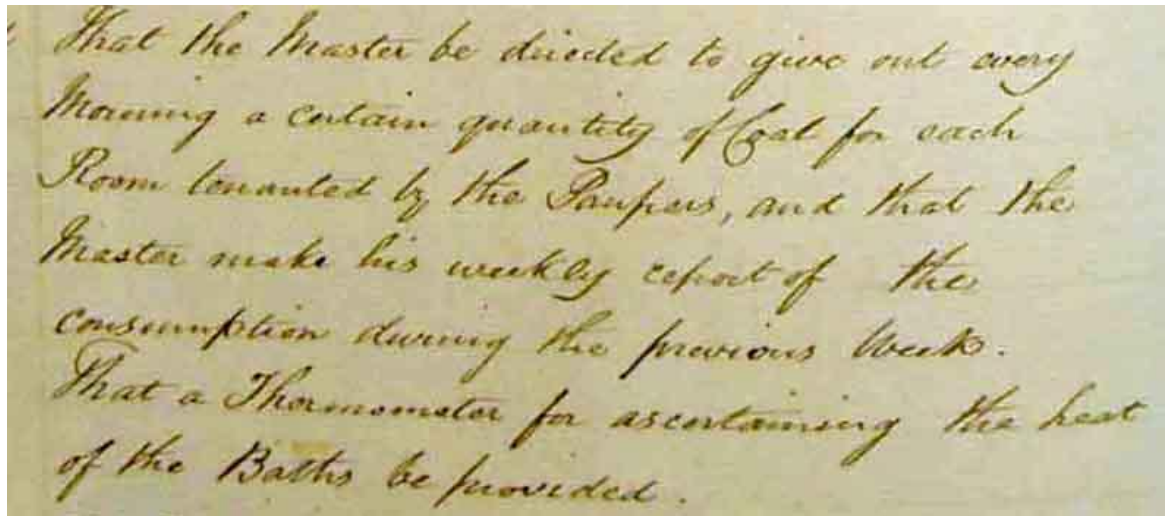
PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Langfield House Workhouse		1	William D <sup>o</sup>	30		Govt. of the Workhouse	Y	
			Ann D <sup>o</sup>	35		Widow of D <sup>o</sup>	Y	
			Amelia D <sup>o</sup>	20			Y	
			Maria D <sup>o</sup>	25		School Disch <sup>d</sup>	Y	
			John D <sup>o</sup>	12			Y	
			Ann D <sup>o</sup>	7			Y	
			Sarah D <sup>o</sup>	6			Y	
			William D <sup>o</sup>	4	1		Y	
			David D <sup>o</sup>	18 m <sup>th</sup>			Y	

From 1841 to 1842, William and Ann's daughter, Maria, was also employed in the Workhouse as the Schoolmistress. Little is recorded about this appointment.

*Resolved The Board regret to find from the report of the Chairman and other Guardians who inspected the Workhouse this morning to learn that the state of the sleeping room was most unsatisfactory especially with reference to the beds the proper care and inspection of which appears to have been entirely neglected by the Master and Matron. That this Resolution be for the purpose of caution to the Master as to their future conduct and to <sup>inform</sup> the Matron. Master and Matron that any repetition of such neglect must necessarily lead to their dismissal.*

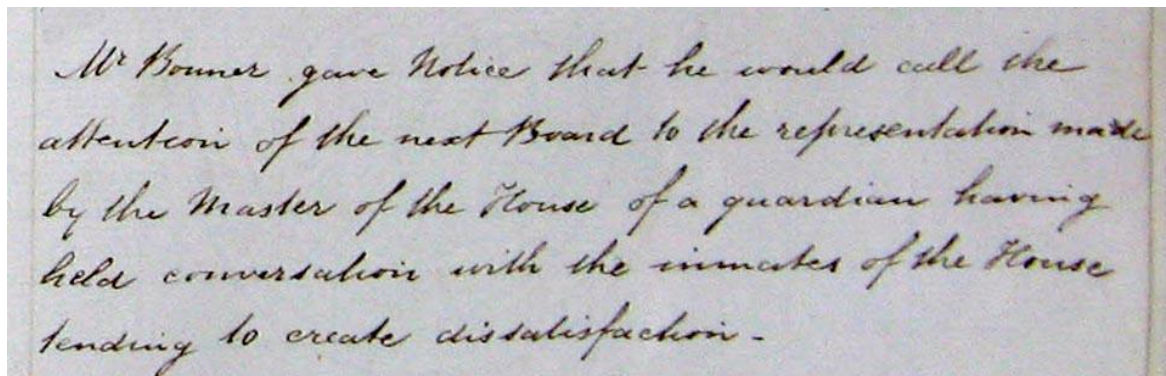
William and Ann did not get off to a very good start ....

Within a few weeks, William and Ann had taken control and had the confidence of the Guardians ....



That the Master be directed to give out every Morning a certain quantity of Fuel for each Room tenanted by the Paupers, and that the Master make his weekly report of the Consumption during the previous Weeks. That a Thermometer for ascertaining the heat of the Baths be provided.

There is no record of William having a problem with the inmates. However the Guardians were a different matter ....



Mr Bomer gave Notice that he would call the attention of the next Board to the representation made by the Master of the House of a guardian having held conversation with the inmates of the House tending to create dissatisfaction.

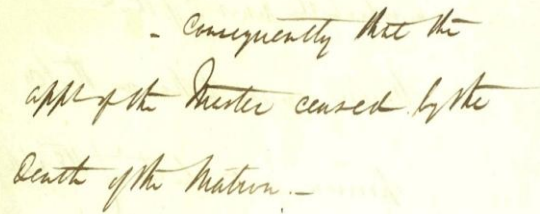
By 1843, William is on record as having provided "exemplary service".

This arrangement was short-lived  
because Ann died early in 1843.

William suggested to the Guardians that his sister, Amelia, could fulfil the role of Matron.

Mr. Humphreys moved, seconded by The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dick<sup>r</sup>  
Pughe that Amelia Jones a sister of the Master  
be elected to the vacant Office of Matron caused  
by the death of the late Matron  
Mr. Kempter moved and the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Lammie  
seconded the following amendment "That  
the death of the Matron having caused a  
vacancy in the joint Office of Master and Matron  
Resolved that advertisements be inserted in the  
Newspapers for the election of Master and Matron  
to be man and wife without incumbency on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of May instant the salary to be  
£50 a year -  
Upon a division there appeared for the  
Amendment 9 and against the Amendment  
9. the Chairman gave his vote in favor  
of the amendment which was carried -

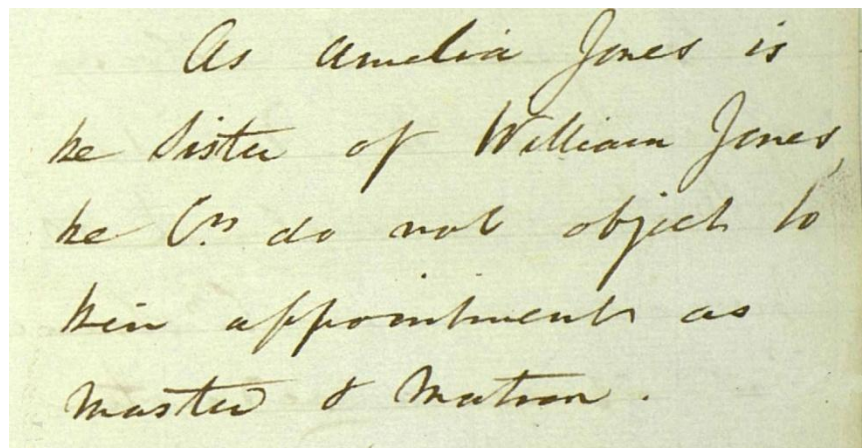
The Guardians wrote to the Poor Law Commissioners for clarification and the Commissioners advised that ....



- Consequently that the  
appl<sup>l</sup> of the Master ceased by the  
Death of the Matron. -

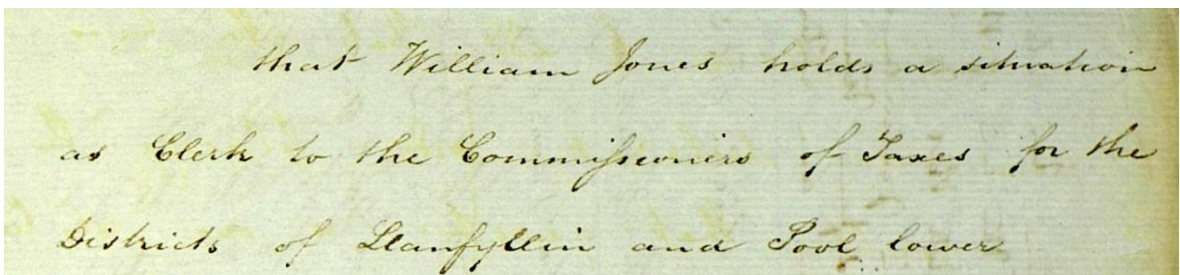
The Guardians responded by agreeing that under normal circumstances the appointment was for man and wife.  
However they pointed out that in this case the circumstances were exceptional in that William Jones had given exemplary services as Master and Amelia Jones had already been acting as Matron during the period of Ann's ill-health.

The Commissioners  
agreed ....



As Amelia Jones is  
the Sister of William Jones,  
the Com<sup>rs</sup> do not object to  
their appointments as  
Master & Matron.

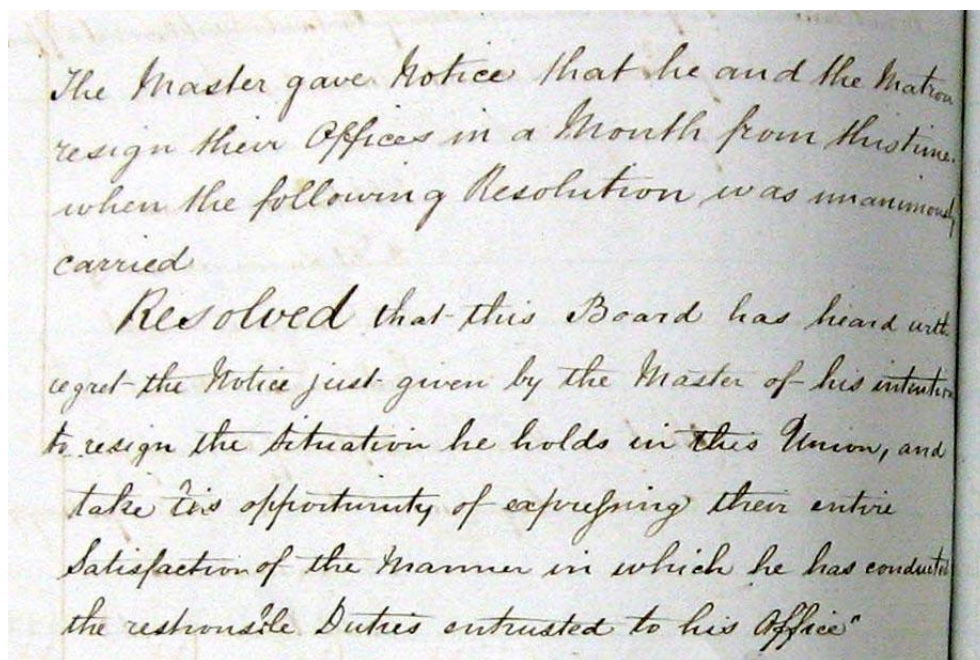
In response to a further enquiry from the Commissioners, the Guardians reported ....



that William Jones holds a situation  
as Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes for the  
Districts of Llanfyllin and Pool, lower

The Commissioners commented that they had no objection to this additional appointment.

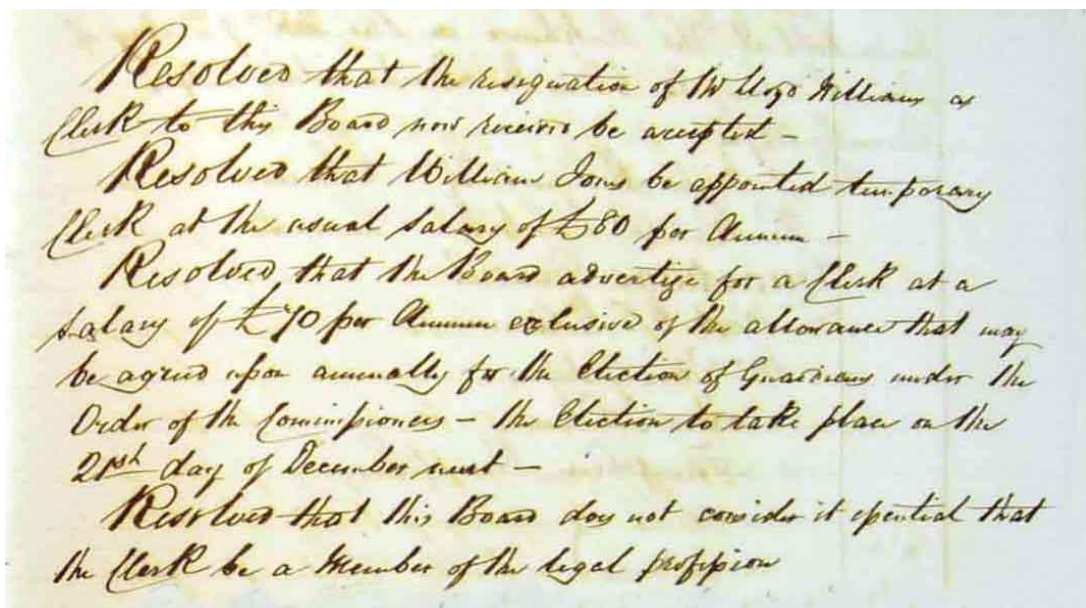
In October 1844, William and Amelia informed the Guardians of their intention to resign.



The Master gave Notice that he and the Matron resign their Offices in a Month from this time when the following Resolution was unanimously carried

Resolved that this Board has heard with regret the Notice just given by the Master of his intention to resign the Situation he holds in this Union, and take this opportunity of expressing their entire Satisfaction of the Manner in which he has conducted the responsible Duties entrusted to his Office"

In November 1847, the clerk to the Board of Guardians, Humphrey Lloyd Williams, resigned. The Guardians appointed William Jones as temporary clerk ....



Resolved that the resignation of W Lloyd Williams as Clerk to this Board now received be accepted -

Resolved that William Jones be appointed temporary Clerk at the usual salary of £80 per Annum -

Resolved that the Board advertise for a Clerk at a salary of £70 per Annum exclusive of the allowances that may be agreed upon annually for the Election of Guardians under the Order of the Comptroller - the Election to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December next -

Resolved that this Board does not consider it essential that the Clerk be a Member of the legal profession

.... and within a few weeks, confirmed the appointment.

Resolved unanimously that William Jones be appointed Clerk at the Salary of £70. 0. 0. per annum and that he accept no other Office or employment whatever excepting with the sanction of the Board of Guardians.

Resolved that the Clerk be allowed to continue in the Offices he now holds and to hold the Offices of Clerk to the Commissioners of Third District of Turnpike Roads and Clerk to the Magistrates of the Division of Llanfyllin and Peab lower if he be appointed to such Offices.

By 1851, William had remarried and taken up residence with his enlarged family in High Street, Llanfyllin. The 1851 Census shows ....

To	High Street	William Jones	Head	Mar	42	Clerk to the Guardians	Lowel	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
		Jane D <sup>o</sup>	Wife	Mar	36			D <sup>o</sup>	High Street
		Sarah D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	U	16			D <sup>o</sup>	Llanfyllin
		William D <sup>o</sup>	Son	U	14	Scholar		D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
		David D <sup>o</sup>	Son	U	11			D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
		Mary Ann D <sup>o</sup>	Daughter	U	4			D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
		Thomas Aubrey D <sup>o</sup>	Son	U	1			D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
Total		Elizabeth Owen	Serv.	U	18	General Servant		D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>

Along with his duties as Clerk to the Guardians, William also became Registrar of Births Marriages and Deaths.



In 1853, Amelia returned to the Workhouse as Seamstress

11<sup>th</sup> January 1853

"Mr Geo<sup>d</sup> W. M. Williams proposed and Mr Edward seconded Miss Amelia Jones as Seamstress to the Workhouse - Captain Davis proposed and Mr Daniel Hughes seconded Mrs Mary Ann Rowlands - On a division 12 voted for Amelia Jones and 4 for Mary Ann Rowlands Miss Amelia Jones was consequently elected"

At an inspection of the school in 1835, Amelia was described as 'Industrial Schoolmistress' as she as required to teach basic domestic skills to the girls. Her talents must have been recognised as she as given an increase in salary!

Sir,

I am directed by the Poor Law Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ~~Instant~~ ultimo relating to the proposed increase of the salary of Amelia Jones, Seamstress at the Langfellow Union W. H. from £12 to £16 per annum.

Amelia died in 1856 and a new seamstress was appointed.

As Clerk to the Board of Guardians, William had frequent and regular correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners in London. He was required to forward copies of many of the resolutions of the Board and to seek official sanction when necessary.

25/10/50

RECEIVED  
P.L.B.  
MAY 23  
1850

*Manyllin Union.*

YEARS ended 25th March	Number of Pauper Lunatics in England and Wales maintained during the last Five Years, and the Cost of their Maintenance			
	Number of Lunatics maintained in each Year	Total Cost of their Maintenance in each Year		
1845	5	109	5	0
1846	5	110	10	0
1847	6	132	14	0
1848	10	230	0	6
1849	12	258	12	9

Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1850.

*William Jones* Clerk to the Guardians.

He was also responsible for submitting the numerous statistical returns required by the Commissioners. For example:

Correspondence covered many diverse aspects of workhouse life.

For example - Competence of officers ...

RECEIVED  
P.L.B.  
AUG 10  
1854

*Manyllin Union Office*  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 1854.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Guardians of this Union to state in answer to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo. that from information which has reached the Guardians. Mr David Ellis the Assistant Overseer of Lansanffraid, Cooly. is so illiterate that he can scarcely read write or cast accounts. and that his Books are kept by a third party.

I have the honor to be

My Lords and Gentlemen  
Your very Obedient Servant  
*William Jones*  
Clerk to the Guardians

## Workhouse diet

RECEIVED  
DEC 29  
1856

Klangylio Decembro 26<sup>th</sup> 1856

My Lords and Gentlemen

I am directed by the Guardians of this Union to forward herewith for your approval the Dietary Table made by them for the benefit of the Workhouse between the ages of 2 & 5 and 5 & 9.

I have the honor to be

My Lords and Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servant

William Jones

Clerk to the Guardians

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MAR 27  
1854

Klangylio March 26<sup>th</sup> 1854

My Lords and Gentlemen

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant referring to my Communication of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ultimo respecting the Case of a pauper named John Ellis and requesting to be informed of the Circumstances under which the pauper was taken ill in the parish of Klangylog,

I beg to state in Answer thereto that the pauper was a Ballad singer and was taken ill suddenly on the Berwin Hill when travelling towards Klangylog and became immediately chargeable to that parish.

I have the honor to be

My Lords and Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servant

William Jones

Clerk to the Board of Guardians

## Circumstances of individual paupers

## Behaviour of staff

I beg to send you on the other side a copy of a Resolution entered into at our last Board relative to neglect of duty on the part of George Jones one of the Cleaning Officers of this Union

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servant

William Jones

Clerk to the Guardians

and even emigration!

RECEIVED  
P. L. & I  
NOV. 1  
1862

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Waukegan Oct 30th 1862

My Lords & Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board of Guardians of the Union to state that they have had several applications by small farmers for relief to enable them to emigrate to Australia, and should feel obliged by your Honorable Board informing them whether such emigration could be effected at this season of the Year, and if so what amount would be the probable expence per head of such emigration.

I have the honor to be  
My Lords & Gentlemen  
Your very ob. Servant  
William Jones  
Clerk to the Guardians

to Poor Law Board

In 1869, William Jones tendered his resignation as Clerk to the Guardians, taking effect in March 1870.

The Clerk having placed his resignation in the hands of the Magistrates it was moved by the Chairman the Rev W Williams and seconded by W C R Jones that the resignation of the Clerk be accepted but that the Clerk with the sanction of the Poor Law Board, be requested to continue his services until the 26th of March next the conclusion of the current year of Account.

However by this time he had been appointed Superintendent Registrar of Birth Marriages and Deaths.

The 1871 Census records William and family still living in High Street ...

36	20	1	William Jones	Head	Mar	62	Substantive Officer	20
			Thomas Jones	Child	Mar	53	Do. do.	20
			William Jones	Child	Mar	34	Do. do.	20
			Thomas Jones	Child	Mar	24	Do. do.	20
			Edward C. Jones	Child	Mar	14	Do. do.	20
			Elizabeth Jones	Child	Mar	11	Do. do.	20

It is interesting to note that William's son, also William, has been appointed Registrar of Marriages and another son, Thomas Aubrey, was employed by the Guardians as a Relieving Officer.

In November 1872, Thomas Aubrey Jones got married ...

MARRIAGES.

JONES—EDWARDS—Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Independent Chapel, Llanstiffraid, by licence, by the Rev. Hugh James, Thomas Aubrey Jones, son of Mr William Jones, Penybryn, Llanfyllin, to Mary, third daughter of Mr Edwards, Caemawr, Llanthomas, Denbighshire.

However his appointment as Relieving Officer was short lived and he resigned in December 1872. The Guardians noted ....

Mr J. A. Jones Relieving Officer of the Llanthomas District having this day resigned his appointment as such Relieving Officer Resolved that the same be accepted and that Mr H. Jones Relieving Officer of the Llanfyllin District be appointed to relieve the paupers in that District until the expiration of the present Quarter at the same salary as is now paid to Mr J. A. Jones.

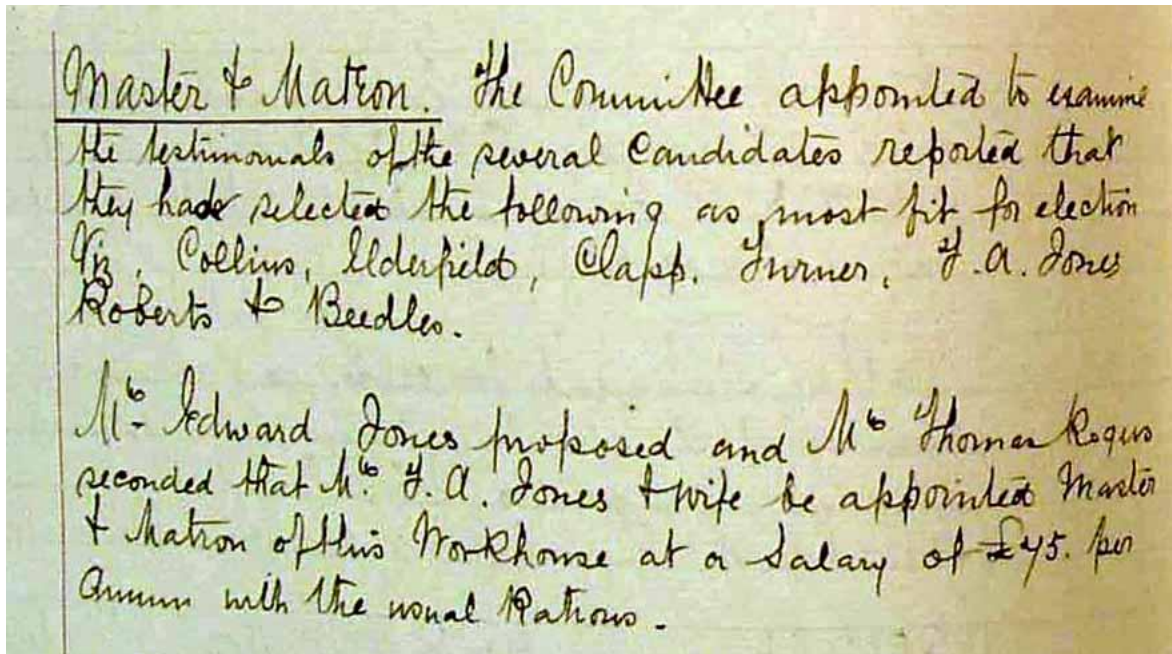
A year later William Jones died.

The funeral took place on 19 December 1873.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR WILLIAM JONES.—The funeral of the late Mr William Jones, Penybryn, in this town, took place on Friday, Dec. 19th, and was the largest and most respectable we have seen for a long period. The shutters were put on the shops and the blinds were drawn over the windows of nearly all the houses in town as a mark of respect. Before starting, the Rev. Isaac Jones, Wesleyan minister, read portions of scripture and prayed; and after going to church, the Rev. Canon Williams went through the service in a very impressive manner. The deceased, for a great number of years, held one of the most respectable positions in the town. He was one of the oldest capital burgesses, and had been elected bailiff of the borough of several different years, and always discharged the functions of that office in a most admirable manner. He met with an accident over two years ago, and has since been confined to the house and unable to take any active part in public matters. He was greatly respected by a large circle of friends.

In 1877, the posts of Master and Matron of the Llanfyllin Union Workhouse became vacant on the resignation of James Anderson and his wife.

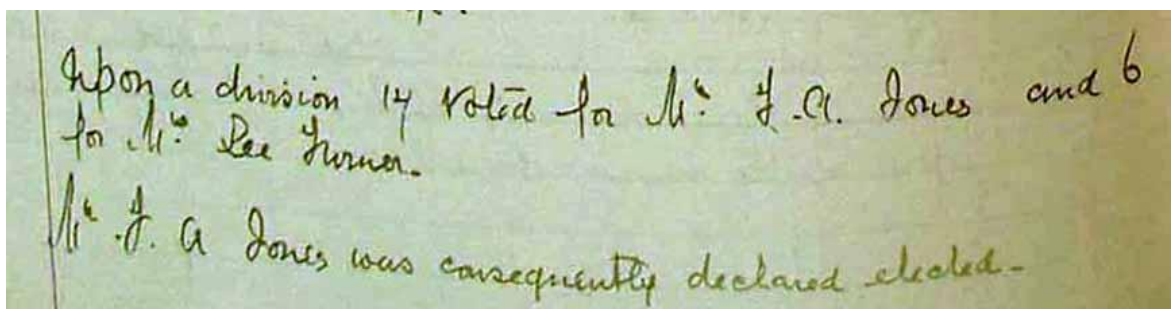
Amongst the applicants were Thomas Aubrey Jones and his wife, Mary.



Master & Matron. The Committee appointed to examine the testimonials of the several Candidates reported that they had selected the following as most fit for election viz. Collins, Elderfield, Clapp, Turner, J. A. Jones Roberts & Beedles.

Mr Edward Jones proposed and Mr Thomas Rogers seconded that Mr J. A. Jones & wife be appointed Master & Matron of this Workhouse at a salary of £45. per Annum with the usual Rations.

The appointment was closely contested, but finally ...



Upon a division 14 voted for Mr J. A. Jones and 6 for Mr Lee Turner.

Mr J. A. Jones was consequently declared elected.

In 1881, William's widow, Jane, and son, William, were still living in the family home at Penybryn, Llanfyllin ....

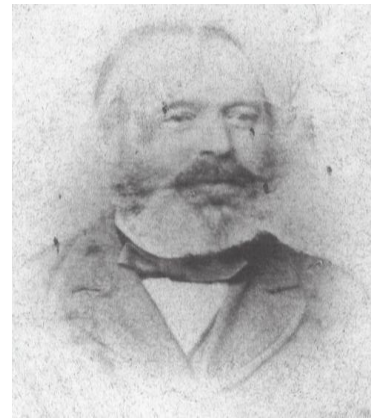
III			NAME	RELATION	AGE	PROFESSION	RESIDENCE
			Jane Jones	Head	Wid	Solicitor widow	St Meifod
			William Jones	Son	Wid	do Clerk	do Llanfyllin
			Griffith Jones	Boards	Wid	Retired from Business	do do
			Blaybth Wilkin	Servant	Wid	Domestic Servant	do do

.... and Thomas Aubrey Jones, wife, Mary, and four children were in residence in the Workhouse ...

256	NAME	RELATION	AGE	PROFESSION	RESIDENCE
	Thomas Aubrey Jones	Head	31	Master of Workhouse	Montg Llanfyllin
	Mary Jones	Wife	32	Matron of Workhouse	Llanfyllin
	Arthur Arthur Jones	Son	7	Scholar	Llanfair, Liverpool
	Mary Jane Jones	Daughter	5	do	do do
	Heber Aubrey Jones	Son	3	do	Montg Llanfyllin
	Martha Jones	Daughter	1.10th	do	do do
	Richard Thomas	Officer	60	Porter of Workhouse	do do
	Jane Edwards	Officer	33	Infirmary Nurse of do	do do
	Martha Howard	Officer	28	Infirmary Nurse of do	do do

The meetings of the Board of Guardians together with other reports concerning the workhouse regularly appeared in the press.

The Master, Thomas Aubrey Jones, was often mentioned.



**LLANFYLLIN.**  
 POLICE COURT, TUESDAY.—Before C. R. Jones, Esq., John Lewis was brought up in custody of P.C. Meredith, charged by Mr. F. Aubrey Jones, Master of the Workhouse, with refusing to work. Sentenced to seven days hard labour.  
 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The election on Wednes

Appearances in Court (1893)

**LLANFYLLIN.**  
 MISCHIEVOUS.—On Monday, at the Borough Police Court, before the Mayor (J. Marshall Dugdale, Esq.,) William Grinsmith, a tramp, was brought up in custody of P. S. Meredith charged by Mr. T. Aubrey Jones, master of the Workhouse, with tearing his clothes. The Mayor said he intended making an example of defendant and would send him to gaol for fourteen days with hard labour.  
 MULLIN LITERARY SOCIETY.—A very enjoyable



## Christmas festivities (1894)

TREAT.—On Saturday last the inmates of this Union were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Dugdale. Having done ample justice to an excellent tea provided for them, the inmates adjourned to an adjoining room where a heavily laden and well illuminated Christmas tree awaited to be decorated of its burden. This room had been prettily decorated for the occasion by Master Heber Jones, the Misses Norah and Ethel Jones and Miss Waalin. Amongst the useful articles distributed were shawls, scarfs, mufflers, &c., the children receiving various toys and sweets. The tree having been stripped and removed, the programme of the entertainment was opened by Mr. J. F. Corballis with "Molly Molone," followed by Mr. J. H. Deam with "Sally in our Alley." The play entitled "Abon Hassan the Wag," or who won the wager was then commenced, the several characters being personated in good style by the following:—Harown, the Chalif, Efa Bonnor Maurice; Mesrook, the Slave, Gerald Dugdale; Abon Hassan, Dick Bonnor Maurice; the Army, Harry Bonnor Maurice and Trevor Bonnor Maurice; Zubeydah, the Chalifess, Mary Bonnor Maurice; Nughet, Abon's Wife, Evelyn Kingsford; the Nurse, Eva Dugdale. At the conclusion of the entertainment the master, Mr. T. Aubrey Jones, on behalf of the inmates and the friends present proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dugdale for this their annual treat, a treat which was always looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed by the inmates, and he considered this year's treat as good as any they had ever had. This was seconded by one of the Guardians. Mr. Marshall Dugdale in responding, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Marshall Dugdale, said it was always a great pleasure to them to do all they could for the poor, in this case the greater part of the work had fallen on Mrs. Marshall Dugdale's shoulders. He hoped that Mrs. Bonnor Maurice, who had now come to live amongst them, would often be seen taking part in these entertainments. He could not conclude his few remarks without thanking the Master of the Union for his very kind and valuable assistance, they had always found him ready to meet them half-way, and he always did his utmost to assist them.

great enthusiasm.

CHRISTMASTIDE AT THE WORKHOUSE.—The usual Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding was given to the inmates on Christmas Day, and was highly enjoyed. No pains had been spared by the Master and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, to make the day bright and cheerful for the inmates.—On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dugdale gave their annual entertainment to the inmates. The following ladies and gentlemen were among those present:—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dugdale and family, Mrs. Bonnor-Maurice, Mr. and Miss Lomax, Miss Hayhurst, Miss Leslie, and the Misses Perrott. The inmates sat down to tea at 5 o'clock, and after tea much amusement was caused by the crackers which was distributed among them. Each inmate also received a present suitable to his or her age from the artistic and well laden Christmas tree which had been provided. Afterwards a concert was given. The inmates were neatly dressed for the occasion, and presented a very pleasant and happy appearance. The various rooms, too, were beautifully decorated. This part of the arrangements was under the superintendance of the Master and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Jones). At the conclusion Mr. Aubrey Jones, in a few felicitous and well-chosen words, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale, on behalf of the inmates, for the extreme kindness in giving that annual entertainment to relieve the monotony of the lives of the inmates.—Mr. Dugdale suitably responded.—It is needless to say that the inmates spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and they have now come to look forward to Mr. Dugdale's treat day as one of the red letter days of the year.

## LLANFYLLIN.

COURSING MEETING.—By the kind permission of Mr W. A. Pughe, a coursing meeting took place on Tuesday on Moelfronllwyd, Llaethbwlech, and the adjoining farms. The following gentlemen acted as stewards:—Messrs T Roberts, junr., Abernaint; Edward Lodwick, Wm Rees, Wm Roberts, Efelycwm; John Ellis, Coedsiencyn; R Vaughan, Hand Inn, Llanchainadr; W. Roberts, Glanfeiglo; G R Davies, Dolwar Hall; Richard Jones, T E Edwards, Griffith Morris, Maeslymystyn, E Evans, Railway Inn, Penybontfawr; H Williams, Glanpwl; John Roberts, W Jones, Eagle Vaults, Llansantffraid. Some excellent sport was witnessed during the day, about 20 hares were put up and three killed. At one o'clock a free lunch was provided on the top of Llaethbwlech Hill, and about three hundred people availed themselves of this welcome break in the proceedings. In the evening a dinner took place at the Eagle Hotel, when a large number sat down to a bountiful spread. Mr Thomas Aubrey Jones presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr Evan Watkins. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the usual toasts were honoured. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Davies, the host and hostess.

## Social event (1896)

## Increase in salary (1897)

### BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—THURSDAY.

Present: Mr Robert Roberts (chairman), Capt. D. H. Mytton, Messrs William Roberts, Robert Richards, Wm. Jones, Geo. Kempster, R Owen, D. Jones-Vaughan, D. Evans, G. Jones, Thos. Roberts, Evan Roberts, Ellis Williams, Thomas Jones, Evan Roberts, Wm. Moreton, W. A. Jehu, Robert Roberts (Llanfechain), S. Thomas, John Jones, Thos. Morris, John Ashford, Charles Buckley, Evan Jones, R. Turner, Thomas Jones, D. Jones, with Mr W. A. Pughe (clerk).

#### CHAIRS FOR INMATES.

The Master said that Mr Lomax had kindly provided ten very comfortable cushioned arm chairs for use in the sick wards.—On the motion of Mr Geo. Kempster, seconded by Mr Wm. Roberts, it was decided that the best thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr Lomax for his kindness.

#### FOOTBALL.

The Master reported that at the request of the chairman he had purchased a football for the boys at a cost of 7s. Mr Bircham and several members of the Council defrayed the cost.

#### INCREASE OF SALARY.

The Master (Thomas Aubrey Jones) applied for an increase in his own salary and that of the matron.—Mr William Jones moved that notice be given.—Mr Geo. Kempster said that they had a full Board, and it would be better to settle it now that so many Guardians were present.—The Chairman moved that the application was out of order, notice not having been given.—Mr William Roberts moved that the application be proceeded with; this was seconded by Mr Robert Richards.—Mr William Jones said that the chairman had moved it

out of order, and it would be discourteous on their part to go against the ruling of the chair.—The Chairman said he was willing to go on with it if it was the wish of the majority of the Board.—Mr. John Jones said he would give notice that the question be brought on at the next Board.—Mr. George Kempster: If the Chairman did his duty he would move you out of order.—Mr. Robert Richards moved that the application be granted, and that the salary be increased. The Master and Matron had been in their service for 20 years, and they had never had to make any complaint against them. There was not a Union in the whole county where the Master and Matron had been so long in service. Since the Master was appointed his duties had considerably increased, and very often he had very difficult matters to contend with. The porters were continually leaving, and he had to attend to their work. He was doing so now. He had always had excellent reports from the Government Inspectors, and he moved that the salaries be increased.—Mr David Evans said he endorsed all that Mr Richards had said and he seconded the motion.—Mr W. Roberts proposed that the salaries be increased by £20.—Captain Mytton seconded this, and said that they had both proved excellent officers. It was, he thought, a matter of economy for the Board to keep them in their service and they should increase their salary to show that they appreciated their conduct.—Mr William Jones opposed the application and said it had been brought forward rather suddenly. The salary was at present within £5 to that of their worthy Clerk. He proposed that they do not meddle with the salaries at present.—Mr Evan Roberts seconded.—The amendment (that the salary be left as it was) was put to the vote when eight members voted for it, and thirteen voted for the salary to be increased by £20.—Mr Evan Roberts said he did not understand the motion, he thought it was only to decide, to discuss the question.—He proposed that the salaries be increased by £10, that is £5 each.—This was seconded by Mr Charles Jones.—Captain Mytton said it ought certainly to be a £20 increase. A deduction has lately been made under the superannuation scheme which would eventually relieve the Guardians of providing pensions. An increase of £20 was not too much.—On being put to the vote 13 voted for an increase of £20 and 14 for £10 increase.—The latter was declared carried.

## Reporting to the Board of Guardians (1897) ....

### MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr T. Aubrey Jones) reported that Mrs Marshall Dugdale had invited the girls from the House to meet other girls to have tea in the Parish Room on December 10th, and that Lord Powis had sent a number of pheasants for the use of the inmates.—On the motion of Mr Kempster, seconded by Mr W. Roberts, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Dugdale and Lord Powis.—The number of inmates in the House was 75, compared with 71 in the same week of last year.—The application of the Master for providing the inmates with the usual Christmas dinner was granted.

### APPOINTMENT OF PORTER.

There were 10 applications for the office of porter at the Workhouse at the yearly salary of £22 with rations.—On the motion of Captain Mytton, it was decided to reduce the number of applicants to two, those of John Jones, shoemaker, Llanllwchaiarn, Newtown, and William Probert, tailor, Whittington.—The Master, in reply to questions, stated a shoemaker would be an acquisition at the House to mend the inmates' boots. The tailoring was attended to by a man who came to the House three times a week.—On the motion of Mr W. Jones, seconded by Mr D. Jones (Guilsfield), John Jones (aged 23) was unanimously appointed.—This was all the business.

### LLANFYLLIN.

CRICKET.—On Wednesday, by the courtesy of the committee of the Town Cricket Club, a match was played between Llanfyllin County School and Oswestry Modern School, on an excellent pitch (kindly prepared by Mr W Iorwerth Rowland) in Bodfach Park, and resulted in a win for the home team by 15 runs. After the match the visitors were entertained to tea in the large schoolroom in the recently-opened new buildings. The tea was kindly provided by the following parents and friends of the boys of the home team:—Mrs Ellis Roberts (Manor House), Mrs Jones (Rectory), Mrs E Watkins (Bank Place), Mrs E Hawke Dawe, Mrs Richards (Greenhall), Miss H Cole-Baker, Mrs Aubrey Jones (The Union), Mrs Parry (The Pentre), Mrs Davies (Lledfron), Mrs O V Pughe (Penybryn), Mrs Egerton (Pendalog). The arrangements for tea were kindly undertaken by Miss H Cole-Baker.

SCHOOL BOARD. Friday.—Present: Mr C R Jones

### Cricket (1900)

### More Jones' .... (1898)

### ALL NAMED JONES.

A curious incident in which persons bearing the same name were concerned occurred at the Llanfyllin Police-court on Friday, and caused amusement on all hands when the coincidence was discovered. The master of a local workhouse named Mr. Aubrey Jones charged a tramp, whose name was John Jones, with refusing to do his allotted task. The policeman who had the custody of the defendant was named Jones, and the porter who gave evidence signed his name as John Jones. The magistrate, Mr. John Jones, in sentencing prisoner, intimated that for 21 days at least there would be one Jones less in Llanfyllin.

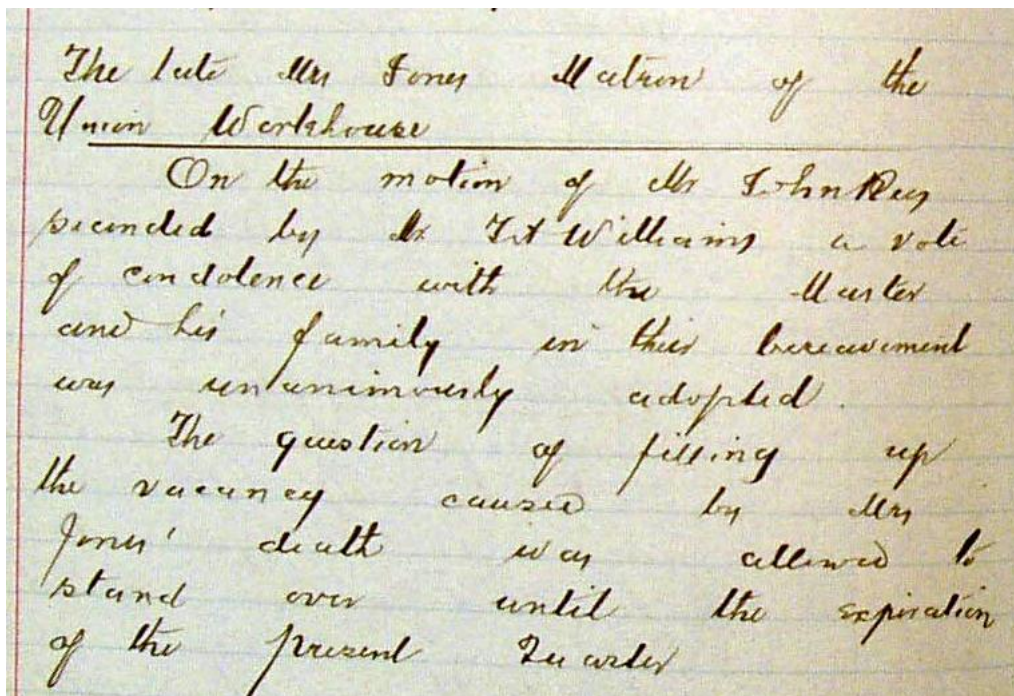
## Mary Jones, Matron, died in October 1904.

### The late Mrs Aubrey Jones

As announced last week Mrs Jones wife of Mr Thos Aubrey Jones, master to Llanfyllin Union Workhouse, died on Thursday last week. Mrs Jones had been matron of the Workhouse since November 1877. She enjoyed the esteem and respect of all with whom she was brought into contact, and the keen personal interest she took in their welfare endeared her to all the inmates of the Workhouse. The funeral took place on Tuesday when the remains were laid in Pendref burial ground. There was a very large number of relatives, friends and sympathisers present. The service was conducted by the Rev J C Jones, Llanfyllin, Rev Deiniol Jones, Llanrhaiadr and Rev Edward Jones Llanfechain. Some of the beautiful wreaths were sent by the following:- "Husband and family"; "Heber and Sally"; "Eddie and Willie"; Mr and Mrs Jenkyn Davies, Wrexham; Mr and Mrs Marshall Dugdale, Llwyn; Miss Rhoda Pugh, Oswestry; Mr Glyn Owen, Llanfyllin; Miss Davies, Oswestry; Mr and Mrs J Griffiths Newtown; "From Sarah", Mr and Mrs Owen, Rhyscog; Mr J Cowan, Meifod; Mr and Mrs Jones, Sweeny; Mrs Parry, Pentre; Mr Evans and family, Gwern y beilliaid; Mrs E Lloyd, Waenllys and Mr R O Roberts, Ystym Colwyn.

County Times, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1904

and the Guardians recorded ...



The late Mrs Jones Matron of the  
Union Workhouse

On the motion of Mr John Rees  
seconded by Mr T. Williams a vote  
of condolence with the Master  
and his family in this bereavement  
was unanimously adopted.

The question of filling up  
the vacancy caused by Mrs  
Jones' death was allowed to  
stand over until the expiration  
of the present Quarters

Again the Guardians had to consider the issue of the joint appointment of Master and Matron.

Master and Matron  
Mr. Johnson gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that Mr. Jones be re-elected as Master and that his daughter Miss Jones be elected as Matron on the existing terms, and the two were appointed to act for a month on the same terms.

However on this occasion, the posts were not advertised and the Guardians moved swiftly to fill the vacancies. Thomas Aubrey Jones again became Master and his daughter, Norah, became Matron.

Master and Matron  
Captain <sup>Matron</sup> proposed that Mr. Thomas Aubrey Jones be re-elected Master at a salary of £55 per annum and that Miss Norah Jones be elected Matron at a salary of £35 per annum.

Mr. David Evans moved as an amendment that the Officers before named be elected at the salaries mentioned with an allowance of £3 3.0 in lieu of groceries. This was recorded by Mr. John Edwards.

On the question being put to the meeting 10 voted for the amendment and 13 for the original motion which was declared duly carried.

It was resolved that Miss Jones be paid for her services as Matron from 27<sup>th</sup> October up to today at the same rate as the late Matron was paid.

In August 1905, the Master's health problems were treated sympathetically by the Guardians

The Master This Officer having been recommended to undergo an operation at the Satop Infirmary it was resolved on the motion of Capt. Mytton seconded by Mr. John Edwards that the Board contribute half the expense by way of a gratuity and allow for clerical assistance during the officer's inability to attend to duty -

In the following October, Thomas Aubrey Jones announced his intention to re-marry .....

The Master's intended Marriage  
Mr. T. A. Jones having reported that he intended shortly to get married, and having applied to the Guardians to allow his wife to reside with him in the Workhouse it was resolved by 14 votes against 8 that the application be granted subject to the payment of the full cost of maintenance thereupon it was proposed by J. Evans Esq. that such payment be fixed at 10/- a week This was seconded by Mr. R. K. Davis and unanimously adopted -  
Resolved that the above resolution be forwarded for the approval of the Royal Government Board and that the Master be allowed 7 days leave of absence -

.... and the marriage took place the following month.

## MARRIAGES.

**JONES—HUGHES—Dec. 2nd, 1905, at the Congregational Church, Weston-Super-Mare, by the Rev. R. Cyman Lewis, from the residence of John R. Lloyd, Esq., solicitor, Bristol (brother of the bride), Mr T. Aubrey Jones, The Union, Llanfyllin, to Mrs Hughes, late of Bwlchycibau.**

In September 1909, Thomas Aubrey Jones tendered his resignation as Master.

*Resignation of the Master of the Union Workhouse*  
Notice was received from Mr T. A. Jones dated 1 Sept. 1909 of his intention to resign the appointment of Master of the Union Workhouse on the 20<sup>th</sup> November next on the ground of incapacity through ill-health. A medical certificate was submitted together with an application to be allowed a period of absence on retirement.  
Thereupon Mr David Jones (Guilsfield) proposed that the resignation according to notice be accepted. This was seconded by Mr Joseph Roberts and unanimously adopted. Mr J. Roberts Esq. moved a vote of sympathy with the Master together with an expression of the Guardians' appreciation of his valuable services for a period of nearly 32 years and their regret that his connection with the Establishment is about to terminate. This was seconded by Mr Thomas Boyd and supported by the Chairman and J. Evans Esq. and unanimously agreed to.

The vacancy was advertised, attracting 13 applicants. Amongst the candidates was Heber Aubrey Jones, son of Thomas Aubrey Jones. His application did not attract sufficient support and Thomas Astley was appointed.

Master and Matron The advertisement was read together with the applications of 13 candidates - a vote by Ballot having been taken the result was declared as follows :-

For	T. J. Astley & wife	13
	Edw. Evans & wife	7
	F. J. Williams & wife	4
	J. J. Lloyd & wife	1
	Mr Aubrey Jones & wife	1
	John Howell & wife	1

**LLANFYLLIN.**

IT WILL PAY YOU to pay a visit to the County Music Salon, Broad-street, Newtown.

**PENSIONED.**—By adding four years to his service of 32 years, the Board of Guardians have granted a pension of £75 to the retiring Master of the Workhouse, Mr Aubrey Jones.

**MASTER AND MATRON.**—A letter has been received by the Board of Guardians relating to the appointment of Mr and Mrs Astley as master and matron of the Workhouse. Adverting to their want of experience in a poor-law institution, the Board intimated that they would defer their decision in regard to the appointments until they had been employed for six months, at the end of which time the Board would like a report as to the manner in which the Master and Matron had discharged their duties.

COUNTY SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

The County Times reported on 9 November 1909 ....

In their retirement, Thomas Aubrey and Susannah Jones moved to Rhyl where Thomas died on 23rd Nov 1912 aged 63.

Heber Aubrey Jones became a journalist initially working on the Oswestry Advertiser. He subsequently moved to Derbyshire and worked as a Journalist at the 'Derbyshire Times' for 35 years. He was the reporter for public and social events that happened in the Eastern division of the county.

