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Letter written by Mrs Margaret Thomas of the Cowbridge Arms following the death of her husband Morgan in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1881 to the Revd. B Thomas LLD: (born in Llangan and buried in Treoes, her first language was Welsh)

Cowbridge Arms, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, South Wales, England February 20th 1882

Dear Sir,

I have read an article of yours on 'Curtis Clark County, Arkansas' in the Cambrian for August '81, at the close of which you say you 'never tire of writing to my own countrymen'.

Excuse me for taking the liberty of writing to you, sir, and asking to do a favour for me.

July 12th 1881 my dear husband died in the 'Friendly Inn', Markam Street, Little Rock. Some abstract accounts of his death and of the inquest held upon his body have appeared in the American papers, but somehow or the other I don't feel satisfied to the accounts I have had. Would it be too much for me to ask you to go to the above house to the coroner (Mr. Wolfold, I believe that is his name) and to the head of the police in Little Rock and make enquiries respecting his death. I have been left a widow with seven children, to fight the battle of life and no one to help me but the husband of all the widows, and a word from you sir would relieve my mind of a great burden.

I have heard from the superintendent of police and from the editor of the 'Arkansas Democrate' (Mr J R Brown) yet I am not satisfied. The superintendent of police said his box was with the coroner and the editor said his bag (carpet) was with him (the coroner) also. If so, will you address them to my dear husband's brother – Mr J H Thomas, 1297 Penn Ave.

My dear departed husband said he had bought 120 acres of land and that he had willed it for our two younger boys. I believe this land is in the 'Welsh Colonies' you refer to in your articles. If you could get a clue of this land and give me some information on the matter I would willingly give you some recompense for your trouble. My departed husband heard you preaching in Arkansas on ?*. I will try and find his letter, and find the date and if I will succeed then you may find from your diary where you preached because I think the land he bought is near the place where that chapel is situated. The names of the doctors at the inquest were Drs Jennings and Scott- and the name of my departed husband was Morgan Thomas.

If you will take the trouble to make the above enquiries you will greatly oblige me and relieve my disturbed mind.

Craving your pardon for thus taking such liberty upon you,

With my kind xtian regards,

Yours sincerely but in sorrow,

Margaret Thomas

N B. I wrote to the proprietor of the Friendly Inn and never had a reply.

*July 14th 1880

Transcribed by B Alden