

you address them to my dear
husband's brother
Mr. J. H. Thomas
1297 Penn ave

My dear departed husband
said he had bought
150 acres of land - and
that he had willed it
for our two young boys -
I believe this land is
in the "Welsh colonies"
you refer to in your
article. If you could
get a clue of the land
and give me some in-
formation on the matter
I would willingly give
you some recompense
for your trouble.
+ My departed husband
heard you preaching
in Arkansas - I will

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Bowbridge arms
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South Wales,
England
Feb 20. '82.

Dear Sir, I have read an
article of yours on
"Guthrie, flar & founty,
arkansas" in the
Lancian - for Aug. 81 -
at the close of which
you say, you "never
tore of writing to my
own country men.
Excuse me for taking the
liberty of writing to you,
Sir, and asking to do
a favour for me.

July 17th 1881 my dear
husband died in the

"friendly" in

Ward am St.

little "Rock."

Some abstract account
of his death and of the
inquest held upon his
body - have appeared in
the "American Paper" -
but, come how or other,
I don't feel satisfied
to the account I have
had. Would it be too
much for me to ask
you to go to the above
house - to the Coroner
(Mr. Mayfield, I believe
that's 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 Superintendent of
the Police & from the Editor of the
"Arkansas Democrat" (Mr. J. R.
Brown) yet I am not satisfied.

The Superintendent of the Police said his
box was with the coroner - and the
Editor said, his bag (baggage) was with
him (Coroner) also. - If so, will you

try and find his letter, and find the
date - and if I will succeed, then you may
+ find from your diary when you preached -
because I know the land he bought is
near the place where that Chapel is situated.
The name of the Doctors at the inquest
was Dr. Jennings & Scott. - and the name of
my departed husband was
Morgan Thomas.
You will take the trouble to make the
above enquiries you will putt of his
me & when my disturbed mind. Granting your
pardon for the liberty upon your
part. & than regard
yours ever
Robt. Thomas L.D. Margaret Thomas

The Rev

W Benjamin Thomas

Little Rock

Arkansas

U States
America

N. B. I wrote to the proprietor of the "Friend of Am"
but never had a reply.

+ July ^{14th} - 1880

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 Democate' (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