

CAPTAIN DAVID JONES

Captain David Jones was born in the parish of Llanllwchaerarn on the 9th of March 1852 the youngest of 4 children of David & Ann Jones. His brother John was christened on the 18th of April 1846 and died aged 10 in 1856 and his sister Mary 1854 aged 5. His sister Nell was christened in Llanllwchaeran on the 26th of November 1843, at present we have failed to trace any other records re Nell.

Captain David Jones's father was also a mariner who went to sea aged 13 and served for 18 years. Whilst on a voyage on the Ocean of Cardigan in August 1851 he was seriously injured and died on the 24th of January 1852. Ann his wife with the help of a local rector and JP petitioned Trinity House for a pension.

Captain David Jones achieved the Certificate of Competency as Master on 11/12/1875. He and his mother eventually moved to Aberaeron where he met and married Bennet Thomas on the 28th July 1876. Bennett, born 1852 was the daughter of John Thomas mariner and Mary Green (daughter of William Green one of the builders of Aberaeron Harbour and The Poor House).



They had 7 children:

Mary Ellen	1876-1878	aged 2
Anne	1878-1911	1 st wife of Captain W Williams
Mary Green	1880-1938	Taught Welsh at St Mary's and St. John's Cardiff
Margaret Bennett	1883-1958	2 nd wife of Captain W Williams
Bennetta	1886-1894	aged 8
David Owen	1887-1893	aged 6
Rachel Ellen	1889-1955	(wife of T.L Davies Albion House)



L-R Maggie, David Owen, Benetta (David & Bennetta both died of Scarlet Fever)



Mrs Bennett Jones & Daughters

Front: Rachel Ellen*, Mrs Jones, Top: Left – Right: Ann, Mary Green, Margaret(Maggie)



Mrs Bennett Thomas & Daughters

L to R: *Rachel Ellen, Mary Green, Margaret, Ann

Captain David Jones died at home on the 6th of July 1896 at the relatively young age of 44 years. Bennett Jones died on the 4th of December 1914 aged 62 years

*Grandmother to Alice Evans, the late David Lewis Jones and Elinor Gwilym



Captain David Jones; on board the Flanborough, at Huelva in Portugal. Huelva was known as the port that Columbus sailed from on his journey to America.



Note the boy sitting on the right hand side. It was common for young boys to join ships.



Photograph taken at Alexandria; Egypt. Name of ship is unknown

Captain David Jones first went to sea in May 1864 aged 12 years and was classed on board as Boy. In 1866 he became an Ordinary Seaman, leading to Able Seaman in 1869 and Bosun in 1872 whilst he sailed on the following ships: **Ellen** of Aberystwyth, **William & Mary** Aberystwyth, **Ocean Dart** Aberystwyth, **Ceredig** Aberystwyth, **Pleiades** Aberystwyth, **Donald McKay** Aberystwyth, **Blue Jacket** Swansea, **Mimosa** Liverpool. He obtained a Certificate for Mate in January 1873 and sailed on the **Constance** from Swansea and the **Elizabeth Jane** from Aberystwyth. He received his Master's Certificate No. 97254 on 1st November 1875. Kew Ref 122/68.

MATTIO ANTONE / MATHEW ANTHONY



On a voyage home from Cape Verde (off the West Coast of Africa) Captain David Jones's crew noticed a young man swimming after the ship. This was Mattio Antone, he was taken aboard and eventually arrived back in Aberaeron with Captain David Jones. David Jones and a Hugh Jones signed papers to allow him to live in this country.

He changed his name to Mathew Anthony and obtained his naturalisation papers in 1897 whilst living at 5 Princes Street. An Oath of Allegiance was sworn and signed by Hugh Jones JP for County of Cardigan on 1st of September. Subsequently his papers were stamped by the Home Office on 6th of September 1897. He married Margretta born Llanrhystud and had 5 children. Grave at Henfynyw.

Mathew Anthony 24 Alban Square Aberayron d 1 Dec 1903 (42), Interred Bremerhaven.

Lewis Francis his son d 6 March 1894 (9 months).

Annie Beatrice d 19 Oct 1905 (17).

Margaretta his wife d 18 June 1952 (85)

In the 1901 Census it is noted that Margretta then 34 years was living at 24 Alban Square with three children: **Annie Beatrice** aged 12, **Jane Matilda** aged 10 and **Jenkin Alban** aged 6. Matilda (Tilly) never married and lived in Albert Street. She died in April 1979 whilst living in Cylch Aeron. We have currently been unable to trace Matilda's grave. Jenkin Alban moved to South Wales and was employed as a colliery

winding engineer. He and his wife Minnie had a son Peter R. G Anthony born in January 1925.

Research: Alice Evans, the late David Lewis Jones. Photographs © Elinor Gwilym