

CAPTAIN WILLIAM LEWIS WILLIAMS

1864 - 20/3/1939



Son of: Captain Evan Williams, **Brother** of Captain Evan Williams and Captain David John Williams.

Captain Evan Williams (Father 1834 -10th June 1903)

Lived at 3 Belle Vue Terrace. Sailed on Ulster/1877-80, vessel lost; Cordova/1886-7, and Bowman Bhaw?/1888.

Buried in Henfynyw with his wife Mary who died March 1899 aged 65

Captain Evan Williams (Brother 1866-19??)

Sailed on Dodo 1900-1, Oakville 1901-4, Deerhound 1904-6, Empress 1906-9 & 1910-11, SA. Dalserf 1909-10. Vessel lost on 10 July 1910 on or near Grassholm Island, St. Bride's Bay, PEM; and he was severely censured. See Board of Trade enquiry No.7391. (LCR: Ms18569). (The Dalserf left Penarth on 9 July 1910 with a cargo of coal for the Admiralty at Oban).

[Whilst serving on the "Empress", (ON:98536, Cardiff,) he saved crew members of a Belgian vessel the "Nil". Presented with the "Civic Cross of the 1st Class". Lloyd's Weekly Shipping Index March 19, 1908.



After leaving the sea he went into business with John Emlyn Jones, and set up The Emlyn Line (in 1912)

John Emlyn-Jones was born in Cardiff in 1889, the son of Evan Jones, a coal merchant, from Carmarthenshire. After being educated in Cardiff he was sent abroad to learn languages and subsequently, on return to Cardiff he joined a coal exporting company and took an active part in politics becoming a Liberal MP. In 1912 he founded the Emlyn Line with the purchase of the coaster Queen's Channel. Soon he added the Emlynverne (previously the Eleanor) and the Emlyndene. The company continued to operate with ships prefixed Emlyn... until the mid-1930s when its trade with Spain, which had been a mainstay came to an end as a result of John Emlyn-Jones' criticism of the regime of General Franco and support for its' opponents. Although no ships were owned thereafter the company continued in existence as brokers and coal exporters until the death of John Emlyn-Jones in an air crash in 1952.

Captain David J Williams (Brother 1872- 1947) known as Jonno

Sailed on Iona 1901-6, Don Cesar 1906, Wallace, 1919-22. (Awarded Lloyd's War Medal 16 Dec 1943, London Gazette, no.40270. (BT352). [MI at Henfynyw churchyard, CGN: D.J. (Jono) Williams, Master mariner.



Captain William Lewis Williams



Captain Williams married Anne daughter of Captain David Jones & Bennett Jones. Circa 1900 he had a house built in Lampeter Road Aberaeron and like several local Master Mainers named it after a ship he had sailed on Closeburn. Anne however died on the 11th March 1911 aged 32. Captain Williams later built Belle Vue Bungalow so that his children lived near to the British School



Postcard Dated Nov 1905 from Anne to her sister Mary Green Jones teacher at Cardiff

Dear sister,

What do you think of the Photo. I arrived home Monday night William sailed 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mother will write you a long letter tomorrow.

With love from us all.

Your sister Anne

William then married Anne's sister Margaret Bennett and they had the following children:

Bennetta Mary	1914 -2006
Kathleen	1917 -2015
David William	1920 -1925
Ivan Cooper	1921 -1943
Cecil Mortimer	1923 -1991



Margaret, Nita, Kathleen



Nita, David, Kathleen



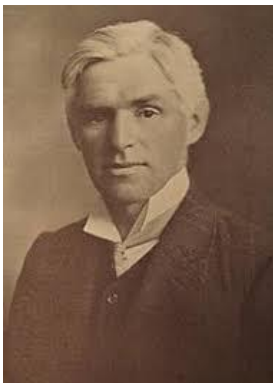
Kathleen, Cooper, Nita,
Cecil

Tragedy struck the family on the 15th of July 1925 when David and his friends went to play on the riverside in Aberaeron. He fell in and drowned and it is said that his father went

down to the river with a ship's hook to pull him out. The following verse is to be found on the gravestone

*Un yn llanc gaed yn y lli, rhoed l'r tad
Frwydro taer â'r weigli
Rai annwyl, eu tirioni
Hyd ein hoes fydd gyda ni
(Dewi Teifi)**

*One a boy in the flood, A father urgently battling with the water, a boy beloved and tender,
Through a lifetime will be with us*



***Dewi Morgan:**

Bardic name *Dewi Teifi (1877-1971), father of Lord Elystan Morgan, the late Gwynne Morgan and the late Deulwyn Morgan

Captain Williams sailed on Closeburn 1894-1900, Birmingham 1905-8, Radcliffe 1909 & 1911, Reresby 1911-1913, Penistone 1913-4.

William Lewis seems to have been a bit of a character –he told his brother David John off for not wanting to take command, as he didn't fancy the responsibility. He wouldn't go to London to receive his MBE - didn't want the expense of buying a new uniform, so the award was presented at Aberystwyth. He was master on one of the Emllyn Line ships There is a possible date for the meeting of the three brothers in South America (first time in 20 years all three had met). Evan ('Ulster') and David John ('Don Cesar') were in Buenos Aires in December 1907.(Welsh Mariners Index)

Captain Williams was on a voyage from America to Naples when war was declared. From January 1915 to September 1916 he ran his own steamship from Bristol to the French ports. In September 1916 his vessel was chartered by the Government and he made two to three voyages per week with coal from Glasgow to Iceland, regardless of submarines or mines having been reported on the track. He witnessed the sinking of three steamers and was discharged from Government service in 1920. Col Davies Evans conducted the Investiture on behalf of the king at the Town Hall Aberystwyth

Welsh Gazette March 10th 1921

MBE Awarded to Captain William Lewis Williams/Obituary



Aberayron
OBITUARY
CAPT. W. L. WILLIAMS, M.B.E.

We regret to record the death of Capt. W. L. Williams, M.B.E., Belle Vue Bungalow, Aberayron, which occurred unexpectedly on Monday evening at the age of 74. He had been confined to his house for some ten months, and suffered several severe attacks.

Born at Aberayron, Capt. Williams, in common with most boys of his period, went to sea when quite young. He passed through all the grades of the Mercantile Marine service and had been in command of both sail and steam vessels. His last sailing ship was the "Closeburn," of Glasgow, of which he was master for seven years. Transferring to steam vessels he was in the service of Messrs. Charles Radcliffe and Co., Cardiff, for many years as officer and master. During the war he purchased a steamer of his own, and named it the Brynawel. He was master of her throughout the period of the war, and for his services was decorated with the M.B.E.

He was founder member of the Aberayron branch of the British Legion and was treasurer since its formation. He hardly missed a meeting of the branch and was present at most county committees. He also took a great interest in the Tabernacle C.M. Church and was the first treasurer of the Church's savings bank. He was also a member of the Memorial Hall Committee, and took a great interest in all its activities. His death removes one who was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, and his familiar figure will be much missed. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and two sons. Miss Anita Williams is on the staff of the N.P. Bank, Cardiff; Miss Kathleen Williams is a music teacher at home; Mr. Cooper Williams is on the staff of National Provincial Bank, Llanybyther; and Mr. Cecil Williams is articled to a firm of chartered accountants at Cardiff. There is also one surviving brother, Capt. D. J. Williams 3, Belle Vue terrace. Deep sympathy is felt with the family in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p.m. for Henfynyw; gentlemen only. 23-2-39. *WELSH GAZETTE*

Mrs. (Capt.) Williams and Family
return thanks for messages of sympathy and floral
tributes in their bereavement; also for kindnesses shown
during Capt. Williams' long illness.

Belle Vue Bungalow,
Aberayron, Cards. March, 1939

MI at Henfynyw churchyard,: Captain W.L. Williams, MBE, Belle Vue Bungalow, m. 20 Mawrth 1939. Margaret Bennett ei briod m. 29 Tach 1958 (75) Grave consists of an Anchor

WILLIAMS

IVAN COOPER



Ordinary Telegraphist P/JX. 299248 Ivan Cooper Williams H.M.S. Drake.

Died 13th September 1943 aged 22. Son of the late William Lewis Williams, Master Mariner and Margaret Bennet Williams, Belle Vue Bungalow, Aberayron.

Cooper Williams was on the staff of the N.P. Bank, Brecon before enlisting. He was brought home, critically ill, having contracted meningitis while on his last voyage on the Murmansk convoy. His brother Cecil, who also served in the R.N., had to re-join his ship before the funeral.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw states: -

Ivan Cooper, ei fab, m.13 Medi 1943 tra'n gwasanaethu ei wlad gyda'r llynges

CECIL MORTIMER WILLIAMS



Cecil became an accountant moved to work in England and married Rae

Daughter Alison born 1963

Kathleen became a music teacher and during the 2nd World War volunteered locally. She met Second Lieutenant Alistair McGregor (1st generation Canadian from Banff (+ Invergorden) He was billeted at the military camp in Aberaeron, they married and moved to live in Winnipeg Canada.



Kathleen & Anna Puella



Kathleen & Alistair

Children Elaine -15/3/47-02/05/2014
John – 25/06/49
Anne - 28/10/51

Benetta Mary Williams



Nita Morgan married William Gwynn Morgan (1913-1956) (Solicitor and Dewi Emrys's son) They had had one son David Cooper Morgan.
Nita became a widow when David was 8 yrs and subsequently worked for the local authority in Aberaeron. She unfortunately died in Toronto on her way to visit her sister Kathleen

David Cooper Gwynn Morgan born 15.09.1948 (grandson to William Williams).

He graduated in law and became a lecturer in Ireland and is an expert in International law. David married Margaret Deirdre Morgan in Cork Ireland on 16.06.79 where they still reside.

They have three children: Gwendolen Mary 16.7.80, Daniel Declan Gwynn 16.12.81 and Gareth Christopher Gwynn 16.6.84

Two of Captain William Williams's great grandchildren live in Ireland:

Gwendolen (a solicitor) and David Darcy with their children Oscar (2014) and Theodora (2017)

Gareth (a solicitor) married Eden on October 10th 2019

Daniel (graduated in Philosophy) lives in England with Lea and their son Dylan (2019)