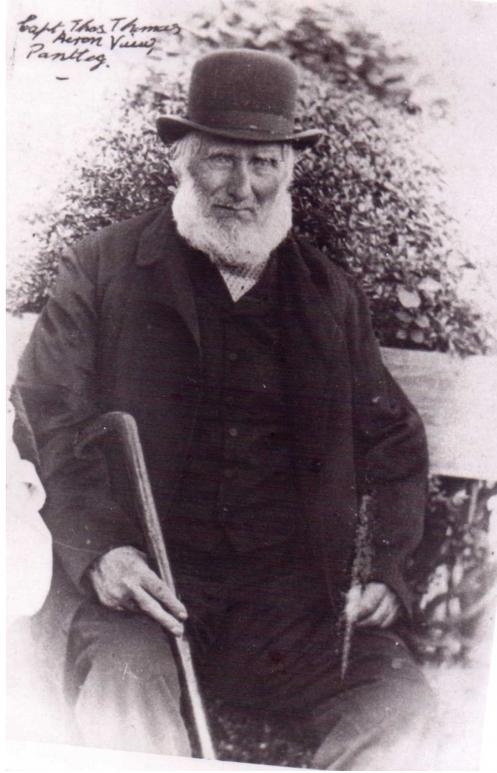


CAPTAIN THOMAS THOMAS

26/2/1797-02/2/1889



Apprentice/Susannah/Aberystwyth/1814-8. Aged 17yrs -21yr.

Master of/Catherine/Aberaeron/1823 aged 26yrs – (who and when Catherine built unknown).

Master of Briton/Cardigan/1828-36 and Martha/Cardigan/1837-50, 98 tons (Kew Ref 124/9).

Thomas Thomas's first wife was Bennett and lived at No. 4 Pantteg (Aeron View).

They had 4 children:

David: Died 28th April 1855 aged 24

Mary: Married a Master Mariner David Jenkins of Aberayron died 15 Sep 1868 age 28

Margaret: Married Jenkin Jones Pantteg died 13 May 1875 age 30

John: Drowned on 12 March 1859 aged 34

(Catherine was his second wife who died on 22nd of October 1877 aged 61)

On the family gravestone the following verse is written:

*Drwy beryglon bron heb ri' –yr hwyliais
Ar ael y dwfn weilgi,
Angau er i'm angori
Wedi aeth a mywyd i*

Through many dangers you sailed/ About the deep seas/ Despite anchoring death/took my life.

CAPTAIN JOHN THOMAS

Son of Captain Thomas Thomas

John Thomas 1825 - 1859 (34)

Mary Thomas (nee Green) 1823 - 1868 (45)

Children: Thomas Bennett * 1848-1905
Bennett 1852-1914 (married Captain David Jones)
Rachel 1852-1864 (11)
William Green 1858-1871 (14)

John Thomas drowned at sea whilst master of the Clifton. (Kew Ref 124/12)

The Gloucester Journal wrote on Saturday 19th March 1859 page 3 about the:

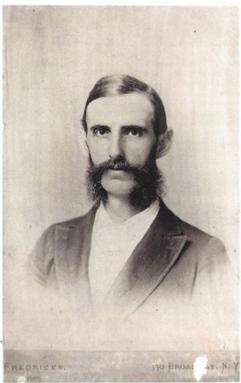
WRECK OF THE SCHOONER CLIFTON of Gloucester.....which struck on the Bideford bar on the 12^{inst} and was totally lost and that the Captain, Mr Thomas, two seamen and a boy were washed overboard and drowned.

The ship had been making its way to Oporto with a cargo of iron from Cardiff. There is a detailed description of the event which occurred at 5.30 am and the launching of two lifeboats, the first attempts unsuccessful, another at 10.30 a.m. unsuccessful but at the third launching 2 men were saved, a John Jones & Owen Jones at approximately 8 pm. Captain Thomas, Able seaman David Jenkins of Swansea, David Thomas Ordinary Seaman of Llangrannog, and James Bishop a Boy of Bridgewater were drowned. The vessel became a total wreck.

The wrecking of the Clifton Schooner was written of in the *Gloucester Journal*, *The Shipping Gazette* and a paragraph appears on P.11 of the following book:

The History of the Appledore Lifeboat Station 1824-2000 by Joe Ball

*Thomas Bennett Thomas



When his father Captain John Thomas died Thomas Bennett was aged 11 and he was taken to Liverpool by his uncle the Reverend. Abel Green. At 17 years Thomas entered the ministry.

He emigrated to America before he was 20 and became a pastor of Pittsburgh Welsh church. He died in 1905 and left a widow and 8 children, descendants of whom are still residing in America.