

Captain Evan Daniel Jones 1869-1918



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Evan Daniel (*grandfather to Mrs Enfys Morgan*) was born in 1869 the eldest of seven children and the birth recorded as Talgarreg Mill, Llanarth, where Evan Senior was a miller. There were so many with the name Evan in the family that Evan Junior was better known by his second name Daniel. (On Welsh Mariners Index known as Daniel Jones). In 1871 the family moved to live in the newly built David's Well in Ffosyffin,

In 1893 Daniel married Grace Thomas, the granddaughter of Dr Thomas Phillips, Penbanc. They had four children:

Timothy Melville, *killed in action in The Somme 21st July 1916 & remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial Picardy France*

Evan Benjamin Byron,

Thomas Gilmour (father to Enfys Morgan nee Jones)

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Grandfather was a master mariner who sailed mainly out of Cardiff but also from Liverpool in the late 19th and early 20th Century. He sailed all over the world in particular to the Far East and to South America. He started his life on sea when twelve years of age. From 1908 to 1918 Daniel took command of: *The Peruvian, Sidmouth, Rachel and Grelfryda ships.*

In September 1917 his ship *Grelfryda* was attacked by a German submarine near *Flamborough Head* and the boat was torpedoed and the crew took to the boats. The ship failed to sink and on seeing a French ship nearby the submarine submerged. The Master and crew became separated from their ship and were rescued by lifeboat. The ship beached near *Flamborough* on 7th September 1917. This incident is very well documented

in different sources. The steamer ship was a 5143 ton vessel and loaded with coal from South Shields being taken to Port Said Egypt and belonged to J C Gould and Griffiths and Lewis Co Ltd Cardiff. It was attacked four nautical miles off *Flamborough Head* by a submarine *UB -34* belonging to the Imperial German Navy under the command of *Hellmuth von Ruckteschell*.

After this Daniel decided to retire from the sea and live on land with his wife and three children in Gwynfe, Llwynyclyn. The *Grelfreyda* was re built in Tyneside by The Northumberland Shipping Company Ltd in 1918 and Daniel reluctantly agreed to take charge of the new ship on its maiden voyage to Rio de Janeiro. He suffered a heart attack in the port and was taken to the Strangers' Hospital in Rio where sadly he passed away.

***Strangers Hospital**



He was buried in The English Cemetery in Rio where to this day there is a stone in memory of him. My husband and I visited his grave in 2012. His death is also recorded on the family gravestone in Llwynyclyn Cemetery

***English Cemetery**



(Enfys related that the cemetery was near a flavella (shanty town) a dangerous area and were taken securely to the cemetery. The cemetery was immaculate looked after by the local people as they considered it sacred place)

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