

OBITUARY - CAPTAIN JOHN EVANS - MILFORD HOUSE*

DEATH OF CAPTAIN EVANS, MILFORD HOUSE. Dec 1919

We regret to announce the death of Capt. Evans, which took place after a short illness of only one week, at his residence, Milford House, on Thursday, Dec. 4th, at the age of seventy-six years. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Evan Davies, Blaenau Gwent, and five grown-up sons, who were all at his bedside when he died, viz., Dr. B. Evans, Lampeter; Mr. David Evans, land valuer, Carnarvon; Mr. John Evans, F.C.I., of Sheffield, public analyst of Sheffield, York, and Cardiganshire; Dr. Garfield Evans, of Port Talbot; and Mr. Albert Evans, medical student. Dr. Evan Evans and Mr. Albert Evans were awarded the M.C. for war services in France and Belgium. Dr. Garfield Evans served in the army in France, Egypt, and India. Captain Evans was elected deacon of Tabernacle church 27 years ago, at the same time as Mr. Lewis Jenkins, Mr. David Jones, Mr. J. M. Howell, Mr. J. R. Evans, and the late Mr. John Jones, ship carpenter. The work he was best fitted for he found and did. He was a man of infinite ingenuity. He was always planning or working out some mechanical contrivance. The Tabernacle vestry-room is one of the best in design, proportions and furniture. This is due to his resource, skill, and indefatigable exertion. He lifted up the pulpit and deacons' pew on pulleys and moved it forward in order to make a suitable site for the organ, without straining or sticking a nail. He constructed the rotary hymn indicator, a quite unique contrivance, and fixed it into the organ structure in such a way as to match in tone and pattern. He built the sloop "Cadwgan" with the guidance of the late Mr D. Jones, ship builder, and that was the last of the scores of vessels built at Aberayron. The "Cadwgan" was launched just 35 years ago. He could construct a water wheel or a barrow wheel. He was able to apply the laws of trigonometry and physics to practical devices. He left the sea when he was thirty-six years of age to organise one of the largest businesses ever carried on at Aberayron in corn and timber. The firm was known as Davies and Evans, the Davies being his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Davies, Henbant Hall, Llandysul. And yet he was an extra-pass captain, an exceptional attainment. He was unpretentious nevertheless to a fault, and cared only for his own business, and at the same time he had a sincere appreciation for the services of others in their particular fields of activity. He had no ear for gossip. He could not take in its import or bearing, and could not be inoculated with its views. He knew nothing of envy, of jealousy, or covetousness. He lived a life of serenity in his vital sense, which placed him in a class of his own. He counted life to be good, very good. He enjoyed the act of living, and every moment was used to pursue a task. His life was a manifestation in time of a persistence purpose and energy. However modest a segment in the circle, he would be in it. His life and work was a valuable contribution to the quality of the whole. He might say "I count life just a stuff to try the souls strength on, and educe the man." His life took had the wide range not forgetting but ignoring death. Herbert Coleridge, the grandson of the Poet, was a great scholar. He died at thirty years of age. When eighteen months before the end he was told that recovery was hopeless, and he said: "Then I must begin Sanscrit to-morrow." That is the spirit in which Captain Evans tackled his work. It was a grand life because it was a pure, strenuous life lived in unostentatious endeavour to do the task allotted to him as a good and faithful servant.

The funeral, which was private, took place on Monday, Dec. 8th. The Rev. D. L. Rees, B.D., minister, officiated at Milford House and at Henfynyw churchyard, where the remains of the deceased were laid. There was a beautiful wreath from the family and Miss Harries. The bearers were the sons. The mourners were:—1st carriage: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. D. Evans, Miss Nansi Evans, Mrs. Davies, Henbant Hall. Second carriage: Dr. B. Evans, Mr. David Evans, Mr. John E. F.C.I.; Dr. Garfield Evans, Mr. Albert Evans (sons). Third Carriage: Mr and Miss Enoch Mr. Jenkin Davies, Gors Villa; Dr. D. M. Davies. Fourth carriage: Rev. D. L. Rees, B.A., B.D.; Mr J. M. Howell, Mr Lewis Jones; Mr David Jones (minister and deacons). Fifth carriage: Mr J. R. Evans, Mr Owen Williams, Mr J. H. Jones (deacons).

Wordsworth's description applied to
 "Mae llyfr breuddwyd yn ddau fyd
 Dau fyd ardderchog, dau fyd pur
 Yn mhob un gallaf fyw yn mhell o
 Llid ni ddaw ataf, gan na cheisiof
 Na hud tafodau cyfrwys, mae'r
 hyfryd,

Goludog yw'r tymmoran o yd a
 There are only a few whom I shall
 delighted to meet again.

He leaves a widow and five sons, Evan Evans, M.B., Lampeter, who served three and a half years in the war in France, and was awarded the M.C. John Evans, F.C.I., public analyst of York, and Cardiganshire; Mr. David land valuer under the Local Government Board, Carnarvon. He was a member Territorial Force before the war and vice in the army during the whole of the war; Mr T. Garfield Evans, M.D., medical practitioner at Port Talbot war broke out. He joined the army and served during the whole period of in France, Egypt, and India; and Mr D. Evans, medical student, who joined the army soon after the outbreak of the war throughout the campaign in Belgium, France, was in some of the roughest and was awarded the M.C. The five sons present at their father's death.

The funeral took place on Monday, Dec 8th, when the remains were interred at Henfynyw Churchyard. The Rev. D. L. Rees, B.D., officiated at the house and graveside. Mr. Dannie James was the taker.

The mourners were:—First carriage: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. David Evans, Miss Nansi Evans, Mrs. Davies, Henbant Hall; Mr. J. R. Evans, London House; second carriage, the fifth carriage, Mr. and Miss Enoch.

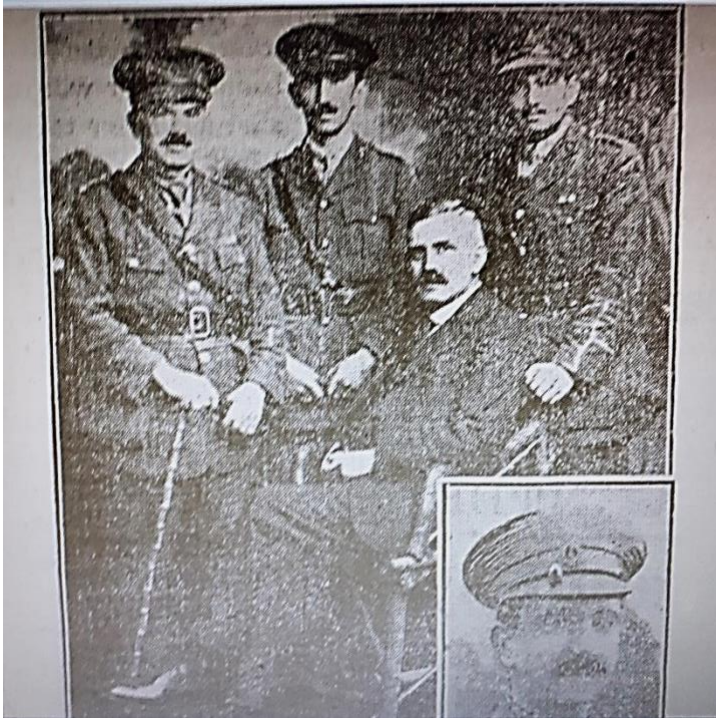
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 Mr. Lewis Jenkins, minister and deacons; carriage, Mr J. R. Evans, Mr. Owen Williams, Mr. J. H. Jones, deacons. Floral tribute sent by Mamma, Evan, Johnny, David, Albert, May, and Nansie, and Mrs. Harries.

Received from Mr David Evans (Dr Albert's son) via Mrs Gillian Morgan

Of particular interest is the fact that he initiated the building of the Sloop Cadwgan and his 'inventions' works at Tabernacle.

Article in The Cambrian News 9th November 1917

Distinguished Aberayron Family



Captain Evan Evans MC MD, Major David Evans, Lieutenant Albert Evans, sitting Mr John Evans FCI public analyst of Sheffield York and Cardiganshire, Inset: Captain Garfield Evans.

These are the five sons of Captain and Mrs Evans Milford House Aberayron. Four sons are in the army. Two have won M.C in France. Dr Evan Evans was in a medical practice at Lampeter. Major David Evans before the war was County Valuer for Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire. Captain Garfield Evans before the war had commenced practice at Port Talbot. He is attached to the Welsh Hospital and is now in India. Mr Albert Evans was a medical student at Guy's when he joined the Colours.

2nd Lieutenant Jenkin Albert Evans R.F.A. - M.C. 1892-1975

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Forward Observing Officer with an infantry attack. Although blown up by a shell and stunned, he went on and established his post, and when the infantry fell back he went with them, and by his great coolness and presence of mind helped a number of our wounded to get away, who would otherwise have been captured. All this time he was under heavy fire, and his courage and energy under very trying circumstances deserved the highest praise."

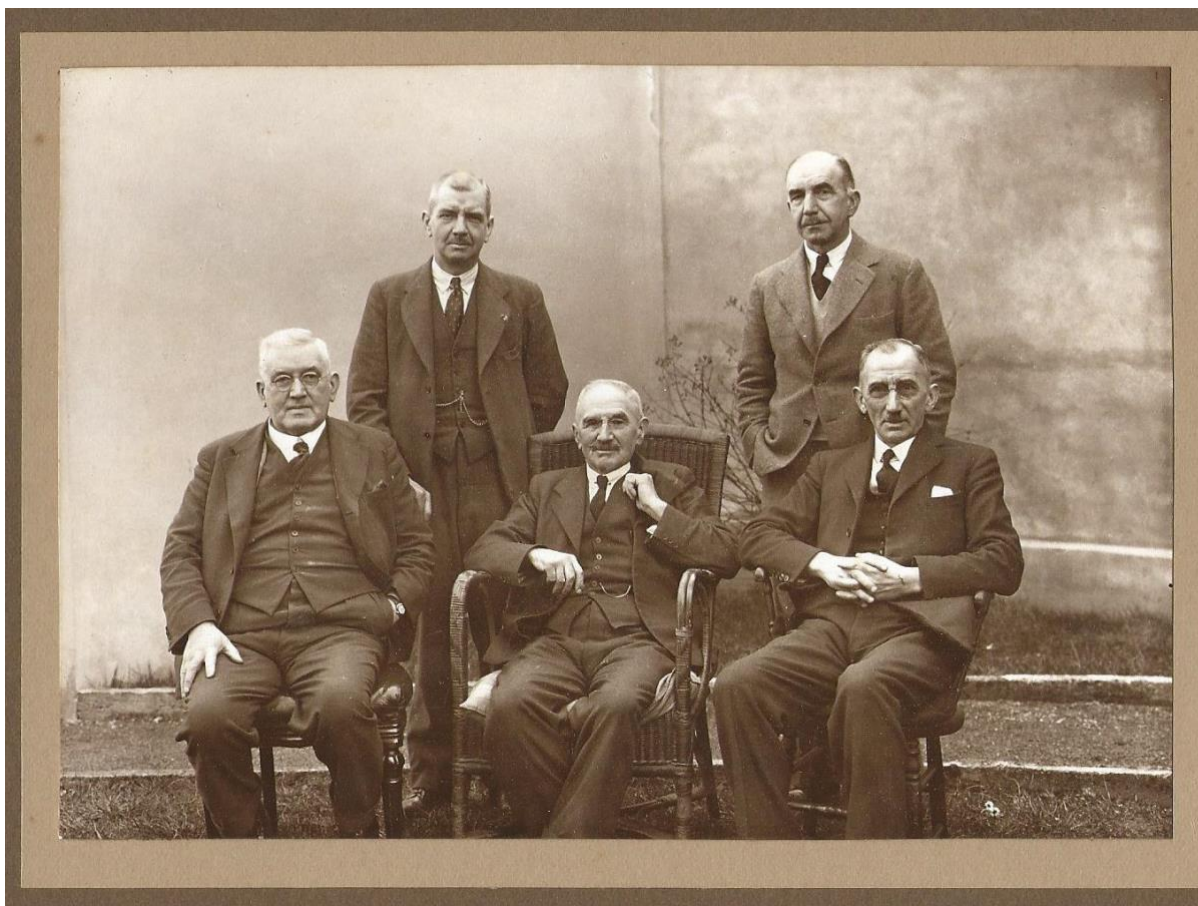
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© Mr David Evans (son of Dr Albert Evans)

Back Row: L-R Albert Evans (1892-1975)

Garfield Evans (1882-1972)

Front Row: L-R John Evans 1876-1945 Evan Evans (1875-1958) David Evans (1877-1957)

Dr Albert and Dr Evan Evans both had medical practices in Lampeter

Dr Garfield Evans had a private practice in Cardiff. As a Radiologist he built a lead lined room extension to his House,

John Evans became a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry in 1902, Sole Partner of A.H Allen & Partners from 1919-1945, Gained Msc Honours from Sheffield University 1934

David Evans Worked as a County Valuer in Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire