

## Captain David Jones and wife Mary of Pentwŵr



David Jones 1827- 1906 Mary Jones 1830-1925

David Jones was the son of John Jones 1798-1852 a pattern maker of Water Street. He was closely related to Sir Evan D Jones of Pentwŵr, Fishguard; a famous engineer and one time treasurer of the National Library. In the **1841** census we see that John Jones is living with his wife Elizabeth plus 5 children in Bridge Row. David in 1841 is not in the household when he would have been 14 so possibly he had left to work on sea? In **1851** the household is named as living in 10 Water Street; possibly a change of name from Bridge Row?

In **1841** Mary Hughes is aged 11 years and is living at Llyswen/Pentwŵr with her mother Jane and father John (an agricultural labourer together with her brother David aged 4. In **1851** census John Hughes was a widower and worked as a ships carpenter.

Captain David Jones married Mary Hughes in 1854, and would live with the family when not at sea. David and Mary and her father John are named as living in Pentwŵr in the **1891** census David aged 63 is now described as head of the household and a retired mariner. David Jones died on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1908 aged 78 whilst Mary died on 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1925 aged 95. They are both buried in Llanddewi Aberarth Churchyard together with their daughter Jane, who died aged 4 months in 1855. Mary's parents are also buried there John Hughes having died in April 1898 aged 93 whilst his wife Jane had died in April 1847 aged 46 years.

Mary's brother **David Hughes** aged 24 is named in the **1861** census as living in 3 Mason's Row with his wife Charlotte 24 years, daughter Jane aged 2 and son David aged 6 months. David Hughes was to drown in the **Glynara** in 1865 on a voyage from Alexandria to Hull in 1865 aged 28. David Hughes was the maternal great grandfather of Sir Geraint Evans the operatic singer.



Pentwr: postmarked 1910

**Captain David Jones** (1827-1906) commanded the **John Pierce** for whom she was built. She was a schooner of 97 tons built in Aberaeron in 1860 by Evan Jones. Her length 75ft breadth 21ft and 10ft deep. In 1883 she was owned by John Hughes of Borth. The **John Pierce** was named after the son of John Nathaniel Evans of Penygareg gentleman farmer whose son John Pierce was baptised in 1859.



**The John Pierce**

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An Obituary appeared for Mrs Mary Jones on October 7<sup>th</sup> 1925:

*Mrs Mary Jones of Pentwr, the oldest inhabitant passed away in the early hours of Wednesday morning at the age of 96. Her picturesque cottage at Llyswen was an object of great interest to visitors. She had lived there all her life, and had lived alone since the death of her husband, Capt. David Jones of the schooner 'John Pierce.' She was noted for her loyalty to Tabernacle Church of which Capt Jones was also a devoted deacon for many years. Mrs Jones retained all her faculties to the end.*